

# Class Presidents Discuss Recent Elections

By Jim Edwards

The recent elections for class officers of the '77-'78 school year indicated that the majority of the students have no feeling toward class officers. Only fifteen percent of the student body participated in the elections. Do class officers direct and offer their classes many activities to get involved in or is apathy the reason students are so turned off?

When asked what he has accomplished as president, Larry Cohen of the senior class at first sarcastically said "nothing—no money". He then clarified that the class has sponsored a few successful roller skating parties and is currently working on the annual Junior-Senior dinner dance but because of the limit of funds Student Government grants, class activities are very limited.

Junior class president of one

year, Kim Dubosky, seemed more positive and stated that as president she has worked on the Freshman-Sophomore dinner dance, representing the class in Homecoming activities, the Foreign Beer Festival, and most recently The Gong Show.

Citing problems that the president runs into, Cohen and Dubosky, both agreed that student apathy is the biggest problem. They also both agreed that few people want to do the

planning of activities or as Dubrosky noted "they will only get involved when recognition is going to be made." Cohen also complained that both Student Government and the administrators, "don't keep you informed with important news that will affect the class."

"You're lucky if you get the full executive council to attend a class meeting" said Dubrosky when asked for her impressions of the class. She noted that at this

year's nominations, meeting, only four people attended. Two offices, vice-president and treasurer, had to be write-in candidates. As for other impressions, she said that the class is happy when activities are organized and later commented, however, that the students rely on the president for all the ideas. Cohen's impression of the elections is that "students don't care". He also stated that there is a lot more apathy among

commuters and in fact, he couldn't think of any commuters who are involved in class activities.

Apathy is the major problem noted by both presidents. The only resolution as Cohen sees it would be more money from Student Government to sponsor more class activities. The more activities, the less apathy. But as Cohen feels "Student Government is all knowing, all powerful, and full of shit."

## The Beacon

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### Commentary

## Failure To Vote Plagues Elections

By Harriet Ann Smith

Where have all the students gone? That question has been asked by several people since the recent nomination and election for class officers. The results of these elections were considered unfortunate by most observers.

The class of 1978, next year's senior class, showed very little interest and involvement in these publicized proceedings. For the four offices, a total of two people ran. Write-in votes were the order of the day for this class. Even the new Class President's name was not on the ballot. Eighty-nine of 419 students voted, which is 21.2 percent of the class.

The class of 1979 showed even less involvement than the senior class. There were five people running for four offices with three offices having only one candidate. Sixty students out of 469 students in the class voted. This resulted in only 12.8 percent of the class voting.

Finally, the class of 1980 showed the greatest interest of all the classes regarding candidates. They had seven people running for the four offices. But, when it came time to vote, their interest diminished. Only 100 out of 726 students voted, which was only 13.5 percent of the class.

Gina O'Brien, Student Government President, stated that the class officers are in a position to get a lot done. She cited the senior class as the class that should accomplish much, especially with graduation and associated activities.

Where has all the involvement gone?

## ELECTIONS

Elections for SG representatives will be held today for juniors ('78), sophomores ('79) and freshmen ('80) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Commons and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the New Men's Dorm. You must have a Wilkes I.D. or meal ticket to vote.

### NOTICE

The Beacon will be published next week on Friday, April 1, in honor of April Fool's Day.

## Buchwald: Carters Good For TV Comedy

By Wilma Hurst

President Carter strolled through the streets of Washington on Inauguration Day to prove that he could walk and chew gum at the same time.

At least that's what Art Buchwald said.

Speaking in a jam-packed gymnasium last Wednesday, the syndicated columnist kept his audience laughing as he commented about Washington personalities, elections and his column, lifestyle and personal experiences.

"Everyone thinks I have one of the greatest jobs in the world," he said. "But when you look at it objectively from all sides, I do."

He also confessed that "it's very true that the Russians use my column quite a bit, especially when I criticize the administration." But he explained his role in the Communist press by saying, "I really work for the C.I.A. My column is a code to our agents in Moscow. Every third word is a secret coded message."

### All in the Carter Family?

Noting that he has had the opportunity to cover five presidents and eight vice-presidents so far, he then proposed his theory as to why President Carter walked on the day of his inauguration.

Continuing on the subject of the chief executive, he asserted that Mr. Carter and his family would be excellent subjects for a television situation comedy. Referring to the head of this television family as a peanut farmer from Georgia, who has a wife, daughter, a mother who joined the Peace Corps at 68, a brother who drinks 10 six-packs of beer a day, and a sister who is a faith healer, the columnist contended that the only comment a producer would have is, "Get rid of the faith healer."

Buchwald also commented on the reaction in Washington following President Carter's now-famous interview with "Playboy" magazine. He said that a popular bumper sticker in the nation's capitol is "In His Heart He Knows Your Wife."

He noted that across Shirley



**NOTED COLUMNIST - World famous newspaper satirist Art Buchwald is shown prior to his lecture at the Wilkes gym last Wednesday.**

MacLaine expressed the feeling of many people regarding the personal conduct of our presidents when she said, "I'd rather a president do it to a woman than to a country."

### Why Carter?

He raised the question, "Why, in a country of 200 million people, can't we find one outstanding person to run for president?" and then proceeded to answer it.

He claimed that only 144 million people are over 18 and only 99 million of those are registered voters. But, 38 million are under 35 and are therefore, not eligible to run for the office. One million more are not native Americans. Half of the remainder are women, and

"whether we like it or not, we are not ready for a woman president for at least four more years."

Three million people are afraid to fly, (an obvious handicap), two million have wives who won't move to Washington, another two million are being audited by the IRA, and 18 million are featured in Elizabeth Ray's book.

That leaves seven million, according to Buchwald. But 6,999,998 of them have been treated by a psychiatrist, and the American people will not elect as president a man who has had a mental disorder.

Of the two Americans remaining, one is a peanut farmer from Georgia. The other is "a guy who played football without a helmet."

Later, when asked why he was eliminated from the presidential race, Buchwald said that he had had psychiatric help).

### No Bayonets

While his talk was usually humorous, he occasionally expressed some serious opinion. He pointed to Watergate and the subsequent resignation of a president and noted that only in America could a government change hands without one bayonet being unsheathed.

He answered questions from the audience following his talk, and was honored at a reception at Waller Hall after that. Earlier in the day he attended the weekly college campaign luncheon and also spoke with area newsmen.

## SG Time Monopolized With Fund Requests

Fund requests were the center of attention for the major portion of the Student Government meeting Monday night, with \$835 being granted to five organizations.

An expenditure of \$95 was approved for the ROTC Club's formal dining-in to be held tomorrow night at the Franklin Club.

The Chemical Society received \$120 to defray the expenses of an upcoming seminar trip.

The newly formed Tropical Fish Club was granted \$200 to purchase a 50 gallon fish tank plus accessories. The tank will then be placed in the library.

Mr. Edwin Johnson, director of student teaching, represented the Education Club to request \$200 to enable an estimated 50 student teachers to attend an overnight work session at the Bear Creek campsite.

After an amendment opening the event to all students was approved, request was granted. Reason for the amendment, proposed by IDC President Bruce Lear, was that it would allow students interested in the

teaching profession to have an opportunity to see what they're getting into.

The final request of the evening was presented by the Bar Bell Club which received \$220 to construct a portable Bar Bell platform to be temporarily housed in the basement of New Men's Dorm.

The issue of the pre-final week testing procedure will come to a yes or no vote at the next meeting of the Department heads, according to SG Academic Committee Chairman Carl Holsberger.

Pure Prairie League is scheduled to give a concert on April 23 in the gymnasium as a part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Tickets will possibly be on sale next Monday at an approximate cost of \$4 to \$5.50.

In its final actions of the meeting, the SG body voiced its approval to IDC and CC for the excellent work done to accomplish last Sunday's St. Patrick's Day party and to members of the junior class for the highly successful presentation of The Gong Show.

# Equestrian Club Members Experience Competition

For many people the words "horseback riding" may entail several mixed interpretations from John Wayne all the way down to the picture of a breezy blonde bouncing along the surf. But, even though pleasure is of some concern, the members of the Equestrian Club are indeed involved in much more than just "horsing around."

Kim Wolny, one of the team members, mentioned that at least once a week the team travels to the Shiloh Ranch in Moscow, Pennsylvania, where their activities take place. While there, most of their time involves intense practice in order to assure them of a favorable position in the Intercollegiate Horse Shows, of which they are a part. Some of the stunts they perform include walk trot, canter, halting, backing, along with practice in jumping and turning. All of the exercises are designed to improve the skills of both horse and rider, a more agile equestrian being the result.

Basically, the prerequisites for membership in the club involve both a sense of competition and some experience with horses. When one considers the club's participation in various horse shows, the need for experienced members becomes understandable. Those lacking in experience might be interested in the riding instruction while Mr. Edwards, manager of the Shiloh Ranch, offers at a fee of \$4.25 per class. Kim would also like to air the fact that possession of one's

own horse is "not" necessary for club membership.

Kim reflected that the competition is what she enjoys most as a member of the Equestrian Club, which presently has only a small membership roster. If you're looking for the same kind of enjoyment and possess some experience in horseback riding, the Equestrian Club might just be for you.

## Alumnus Places Second In Metropolitan Auditions

A Wilkes alumnus won second prize Sunday in the Metropolitan Opera House auditions and was awarded a contract to sing with the Barcelona Opera Company in Spain.

Christine Donahue, daughter of Mrs. Isabel Donahue, 28 Price Street, Kingston, finished second in a field of 11 finalists from across the United States. Her second-place finish earned her \$4,000.

Miss Donahue is scheduled to give her senior recital Monday at Julliard School of Music.

## Knight-Time Puzzlers

By Sue Ann Knight

1. What were the character names of the lead roles on Route 66? What were their real names?
2. What were the opening words on the recording tape on Mission Impossible?
3. What was the female star of "The Avengers" character name?
4. What saying did Red Skelton close his show with?
5. Who were the neighbors on the Dick Van Dyke Show?

- ANSWERS:
1. Todd and Buss, George Maharis and Martin Milner.
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  3. Emma Peale.
  4. Good night and God Bless.
  5. Millie and Jerry Helper.

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## Evaluation Beginning For Commuter Council

With the end of the semester fast approaching, Commuter Council has begun evaluating itself as an organization, asking members for criticisms and compliments.

Positive comments were made about the smorgasbord sponsored by the group, and Barry Pezzner hopes that CC can hold more next year.

But some concern was expressed about the CC parking system. President Dave Cherundolo said that a rearrangement is possible and that the procedures should be more open.

He added, "It looks like we're going to have more spots for next year."

Arthur Hoover, director of student activities, was present at the meeting and reported that it was CC's letter on fraternities that spurred positive action. He said that hopefully, the fact-finding and recommendation committee on fraternities will have results by the end of the semester.

Election dates for new members and officers, plus the senior gifts to be given at the awards luncheon were also discussed.

Dr. Bronis Kaslas, former Wilkes professor of history, invites all members of the community to attend an exhibit of religious paintings, ancient Byzantine orthodox icons, and genuine European Easter eggs at his Warehouse Art Gallery, 381 No. Main St., Pittston, from Friday, March 25, to Wednesday, April 26. Gallery hours are 1-5 and 7-9 on weekdays and 2-6 on Sundays. The exhibit is presented as a public service, free of charge, to the religious community of this area on the occasion of the lenten and passover seasons.

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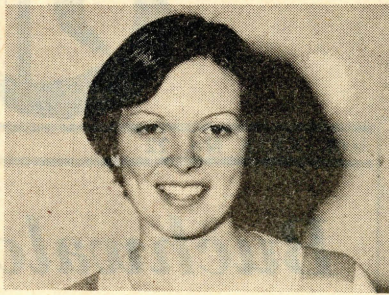
## Around The Campus

Question: Class elections have seemed to have lost their potency. Do you think the idea of a socially active class is important?



**Bill Davis, Wilkes-Barre, psychology:** Yes, a socially involved school provides a sharing environment for its students. The experiences learned in social interaction enhance the quality of education.

**Dave Cherundolo, Old Forge, political science:** Most definitely - because we must realize that involvement - whether it is with the four classes or any of the other organizations on campus - is a vital part of education in the broad sense.



**Rosie Noone, Scranton, nursing:** I think it is important to have a socially active class, but if people don't show up for elections how can they ever become involved socially in the class.

**Rosetta Chiavacci, Hughestown, nursing:** I think a socially active class adds to the togetherness of the class. It makes everyone closer, and makes the class seem more like a class.



**Bert Katz, West Orange, N.J., accounting:** I think a socially active class is important, however the apathy in the elections discouraged me from becoming involved in my class. I think though that the Gong Show is a good step towards promoting interest in class activities.

**Barry Zoppo, Newark, N.J., psychology:** I think a socially active class is important but I also think the college restricts the flexibility of the classes. Total freedom for social activity is not a reality.

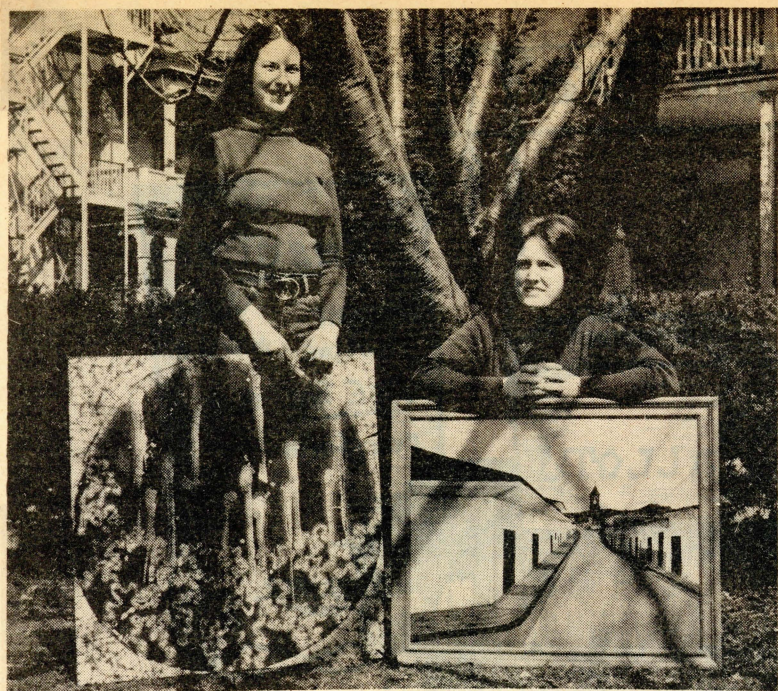


**Linda Busch, Duryea, art:** It seems fruitless to have active student officers working for a largely apathetic student body.

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The senior art exhibit of Patti Steele and Eliza Small will open in the Conyngham Gallery on March 26 and will run until April 1. The exhibit, which consists of works done by both seniors, is a concentration on color relationships.

Patti will exhibit paintings, graphics, jewelry and ceramics. Her paintings portray romantic realism incorporating landscapes and buildings.

Photolithography constitutes her graphic portion, while her jewelry consists of pieces in modern style.

Also included will be traditional ceramic pieces including vases and pitchers.

Eliza Small will exhibit batiks of abstract design, modern jewelry, and ceramic pieces. Her favorite works are the batiks which are designs on fabric. The designs are achieved by dipping the fabric into different colored dyes.

The exhibit will open March 26 with a reception at 7:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Gallery hours run daily 12-8 p.m.

# Community Service Program Helps Students Obtain Jobs

Due to an imbalance between the number of job openings and the number of college graduates flooding the market, there are many job-searching grads who tend to become disillusioned with higher education.

But at Wilkes College, students can enroll in a program that seems to enhance career opportunities, especially for government and public service positions.

It is the Community Service Program, set up at the college in September, 1975, in cooperation with Action, an independent government agency.

Under this program, participating students are expected to devote one full year (35 hours per week) to service in a public agency. The students also participate in seminars, and are responsible for a research project relating to their agency experience.

Mrs. Barbara Bellucci, the program's project coordinator at Wilkes, said that the first year of Community Service at the college has been very successful as far as enhancing job opportunities.

"About 80 percent of the participating students were hired either by the agencies they worked for or at agencies related to the field," she commented.

Mrs. Bellucci explained that

By Mary Ellen Alu  
the program benefits the student since it allows them to do something meaningful while earning college credits and gaining experience.

But she added that the Community Service program also benefits the community as it provides agencies with aid and the public with assistance.

Three Wilkes students who were placed with the Legal Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. under the Community Service Program, and two Wilkes students who were placed with the United Services Agency (USA) have found permanent jobs at these offices.

Tim Farmick, Bill Finley, and Laura Davis were retained as paralegals at Legal Services, while Bill Lavage and Dennis Phelps were hired at USA.

F. Charles Petrillo, executive director at Legal Services, finds that the Community Service "is a program certainly worth encouraging."

He said that the students develop wide contacts among local agencies in the welfare, social services and court system, and added, "It is a welcome opportunity to apply a liberal arts education to a community need."

Also pleased with the Community Service program is Gene Brady from the United Services Agency. He said that the kinds of work the students do are important.

Under the program, Brady explained that the student has responsibility, is provided with

training, and gains experience by actually performing the job.

But Brady added that the program was a benefit to the USA. "We had the opportunity to see the students in a full-time setting."

Several other agencies are used for student placement with the Community Service Program. They include: Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pa., Citizen's Choice Coalition, Head Start, Wilkes-Barre Planning, Family Service Association, the Luzerne-Wyoming and Hazleton-Nanticoke Mental Health-Mental Retardation Centers, Volunteers of America, Pocono Environmental Education Center, Upward Bound, Women's Resource Center, Small Business Association, and Malabar.

Mrs. Bellucci pointed out that even if the students cannot be hired by the agency they are placed with, they still have someone in the job sector in their corner to make recommendations.

The project director of the Wilkes Community Service Program is Dr. James P. Rodechko, professor of history at the college.

Upon completing the service year, students are awarded thirty credit hours under the title "Community Service." These credit hours, along with an additional 12 hours of course work in the social sciences or other fields, can also apply toward a second major in the Community Service.

## Opera Buffs Disappointed?

# Singer Dazzles Young Audience

By Lisa Waznik

Opera singer Patrice Munsel dazzled the young audience but perhaps may have disappointed opera buffs in her appearance in Monday night's Concert and Lecture Series presentation.

Miss Munsel performed for an hour and a half with no intermission. Popular songs, Broadway show tunes and a minimal number of operatic arias were interspersed with amusing tales of the Metropolitan and other delightful stories.

The talented entertainer began her program with a song from the sixties, "By The Time I Get To Phoenix," written by Jim Webb. She then continued with "Musetta's Waltz" from Puccini's "La Boheme." With grace and ease she floated from one octave to another in both selections, but was more musical in the latter.

Her renditions of songs written by Burt Bacharach, Elton John, and others were fresh and exciting as compared to the style of singing most of us are used to hearing on the Johnny Carson Show, as actors try to be singers.

With crystal clear diction, the singer-housewife communicated every word of every song. Included in the program was a medley of Broadway musical

show songs from "The Sound of Music," "My Fair Lady," "South Pacific," "Mame," and others. She also performed a selection of favorites from the 1940's.

In contrast to these, Miss Munsel took the audience back to the Classical period with a Mozart aria.

She combined her voice with that of her accompanist, a Julliard School student, in the popular version of "The Lord's Prayer." He was amazing in himself as a perfect accompanist. His rapport with the keyboard was evident as he watched his songstress' every move for a cue, rubato, or a cut-off.

One of the finest of the modern pieces on the program was Stephen Sondheim's "Send In The Clowns" from the musical "A Little Night Music." With intense emotion and musical accuracy Miss Munsel told the story of a heartbroken actress in the words of the song.

With an encore of "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," the performer began in the long style of Marian Anderson and ended her performance with the audience singing and clapping in time.

Although a very entertaining evening, many people must have been disappointed at the sparse amount of opera that was sung. It was true that her low register was not as overwhelming as the lyric higher notes in the operatic material. However, it was an excellent presentation on her part and on the part of the Concert and Lecture Series Committee for their programming.

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## IDC To Nominate Officers

President Bruce Lear announced at the very poorly attended Inter-Dormitory Council meeting Tuesday morning, that nominations for next year's officers will be made either this Sunday or April 3, the following Sunday. If council members are not ready to make nominations this Sunday then they will be held the following Sunday. The only stipulation is that a nomination must be made of someone who has served on the council this year.

Under new business, Spring

Weekend is this Saturday and Sunday. The band, "Dialogue", will perform in the CPA on Saturday and will conduct a workshop during the day for interested students. The movies "Mash" and "The Other Side of the Mountain" will be shown Saturday night in the SUB. There will be showings of each movie.

Lear reported that the film committee has proposed to have 14 films for next year as compared to the nine shown this year. The tentative list includes such films as "The Longest Yard", "The Wizard of Oz", "Murder on the Orient Express", and "Young Frankenstein".

The Education Club is sponsoring the student teacher workshop seminar May 5 and 6 in Bear Creek. It will be open to all students interested in teaching as well as Education majors. If interested, contact a member of the Education Club.

It was reported that the Barbell club will allow other students to use the newly purchased weights that will be placed in the weight room of Pickering Hall. A lock, however, will be used to store the weights since they belong to the club.

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# Class Government: An Institution Of The Past

Just what students consider an ideal student governing body seems to be a difficult statement to pin down. Responses vary widely in accordance with class, age, major, interests, and personalities. Some students felt that class governments are outmoded organizations, while others felt that the class structure is needed to maintain spark in the student body.

Interest in class elections has dwindled down to practically nothing in the past few years. Most class elections are total farces with many candidates for offices running unopposed. Other slots wait to be filled in by write-ins. Most students agree that the principle activity of all classes are the freshmen/sophomore, junior/senior dinner dances, respectively. Besides these affairs, interest or attendance of class meetings or other functions is minimal. The one exception was the Gong Show of last week, sponsored by the class of '78.

The basic problem with the class election disinterest is not easily determined. Several students referred to an article entitled, "The Student as a Nigger," written by Jerry Farber. One particular line in that article came up repeatedly, "The students are, it is true, allowed to have a toy government run for the most part by Uncle Toms and concerned principally with trivia. The faculty and administrators decide what courses will be offered; the students get to choose their Homecoming Queen."

But by no means is the above quotation the basis of some underground student movement motivated to undermine the existence of class government. In fact, we would venture to state that the majority of the Wilkes population is either unfamiliar or unaffected by Mr. Farber's article.

The problem with class government as The Beacon sees it, is organizational. Class government officers are primarily dormitory students. Commuting students are rarities in the ranks of officers or members of class executive council. This situation alone alienates over one-half of the Wilkes' student population. Publicity and attendance to class meetings is largely limited to a few interested dorming students. The other problem is that there seems to be a definite set of boundaries surrounding class governments. Just how far the power of a class can go, and can be taken is unknown, even among class officers.

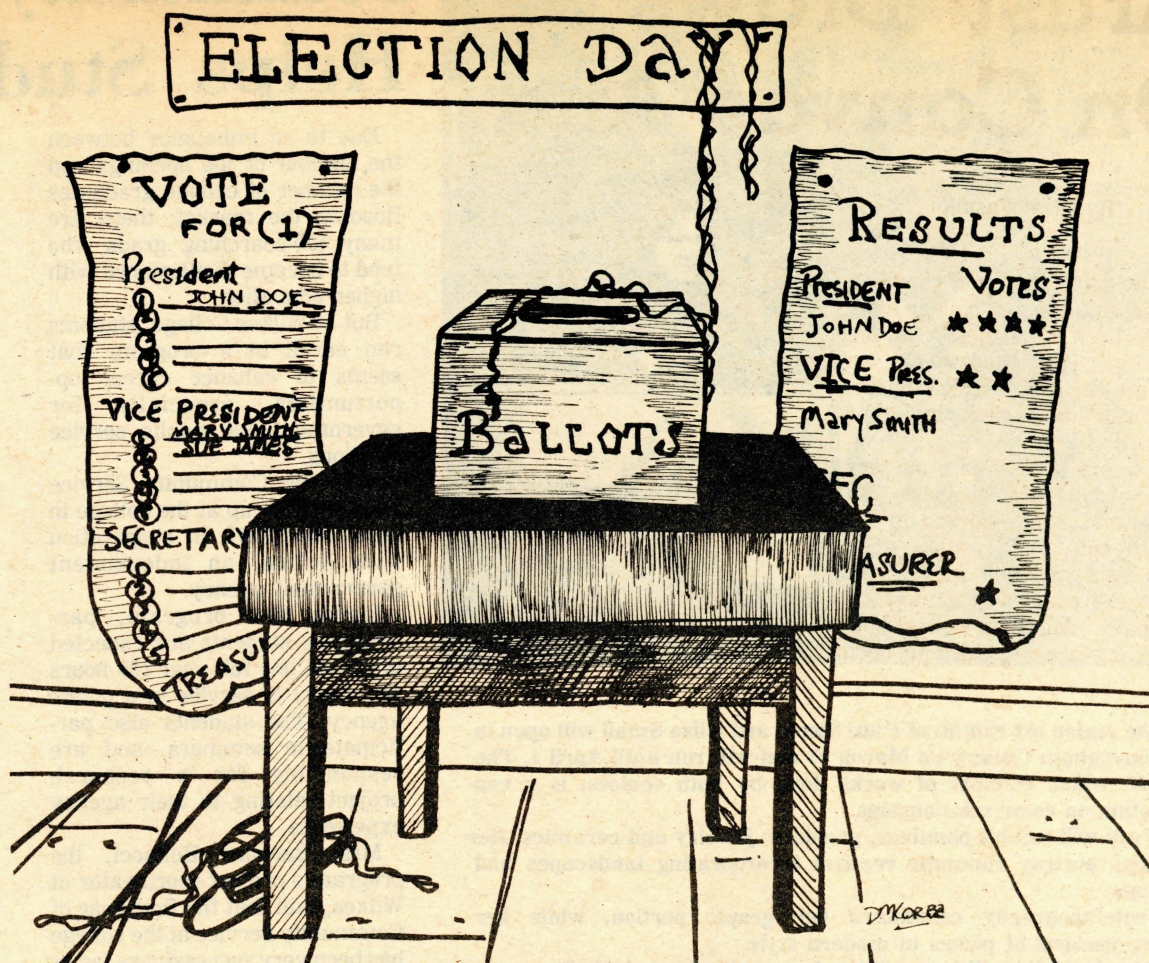
Student Government dolefully hands each class its \$2,000, (the freshman class only gets \$1,000. However, that amount of money doesn't go too far. In fact, it is practically spent before it even reaches the class. A large percentage of the bulk sum must go to the annual dinner dance, another adequate amount goes to order a couple of movies to be shown in the SUB, and the rest is squandered for the senior year expenses. The decisions on how class funds will be spent are made by approximately 8% of the class, which means basically that the money allotted to 300-400 students is spent by the votes of anywhere from 10 to 20 students.

The entire structure and purpose of class governments needs to be looked into. Some students felt that a central activity committee composed of representatives of all classes, and subservient to the total student government body, but make activities and outings more frequent. At any rate class governments should not be accepted each year solely because they were instituted the year before, but should be restructured to meet the needs of the students they serve.

## Standing-Room Crowd Drawn To Gong Show

Anyone who did not attend "The Gong Show" last Friday night in the CPA missed not only an excellent performance, but also an outstanding effort by the junior class, which sponsored the show. The people involved with the production of this novel campus activity deserve to be commended for their efforts, especially when one considers that they did not charge for the privilege of attending. Judging from the standing-room-only crowd at the CPA, the junior class could have benefitted greatly if admission had been charged.

Frank Scancarella has been credited with starting "The Gong Show" wheels in motion, and we are grateful that he did. Our congratulations and thanks to both Frank and everyone else involved for a noteworthy addition to campus activities.



## Letters

### Frats: Not A Real Issue?

To The Editor:

Fraternities "seem" to have become a major issue on this campus. The emphasis is placed on "seem" because the entire "movement" is being blown totally out of proportion. There has never been a real movement for fraternities at Wilkes, but rather a small group of students who would like to be known as a fraternity. A case in point would be the February 22 meeting for those people interested in frats with 3 representatives of national fraternities (one of whom left early). Less than 10 individuals attended, and of those only a few appeared interested in establishing a fraternal system on this campus.

In all of the arguments, discussions, and generalities concerning the fraternity issue, where has it been demonstrated that fraternities will indeed "possess an endless amount of benefits to the campus?" One wonders how a student could manage not to find at least one area to be involved in when such a diversity of opportunities and activities are offered on campus.

For instance, Winter Weekend which "proved to be action-packed attracting many Wilkes students who energetically participated in the events," the Junior Class Gong Show (standing room only!!), Films, SUB and dorm parties, intercollegiate and intramural athletics, concert and lecture series, as well as theater productions are a few of the benefits on campus, without fraternities. This week is Spring Weekend, and a fantastic Cherry Blossom Week-end (and concert) is in the works for April. No less than 32 open, active, non-selective clubs and organizations presently exist (and their number is growing!), offering everything from field-trips, to community services, and a campus Blood Bank. Is there really a need or a place for fraternities on this campus?

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## BEACON BITS

Alumni sons and daughters are reminded of picture session today at 11 a.m. in front of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

On Saturday, March 26, at noon, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Hockey League will present a benefit All-Star Hockey Game for Multiple Sclerosis. A donation of \$2.00 is asked and refreshments will be available. The game will be played at the Wilkes-Barre Ice-A-Rama on North Sherman Street in the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre.

A water safety instructor's course (WSI) will be available March 28 and 29 through April 25 and 26 at King's College pool. Class will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. Those eligible must be 17 years of age and must have a current advanced SLS card. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Meyers in Weckesser Annex.

Tickets are now on sale for the Junior-Senior dinner dance which will be held Friday, April 1. The cost will be \$20.00 per couple. Contact Larry Cohen or John Metta for tickets.

FL&L Department Film will be shown in the CPA at 7 p.m. tonight.

SG elections for the classes of '78, '79, and '80 will be held today. Commuter Council will meet today at 11 a.m. in Kirby Hall, Room 102. Nominations for Student Government president will be held.

The deadline for filing P.C.S. and College Aid applications for 1977-78 will be Friday, April 15.

The Senior Art Exhibit of Maureen McHale will open in the Conyngham Art Gallery on March 20 and continue until March 26. The Gallery is open from 1-8 p.m. daily.

Models of Leonard DaVinci painting will be on display in the Sor-doni Art Gallery beginning on Monday, March 21. Gallery hours are Sunday to Friday from 1-5 p.m., and Saturday, from 10-5 p.m. art ex. outlines

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# Artist Draws Landscapes On Canvas And The Land

By Lisa Waznik

How often do you have a businessman enter college after he has been in business? Not too often, but Paul Niedzwiecki, an art major from Wilkes-Barre, has been in business, and tells about it.

"I was a partner in a nursery and garden care business. My friend and I had worked in the summers for an area businessman. When we realized we were almost running his company with our work and experience, we decided to open our own company."

Paul and his friend, Ed Kopek, invested their savings into a dump truck, a pick-up truck, tools, and lawn mowers and then instituted the K&N Sodding Service. During the summer of 1975, Paul and Ed had their hands full with an average of about 25 lawn jobs a week.

"When we first started, a friend in the sodding business was closing up shop and gave us about five customers. Eventually through word of mouth and the quality of our work we were up to 25 a week."

What is a lawn job? Well, it includes initial sodding, landscaping and then weekly cutting, raking and shrubbery clipping.

"It's extra for fertilizer!" Paul commented.

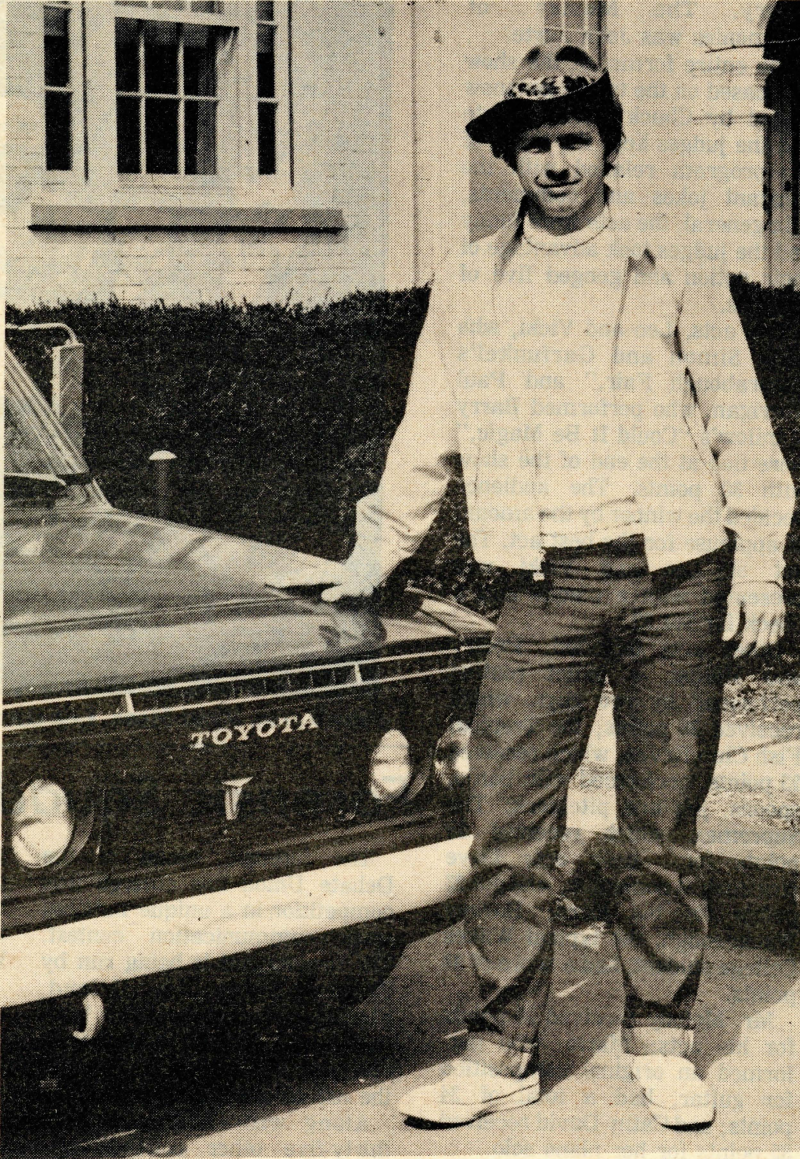
The K&N Sodding Service landscaped four new homes one summer. With the customer, the ambitious youths planned and laid out the design on paper and then put in the necessary greenery. The sod came from Hackettstown, New Jersey and the shrubs were bought at a local nursery.

"It wasn't too easy that summer," said Paul. "We were working 10 hours a day and it wasn't until halfway through the summer that we made enough money to clear our debts. The season lasts from March to October so it also interfered with school. That is why I decided to give up my half of the partnership at the end of the summer."

Paul explained that to really get involved he would have to quit school. So he and Ed split, with Ed continuing in the business and Paul continuing at Wilkes.

Freshman year, Paul was a business major because of the company.

"I then realized, however, that for our company, I knew what I had to do for that first year, so I decided to switch my major to art."



Paul Niedzwiecki

"Architectural landscaping involved a lot of art knowledge," said Paul. "I learned so much about color combination, which I used for arranging the flower planting, or symmetry and line. A yard is a picture."

Last summer Paul worked as a lifeguard but still had a few lawn jobs of his own that he took care of on his days off. He said he liked being on his own in the work for a while.

Paul, who is also the captain of the Wilkes Swim Team, plans to teach art after graduation. He said, however, that if there is no jobs for him in education, he will return to the business.

Last year Paul captured a fifth place medal in the M.A.C. Swimming Championships at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. This year he took seventh place against tough competition. He holds the school diving record, which totals 410, which also is better than former M.A.C. champion diver from Wilkes, Doug Krienke.

"I enjoyed my four years on the swim team, but the most im-

portant thing I learned from it was that if big hearts could win races, the Wilkes swim team would always be number one."

With Paul's share of the company money, he has paid for his entire tuition at Wilkes. This summer he has decided to do some lawn work on his own and, in a surprise switch he will also be working a few days for Ed, who now has expanded the business himself.

Paul is an efficient businessman and an intelligent lawn specialist and would surely appreciate any new jobs. Need some lawn care? Give Paul a call.



## THE WIZARD OF WAZ

### The Big Apple

My buddy Patrice just got back from her accounting internship in New York City (alias "The Big Apple") and I figured she could add some culture to this column by writing about her experiences. So here is Patrice's account of her educational experiences in New York.

You student teachers out there think you had it bad when you were set loose in "the real world." Probably the worst threat you had to cope with was a classroom full of hoods coming at you with switchblades. Big deal! Did you ever have to ride the New York subways during rush hour? You could get raped and never know it happened. That's what happened to me — almost.

First of all, for those of you who never had the pleasure (?) of riding the New York subways during rush hour, I'll give you a little background information. For those of you who have, my deepest sympathy. Anyway, you know all those horrible things you hear about the subways, like people hanging out the doors trying to push their way onto an already jam-packed train? Well, they're true. Believe me. I wouldn't lie to you. I mean, when a train pulls in and you can get on without having to push and shove, it's not crowded.

So there I was in New York (I was on an accounting internship, by the way). And was I nervous about my first day on the job? No — I was too worried that I wouldn't make it to work on the subway. It's bad enough getting on the train, but once you're on, the worst is not over. As you probably know, subways have doors on both sides of the train, but the doors only open on one side at each stop and you guessed it — I'd push my way onto the train on one side and have to fight my way to the other side of the train to get off. Now this may not sound so difficult since the width of your average subway is only about six feet. But when there are wall-to-wall people (and I mean wall-to-wall), it's not so easy. I panic when I end up in the back of a crowded elevator now because I'm afraid I won't be able to get off at my floor. Subways do strange things to you.

Getting on and off the subways are definitely the worst parts, but the ride in between is no pleasure, either. It's a real thrill to stand next to someone (like two inches away) who ate a raw onion for breakfast and has a cold, so they're breathing with their mouth open. And you'd be surprised how many people hit the bottle early in the morning. I was grateful that it was cold while I was in New York. I can imagine what it's like in the summer, if you know what I mean.

And for those of you who have an interest in surfing, but can't quite afford to make it to the west coast — just try riding the subways standing up without holding on to anything. It requires extra-ordinary balance and stamina. You know, I never thought I'd be able to fall with all those people around propping me up. Now I know better. What really scared me was when they started making bets that I'd never make it back onto my feet. I could just see the headline in the Daily News, "Girl Trampled to Death on Subway."

Oh — back to what I started to tell you about almost getting raped and not even knowing it. Well, there I was on one of these delightfully cozy subways one morning with purses, brief cases, elbows and who-knows-what jammed against my body. (It's a good thing I'm tall because I could at least get air to breath.) There happened to be something pressed against my derriere also, which I really didn't notice until some people filtered off and I had more space. Everytime I moved to get away from whatever it was against my derriere, it was still there. When I felt it starting to push between my legs (it was a hand, by the way), I knew in an instant that this was no accident. Preceptive, wasn't I? I turned around abruptly, but the subway was so crowded, I don't know who the friendly person was and I was not particularly anxious to meet this Don Juan anyway.

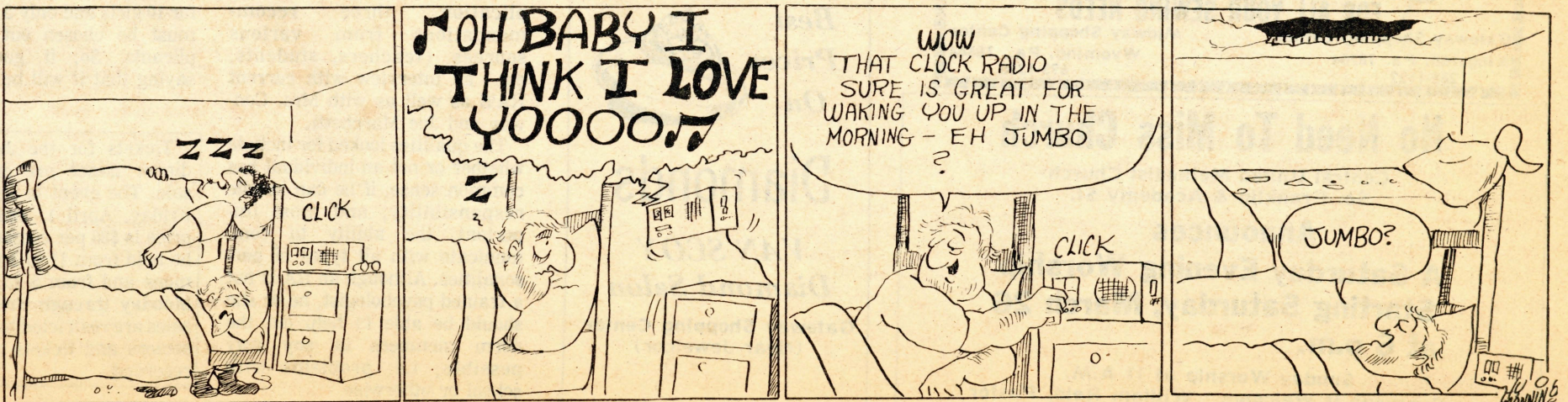
So there you have it. That's what the New York subways are like. It's an interesting way to meet people (personally, I didn't bother to try to get to know anyone). And now that all of you are probably sworn off subways for the rest of your lives, I have to add that once you get used to the subway scene, it's not all that bad. Honest.

O yeah - the internship was really great and I really liked New York, too. But anybody can tell you about New York. But how many people are going to tell you their true-to-life experiences in the New York subways?

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Q. What is dark, hangs around Parrish Hall and Jeff Renoe, and prefers masculine endomorphs?  
A. A gay Crow.

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# First Gong Show Proves A Complete Success

Wilkes College's own version of The Gong Show was presented "almost live" from the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts last Friday night.

Sponsored by the Junior Class,

The Gong Show was under the direction of Frank Scancarella. The hour and a half show consisted of 15 acts, which performed for a full capacity audience in the C.P.A.

Celebrity judges for the show

were Dr. Lester Turoczi, biology; Miss Elaine Slobinski, nursing; and Dr. James Rodechko, history. The Master of Ceremonies was John Forte.

The entire format of the show was based on the television show hosted by Chuck Barris. Forte and the judges kept the mood of the program relaxed with the constant jokes and comments.

In general, the acts were funny and the judges took advantage of their option and gonged five of the acts.

Two acts, Leo and Vicki, who sang Simon and Garfunkel's "Scarborough Fair," and Paul Kerrigan, who performed Barry Manilow's "Could It Be Magic," were tied at the end of the show with 30 points. The audience decided the winner by the amount of applause for the best act. The act of Leo and Vicki was presented with a plaque and a check for \$51.32.

Other acts included: Poetry and Motion, a ballet routine performed by two guys, which received 20 points; the Tropical Fish Club Revue, which received 23 points, performed with banjo, spoons, jug and pitchfork; The Supremes, which received 35 points for their act; Dave Hricenak, a comedian, who got 23 points for his jokes; Harvey Wackneough, the typical Wilkes College student, had a score of 34 points.

Mr. Melody received 20 points for his acts; Mario, who performed an original composition for guitar, had a total of 34 points; and Cathy David received 35 points for her piano solo.

The acts that were gonged were: Lida Rose, a barbershop quarter complete with centerfold; The Great Lee Thomas and Adele, a juggling and unicycle act; "The Skin I'm In;" the Unknown Comic and "Maestro Please."

The audience's participation in The Gong Show was just as important as the acts, the judges, the Master of Ceremonies and the bands. The audience responded to the acts even by telling the judges to gong acts that the audience thought deserved to be gonged.

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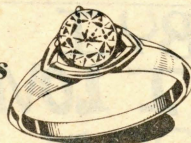
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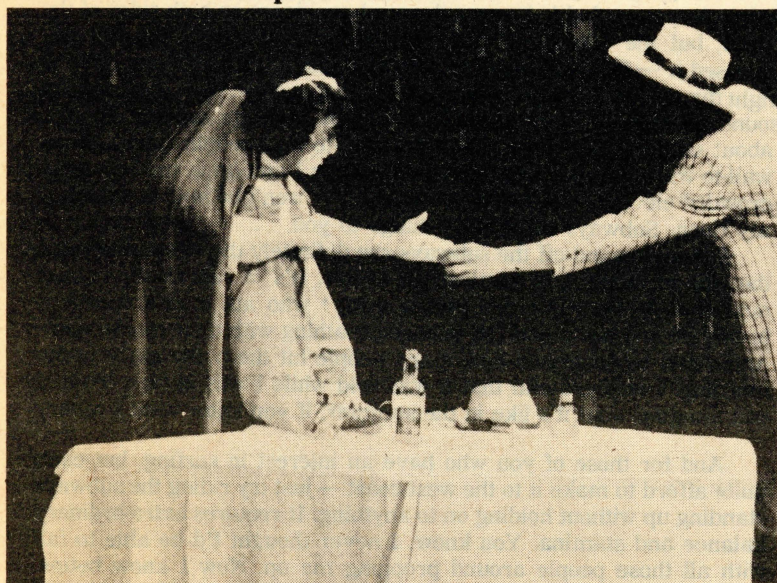
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Harvey Wackneough

## Letter from page 4

Last week's editorial reference stating that fraternities "certainly could not adversely harm the campus life at Wilkes" implies that frats will either be beneficial or at the very least neutral in their effect on campus life. By their very "selective" nature, frats are the legalization of cliques and are thereby destructive to the Wilkes college family idea. The co-operation and communication necessary for the organization and innovation which result in a diversity of campus happenings are destroyed by this selectivity inherent in fraternities, on a campus such as Wilkes. Also, the idea that a trial basis could be utilized to determine the ef-

fectiveness of frats on this campus is falacious in that once the doors are open to national frats they will attempt to perpetuate themselves, even if they are not being constructive.

Those students who are pushing for fraternities on campus feel they are lacking a sense of community and belonging. If they put less energy into "formalizing" an institution and more energy into the end results they would like that institution to achieve, they would themselves achieve that sense of community, involvement, and family that they so sorely miss.

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Larry Assalita  
Steven Esrick

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## Forensic Squad To Compete

The forensic squad of the Debate Union has entered into competition in a unique national speech-communication contest. The tournament is being run by Stetson University, Deland, Florida. What makes this tournament so unique is that it is conducted completely through the use of cassette tapes.

Along with Wilkes College thirty-five other colleges and universities representing over twenty states have entered this national forensic tournament. Stetson University reports that there are more than 400 student entries making this the second largest national speech tournament in the United States. The largest tournament is the National Individual Events tournament hosted this year by George Mason University.

Wilkes specifically entered competition in the following areas: Persuasive Speaking, Expository Speaking, Prose Interpretation, and After-Dinner Speaking. According to Dr. Bradford Kinney, Director of the Debate Union: "This is a very unusual type of tournament - it

gives our students a chance to participate against some of the best colleges and universities in the nation without having to leave Wilkes' campus."

Since this is a tape contest the emphasis of the tournament is placed on message content and vocal delivery. Each contestant and his institution remains unknown throughout the tournament to insure a fair evaluation. Judging will be by some of the foremost Speech-Communication experts in the nation.

Each student entering will receive 9 written critiques per event. Winners of this tournament will qualify for the Individual Events National Finals to be held in April.

Those representing Wilkes College in the Stetson tournament are: David Evans, Steve Jurewicz, Marcia Stratton, Davida Roberts, Donna Korba, Terri Williams (all of Wilkes-Barre), Kim Witherow (Harrisburg), Maryanne Bartoszek (Philadelphia), and Anne Wall Allentown.

## Resident Assistant Posts Available In Early April

Have you ever wondered what goes into the selection of resident assistants? It is not an easy job, but the time has come once again to choose individuals for these positions. It is a rather thorough process since the job requires a certain type of person.

The basic requirements for consideration include an application, three recommendations from various sources, (teachers, students, etc.) an interview with current RA's as well as with Mrs. Conway and Joe Marchetti.

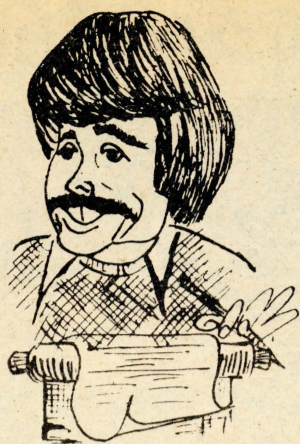
The qualities looked for include whether or not an individual has common sense, if he can handle responsibility, and most important, the ability to communicate with all types of personalities. Although an RA is not a trained psychologist, he or she should be able to help out the dorm members in any way possible; i.e. problems with school or otherwise.

The process began on January 16 and at present, the information is being compiled and the final results will be available during the first week in April.

As there are many qualified candidates for the R.A. positions, there is a slight difficulty in choosing RA'S. For the 1977-78 school year, there are openings for 10 girls and only 5 guys. They must be chosen out of 80 applicants. So, it goes without saying that it will be a job!

Tickets for the Junior-Senior dinner dance are currently on sale. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 1, and the ticket price is \$20 per couple. Sales will be held from 11 to 1 in the Commons and from 5 to 7 in NMD, Monday through Friday. Ticket sales are restricted to juniors and seniors and tickets may not be reserved.

# A Corny Look At The "Kernels"



by jeff acornley

The Wilkes College Lettermen's Club, a campus powerhouse in former years, is trying to revitalize itself this spring. The club has faded in recent years but President Dean Evans is hoping to change all of that.

"Our goal is to get back into the mainstream of campus activities and provide services to the college," stated Evans. "We want to restore the club's prestige."

Evans has talked to President Capin and has volunteered the club on a stand-by basis for anything that needs to be done. The members of the club also form the Wilkes flood emergency team.

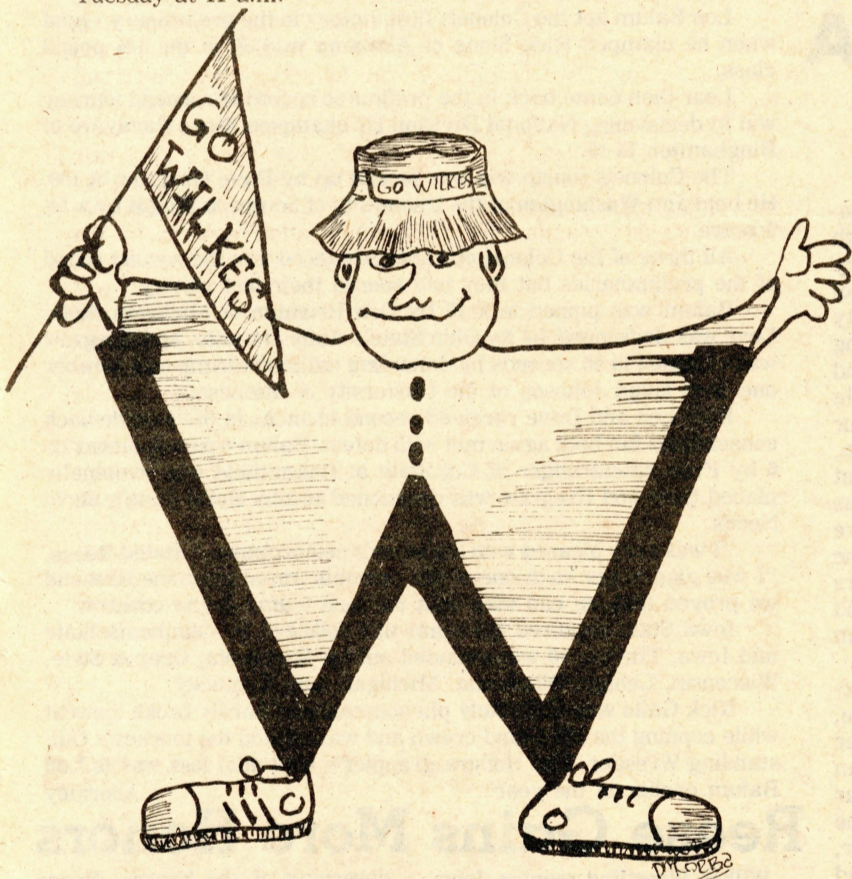
The club also raises money throughout the year to give as a scholarship to an incoming freshman athlete.

"We are hoping to gain some more regular functions such as concessions, parking, dances, and car washes and build our reputation from there," commented Evans.

Dr. Harold Cox and Art Hoover are the club's advisors while Evans, Larry Tarutis, vice president; Greg Wild, treasurer; and Bill Sobczak, secretary; provide the student leadership.

"Our biggest problem right now is people. We need more members. Only about 20 members are active and they are mostly dorm students. We encourage the commuters to come out and help us build a solid nucleus for the future," pleaded Evans.

All that is required for admission to the organization is a letter in any varsity sport at Wilkes. Help do something positive for the college. They meet every two weeks in the Gore Hall lounge on Tuesday at 11 a.m.



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# Two New Varsity Sports At Wilkes For Women

In keeping with the constant growth of women's athletics in and around Wyoming Valley, Wilkes College has added another varsity sport to its ever growing women's sports program.

The female Colonels will field a softball team this year under the direction of Mrs. Gay Meyers.

Mrs. Meyers has been coaching the Wilkes field hockey team since 1970 and has compiled a 41-28-5 overall record. She has also guided the Blue and Gold stickwomen to three consecutive championships in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NPWIAA).

A graduate of Lock Haven State College, Mrs. Meyers coached a softball team last year in the Mountaintop Little League.

The Wilkes softball team will play varsity games in the NPWIAA Softball League and will compete in a scrimmage game against

Susquehanna University.

The Colonels will play at Kirby Park and will begin practicing next week.

Also fairly new on the spring sports agenda for the Wilkes women is a varsity volleyball team which is coached by Mrs. Doris Saracino, coordinator of women's athletics at Wilkes.

Mrs. Saracino has been a member of the Wilkes faculty since 1960 and has coached both hockey and basketball during her tenure there. This will be her second year as coach of the volleyball squad.

The Colonel netwomen will compete in nine varsity contests against King's College, Marywood College, College Misericordia, Keystone Junior College, University of Scranton, and Baptist Bible College.

Practice has already begun for the volleyball team. Their home games will be played at the South Franklin Street gymnasium. **Martin**

# Golfing Journey To Georgia Proves Profitable For Duffers

Quick, what comes to your mind when you hear the word, Georgia. Probably President Jimmy Carter or the famous Carter, Billy. Well ask that question to a Wilkes golf team member and he'll, (or where Sandy Pensieri is concerned, she'll), tell you that it means hard work and practice.

Over the college's annual spring break, the golf team, led by Dean Baltruchitis, (Wilkes' answer to Arnold Palmer), took off for Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia.

While there, the team practiced at the Callaway Garden Golf Club, one of the finest in the country.

The group included some 12 athletes, alumni, and friends of the college.

## USUC Upsets Gino's

In playoff action earlier this week, USUC IV upended undermanned Ginos, 68 to 58 behind Mike Superczynski and his 27 points, and The Sixers zipped Sons of Softee by a score of 75 to 64 with Kenny Sickler tossing in 18 points to lead the winners. This sets up the championship game to be played later in the week at a site to be named, probably the Franklin Street Palestra. The game is rated a tossup by many, even though the Sixers did beat USUC earlier in the season, but the USUC'ers are peaking right about now so our pick is the boys from Nanticoke by a hesitant two points. Tickets for the game are still on sale in the bookstore.

### FOUL TIPS

Some teams that will be featured in this years softball season and who figure to make a run for the money

The Independants-team capt. Joe Mullarkey doesn't want to be controlled by schedules and rules so the Independants won't join the league and won't play any games unless the aforementioned team captain decides that it is a "Dy-no" day.

Mansons Gang-Mickey Calibrese reports that the team is still totally intact from last year after a fourth place finish, the only change was moving last years hard hitting Rookie of The Year George (Rocky) Oschal

from third to first base where he won't reinjure the elbow and wrist strain he suffered during basketball season.

The One Point Two's-Coach Art Meigh reports that all members of this years team will be allowed to use his car and that the team picture will appear on the cover of his next album. Also, free baby sitting service will be available on Saturdays.

Smegmas-Will again be tough this year, but they are traditional also-rans in every sport they play. Mike Capparel claims that this year will be different. If Mike Vassil recovers fully from a leg injury, Smegmas could be the team to watch.

Legatto's-Brian (Smokey) Roth reports "We're pretty much set. All we need is one good hitter and then we'll only need nine more." Jeff Baird adds, "We're not very good in the field but we don't hit so well either."

Slocum-hasn't won a game in three years but Bill Manley feels that with a few breaks they can win it all this year, despite having only three players on the team.

..ED. NOTE: The Beacon's Intramural Sports coverage team of Dave Orishak and Bob Welsh were honored this week by receiving the "Lou Rauscher Award" for epitomising truth and integrity in their reporting. Congratulations!

Dean Baltruchitis, subbing for Coach Rolie Schmidt, who had important plans and could not attend the trip, said the journey was worthwhile and very valuable. "It will give Coach Schmidt and I a chance to evaluate the club as a whole, and how we will do this year."

The Colonel duffers will be led by junior Ken Donlavage. The former Wyoming Area standout has been chosen to be captain for the 1977 season.

Other outstanding members for the team are Joe Skladany, Steve Nielsen, John Petrosky, Barry Williams, Bryan Hoynak, John Ralston, and the only girl on the team, Sandy Pensieri.

The Colonels will open their season on April 6 with Ursinus and Lycoming, away. **White**



**CONTEST-** A year's subscription to The Beacon, free, to the person who can correctly identify this man.

- (A) President Capin
- (B) Terry Schoen
- (C) Jolly Rodger
- (D) All of the above
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# Diamondmen Beat Snow; Head To Dixieland Today

By Earl Monk

After putting up with the rain and snow of the past two weeks, members of the Wilkes baseball team hope to get a break this weekend as they travel through Virginia for their annual spring trip. The Colonels will play five games in three days against three teams which always present tough opposition.

Coach Gene Domzalski and his squad of 21 ball players were expected to leave Wilkes-Barre this morning at six and head down to Randolph-Macon for their first game at three o'clock. The Colonels will then travel to Richmond, which probably has the best club they'll face down South, to play a doubleheader Friday at 1 p.m.

The weekend will continue at a hectic pace as the Colonels then will leave Richmond to play a doubleheader against Lynchburg Baptist starting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. The Colonels will stay in Lynchburg Saturday night, leave for Wilkes-Barre Sunday morning, and be back for classes on Monday morning.

This spring trip hardly compares with the spring trips of other schools which are of the same comparable size as Wilkes. Scranton (a Colonel MAC rival) usually takes a full week or more to go down to Florida. Just last week Lock Haven (another Division III school) went to Florida and played twelve games in ten days. These are just two examples of schools which go farther and play longer than Wilkes.

Why is Wilkes at such a handicap when it comes to a Southern trip? There are probably several reasons. First is the fact that this year's

spring break came in early March, too early for the team to be ready to go south. And the players can't afford to take a full week of classes off, thus they must cram as much playing time as they possibly can in one brief weekend.

On the other hand, Lock Haven's spring break was later, so that their club was prepared, and had the time to go as far as Florida and play for a full ten or twelve days. Other teams (including Colonel opponents) also enjoy this luxury and could also afford to spend much more time playing down south.

Another factor that hampers the Colonels is money. This is a big stumbling block. Even if the Colonels had time to take a full week or two they might not be able to afford to go as far or for as long as Domzalski would like. For this trip alone, the Colonels were scraping the barrel so that they would have enough vehicles to be able to take the team for three days.

Obviously then, the Colonels are hurt by not having enough time or money to take as good a tour as their coaches would like. They'll just have to put up with it though. They'll have to try and get as much training and playing time as they can in these next three days to prepare for a season which is just around the corner.

**COLONEL CLOUTS:** A reminder about different openers ... the Colonels open their season April 2 at Allentown College ... They open MAC play at Susquehanna on April 9 ... The home opener is April 12 against Scranton.



**OIL UP THE ARTILLERY** — Antique Artillery Park has been a hub of activity during the past few weeks as the Colonel spring sports squads started training. Shown are Colonel diamondmen from left, Barry Harcharufka, Manny Evans, and Jim Stehle.

## Gallo Top Wrestler

## Grapplers Fail To Place In National Tournament

The Wilkes College Wrestling Team scored a record six points last weekend in the NCAA National Wrestling Tournament. It was the Colonels second appearance in the tourney and they improved substantially over last year's showing.

Coaches John Reese and Brooke Yeager along with senior wrestlers Lon Balum, Bruce Lear, and Dave Gregrow flew to Norman, Oklahoma and the campus of the University of Oklahoma to compete.

The Colonels jumped off to a fine start in the preliminaries, garnering four matches in a row and placing 16th after the first day of competition.

Bruce Lear initiated the success when he pinned 8th seed Tim Granowich of the University of Florida in 6:10 in the 142 pound class. This match was held prior to the first round preliminaries because of the abundance of wrestlers.

Lon Balum got the Colonels first victory in the preliminary round when he clamped Rick Stone of Alabama in 6:30 in the 134 pound class.

Lear then came back in the prelims to record his second tourney win by decisioning National Division III champion Steve Cavayaro of Binghamton 14-10.

The Colonels fourth win was picked up by Dave Gregrow at 190. He beat Jim Washington of the University of Southern Illinois by a 14-9 score.

All three of the Colonel entrants advanced into the second round of the preliminaries but they had scored their last victory.

Balum was pinned in 7:10 by Don Brighton of Michigan State, Lear was decisioned 7-4 by Ohio State's Andy Despatto, and Gregrow was clamped in 50 seconds by defending national champ and number one seed Evan Johnson of the University of Minnesota.

Both Lon and Dave received second chances in the wrestle-back consolations but both again met with defeat. Balum was outpointed 12-6 by Fran Aftentranger of Cal State at Bakersfield who eventually placed third and Gregrow was decisioned 10-3 by Boise State's Steve Needs.

"I was very pleased with the team's performance," stated Reese. "I was glad to see each one of our entrants win at least one bout and we proved that we can stay with the best teams in the country."

Iowa State captured the team title followed by Oklahoma State and Iowa. The top 10 was rounded out by Minnesota, Oregon State, Wisconsin, Lehigh, Oklahoma, Michigan, and Kentucky.

Nick Gallo was absolutely phenomenal and hardly broke a sweat while copping the 126 pound crown and was named the tourney's Outstanding Wrestler. The Hofstra grappler's only dual loss was to Lon Balum earlier in the year.

Acornley

## Reese Gains More Honors

Wilkes Wrestling mentor John Reese had more honors bestowed upon him during this past week.

The veteran coach had to hustle back to Pennsylvania from the NCAA National Tournament in Oklahoma last Saturday night in order to be inducted into the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The special recognition came during the state high school wrestling tournament at Penn State University. Reese was selected for this honor based on his contribution to wrestling in the state.

Reese was also recently named the Eastern Representative to the National Executive Committee of Wrestling Coaches in the U.S. The nation is divided into eight regions and one persons is elected to serve a four year term in each region.

"Both of these honors are truly gratifying and flattering," commented Reese. "It is really nice to be honored by my peers."

The Wilkes coach is surely

deserving of the honors. Reese has brought the wrestling program along slowly and is now one of the best small college programs in the country. He has compiled a 245-47 record including 14 MAC championships, an NCAA division title, and is also a member of the NCAA Rules Committee and the U.S. Olympic Committee.



John Reese

# BEACON SPORTS

## Frail, Olney Named To NPWIAA Second Team All-Star Squad

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Basketball season seems to have come and gone and for the Colonelette cage team the 1976-



**TEAMWORK** - Karen Olney supports teammate Mary Jo Frail as Frail struggles to reach the basket. Both girls worked well together on the court for the Colonelettes this year and were recently named to the second team of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association All-Star team.

77 season proved to be a very frustrating one. However, if one looks beyond the disappointing 8-16 record with which the Wilkes women finished, one may find some bright spots in that long, long season.

First of all, the Blue and Gold girls made history on February 27 of this year when they travelled to Scranton and defeated the girls of Marywood College, 76-54, thus capturing their seventh win of the season. This was the first time in the history of women's basketball at Wilkes College a team had won more than six games.

Secondly, the female Colonels won their first game of the Middle Atlantic Conference this year which was something no Wilkes women's cage team had done before. The girls defeated Gettysburg College and advanced to the second round before going down to defeat.

And now - two members of that infamous Colonelette cage team have been named to the second team of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NPWIAA) All-Star team.

Mary Jo Frail, a freshman psychology major from Wilkes-Barre, served as the playmaker of this year's team. Counted on by her teammates to do the heavy scoring, Miss Frail did just that as she racked up 226 total points this season for a 10.7 points per game scoring average.

Mary Jo made herself well-known among the athletes at Wilkes College way back in September when she donned a Colonel field hockey uniform and took over at the right wing slot for the charges of Coach Gay Meyers. After dazzling both fans and opponents for an entire season with her fancy stickwork, Frail received Honorable Mention to the Susquehanna

Field Hockey Association Team.

A 1976 graduate of Meyers High School, Mary Jo was also very active in sports during her school years. She played varsity basketball for four years, serving as tri-captain her senior year and being named Most Valuable Player that same year. A four year member of the hockey team, she also served as captain of that team in her senior year and was named Outstanding Offensive Player in her junior year. She was a member of the Meyers softball team for three years and a member of the volleyball team for one year.

Karen Olney is a junior accounting major from Monroe, Connecticut. Moving from her usual forward position to an unfamiliar guard spot this year was not the easiest thing in the world for Karen to do; however, her determination dominated and she was able to master the new position.

Even while playing at the guard slot, Olney was a heavy rebounder for the Colonelettes, controlling the boards in many games. She also scored a total of 179 points for an 8.5 points per game scoring average.

Karen has been a member of the Blue and Gold cage team for three years now and was named Most Valuable Player in her sophomore year.

A 1974 graduate of Masuk High School, Olney was a four year member of the women's basketball team there serving as captain during her senior year and receiving an Outstanding Athlete award in her junior year. She also played hockey for four years in high school, serving as team captain in her senior year and was a three year member of the softball team.

Both Mary Jo Frail and Karen Olney will be seen on the softball field for Wilkes this year