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book seminar in CPA

by Dave Kaszuba

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Dennis and Craig are came to Wilkes, and the closeness of the ing a big factor in the success over the past But Rome said it e are Division I in a l, and people go out y to wish you good is a lot of comradery

The Honorable J. Harold Flannery Jr., an associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, will serve as keynote speaker for a pre-law seminar to be held by Wilkes College, Thursday, April 7, on campus.

A 1955 graduate of Wilkes, Flannery will address some 65 people on the topic of "Law and Order" at the Dorothy Dickson Center for the Performing Arts. Included in that number are Wilkes College and high school students interested in pursuing careers as well as area high school newspaper editors and faculty advisors.

Two separate programs—one for each group—will be held throughout the morning before Flannery delivers his address to those taking part in the day's activities. In addition, Flannery will speak to the general student body at 10 am and the faculty at 11 am.

Dr. Rebecca Jordan and Dr. John H. Natzke, co-chairpersons of the Pre-Law Advisory Committee at Wilkes, will act as masters of ceremonies for the pre-law seminar.

Those participating in this program will hear four different speakers. Attorney Gene Roth, a member of the firm of Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald, will begin by focusing on "Opportunities in the Field of Law." Dean of Dickinson Law School Michael Navin will follow, speaking about "How to Get into Law School and Stay in Law School."

"My Experiences as a First Year Law Student" will then be the topic of a speech by Ms. Randa Fahmy who attends Georgetown University. Finally, Wilkes College Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. George Waldner will discuss pre-law advisement at the school.

Highlighting the seminar for high school newspaper editors are Mr. James Clark and Mr. Dale Duncan, Editor of *The Billow*, the Ocean City High School newspaper. Clark plans to comment on "Social Concerns of High School Students." Meanwhile, Duncan, the publisher of *The Times Leader*, will speak of those elements which constitute a quality high school newspaper.

Wilkes renews school spirit

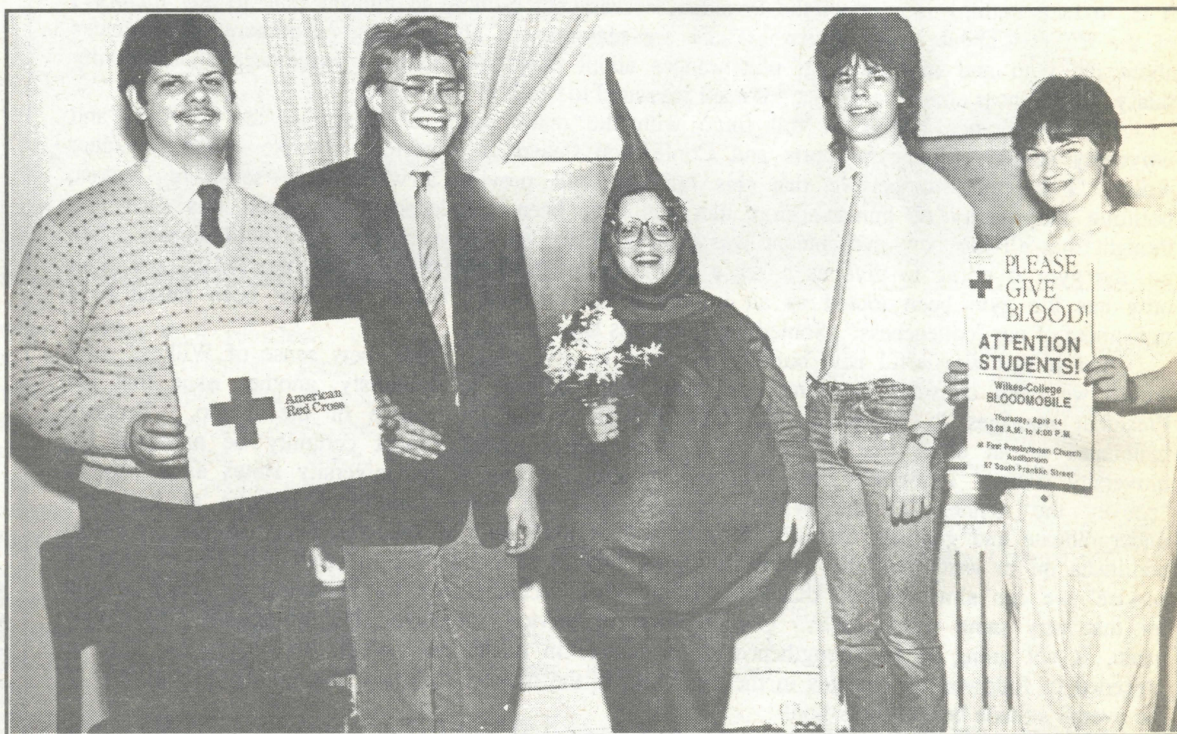
The following was written in memorandum form by Christopher Brisseth, Wilkes President.

The only way we could have improved upon the wonderfully successful Visitation Day would be to have had the rhododendron in bloom. The 650 students and families who came to look at Wilkes found a campus in lovely shape as a result of the hard work of our Facilities Management personnel. They found faculty members from every department ready to help students consider the opportunities at Wilkes in every major. The Admissions staff helped mobilize the campus's best resources to present Wilkes to prospective students and their families with confidence and clarity. I had extensive conversations with several families and was

heartened to hear the good news about Wilkes communicated to teachers and students in schools as far away as Connecticut and Virginia. To Bernie Vinorvski and his staff, to all the faculty who have participated actively in recruiting this year, and to the excellent student guides who interpret the College and reflect its strengths, I want to give my thanks and that of all who are working to make a more and more vibrant Wilkes.

As I near the end of four years at Wilkes, one feature that strikes me is the evidence, in every direction, of individual faculty members recommitting themselves to their own professional development and of departments who, singly and together, are refining curricula to meet more fully the needs of students. As we watch for the recommend-

Last drive to be held



Shown above: Christopher Fox, president; Andy Kolojejchick, treasurer; Sandie Adams, Wilkes-Barre blood drop; Jeff Gerosky, vice-president; Michelle Dominick, secretary

by Mary Supey

Wilkes will hold its final annual bloodmobile on Thursday April 14 from 10 am to 4 pm. The February successfully yielded 158 units of life-giving blood. Music Educators National Conference along with the "Blood

Drop" of Wilkes College. M.E. N.C. was the most "giving" of all campus clubs, reaching 90% of its assigned pledges in the February drive. Pictured above are M.E.N.C. officers.

The Health Service Center invites your participation as we try to achieve our goal of 175 units.

In addition to blood donors (for those of you who are able to give) volunteers are needed to work the drive. You can volunteer by calling the Health Service Center at 4734. Follow the red balloons from the YMCA to the First Pres-byterian Church.

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Editorial

A college of our ambition

When I picked up the President's memo this week, I could only sit back and admire the pretty phrases and glittering reassurances that he passed along to the Wilkes College community. That is where the admiration ended. Throughout the memo, I searched for one definitive decision, one open, frank, and honest declaration of what the future of Wilkes College looks like, or what might be in store for the College in the coming year.

What I found instead was merely a reiteration of what Breiseth has been saying all along, although perhaps not always so directly: the image of Wilkes College is growing by leaps and bounds, and everything we do, every change we make, pushes us further and further up the ladder of success.

The message is perhaps not quite so blatant as I have stated it, but it is there. It is, however, cloaked in that sense of community that is supposed to bring the entire school in line with the thoughts of the President. In the memo (which is reprinted on the front page) the President "tackles" every major issue that may have been nagging you, nibbling at the back of your mind since September, and if you happen to make it through the four pages, you come away feeling strangely unfulfilled. Rightfully so. This memo may ostensibly seem to answer your questions. It is, in fact, nothing more than the President's reassurance--more to himself than to any members of the College--about major issues. There are reassurances about rising enrollment, reassurances about the gym and its financing, reassurances about university status, reassurances about faculty salary, reassurances about the budget. We are reassured to death in this memo.

The reassurance begins in full force with the main issues of this semester--the gym and university status. The gym/Sports and Conference Center is a perfect example. The President writes, "I continue to believe that this building will provide a whole new sense of Wilkes, befitting the quality of human effort that has long been our legacy." And all this time you thought that all the new gym meant was a better place to play basketball and hold dances. No, no, the gym is going to give us a sense of ourselves as a college--a sense that "befits" us. Not only has the gym been touted as an important new building, but it has now been raised to a monument of our "collegeness." Something about this logic is faulty.

And if this wonderful new building is going to give us a "whole new sense of Wilkes," why would we even consider changing our status from college to university, another issue that the President manages to whitewash his way through during the course of the memo. Breiseth insinuates in an aside that Wilkes, if it does apply, would almost certainly be accepted for university status. Essentially, the President reduces the change to university status as a way to "convey the richness of the Wilkes curricula and the wide variety of options at both the undergraduate and graduate levels." This in and of itself isn't so hideous, but when the President continues on to write that the university status "would strengthen us to carry out this mission of service" we can almost believe that there is no other decent reason for changing the status except for that very same word *status*. Our "mission of service," whatever that ambiguous phrase may mean, is not going to be strengthened by a change in name, not unless this change in name is preceded or followed by changes in the curricula, in the manner in which the College is run, and in the overall attitude here at the school.

But all of this is elementary. The President wants the College to be a university. The President supported the construction of a bell tower; there was opposition. The bell tower stands. The President wanted a gym; the community has been against it. The gym is under construction. Why should university status be any different? We can debate about the issue all we want. The point, as far as I am concerned, is moot.

I suggest only that you read the memo for yourself. Read about the "major commitment" the Board is making to enhance salaries for faculty. Read about the monumental decision that must be made as to university status. Read about the "sure-thing" financing for the gym. Read, quite briefly, about faculty merit raises (perhaps the best kept secret on campus). Then wait and see--will Wilkes College stop hiring ten adjuncts to every one full time professor? Will Wilkes College become Wilkes University? Will our professors still be evaluated by what is proving more and more to be a faulty system? Will the gym ever have all of the promised features?

Perhaps the line that sums the ludicrousness of the memo best is used in the context of bringing students to Wilkes from a broader geographical area: "This in turn will enhance our capacity to improve our physical plant and to provide the kind of salary and financial aid support that is crucial for a college of *our ambition* (my italics)." Throughout the memo, the President turns such phrases as "sense of Wilkes" "strong and vital Wilkes" "vibrant Wilkes" "struggle to define Wilkes." The only thing the President has managed to define is what some of us knew all along: the essence of Wilkes College isn't any of the glowing generalities that are thrown so casually around campus. Ambition, mixed with just the tiniest bit of status and image, is what seems to drive the powers that be here, instead of genuine concern. It seems to me that the defining process--the self-study, if you will--is far from over.

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A pawn in their game

Watching the rhododendrons bloom

by M. E. Evers

It's spring, and a young *Beacon* columnist's fancy turns to thoughts of . . . Well, to be honest, I don't know what they turn to. I do know what they don't turn to--column topics. Which is why this Tuesday, like every Tuesday, saw me wandering into *The Beacon*'s palatial abode on the third floor of the Student Center in search of someone with an idea for me.

I was greeted with a cheerful, "Oh, no, it's you again," and made my usual weekly plea, "Hey, you got anything for me to write?"

One of my cigar-chomping colleagues tossed me a pack of papers. "Here. Read this; no one else wants to. See what you can do with it. You might even find something to write about in it."

I grabbed it excitedly and trotted off to my Macintosh.

Official-looking stationery. President's signature. Oh, no. Gonna be boring, I thought.

Instead, I found myself chuckling as I read through the four-page memo--the President's annual report on the state of the College.

My fellow staffers, especially the cigar-chomping one, thought I was crazy. But the memo really was funny.

Or at least the language was. It was, to be sure, a monument to bureaucratism. It was, to be sure, a literary abomination.

Let's start with the title--a particularly egregious bit of flowery language (pardon the pun): "Waiting for the Rhododendron to Bloom." Now

rhododendrons are only mentioned twice--in the first sentence, and in the last. They appear to be an attempt at "jazzing up" the memo, since the rest of it has nothing to do with horticulture. And anyway, why rhododendron? Why not cherry trees? Wilkes' cherry trees are

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Parking

Opinion

by Kim Klimek

Wilkes-Barre is a great place. Each year, more people are attracted to this locale in northern Pennsylvania because of its low cost of living, its environment, low crime rate, and its cultural programs and favorable conditions.

Because of its great location, Wilkes-Barre is a trap. Wilkes College is located in the center of the town. What kind of trap? Inadequate parking traps people here for years. It is progressively worse.

Once people decide to live here, they attend church or shop downtown, they have two choices. The first one is to find a parking facility at an affordable rate. Since not everyone chooses to live within walking distance from the center of town, those who do not must rely on reliable transportation.

To take a taxi is costly. To take a bus is not convenient. Those coming from portions of Northampton, Hazleton,

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Wilkes-Barre is better known than its name. Rhododendrons, after all, have some symbolic value to them. Rhododendrons that I'm missing did the President think "rhododendrons" was just too easy to

Now to the memo. Here's some examples of the worst offenses (in the order they appear.)

The memo speaks of guides who "interpret" the College. Gorbachev is an interpreter. The Shah of Iran anyone wanted to speak to would need an interpreter. College, unless it has been picked up and transported, like luggage, to Brazil, it needs an interpreter. The memo's language suggests

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Kim Klimek

Wilkes-Barre is a growing town. Each year, more people are attracted to this locale in Northampton County because of its low cost of living, healthy environment, low crime rate, and recreational programs and other amenities.

Because of its growing population, Wilkes-Barre is in a trap. Wilkes College is located in the center of that trap. What kind of trap? The inadequate parking trap that has been complaining about for years. It is getting progressively worse.

Once people decide to find employment, attend school, church or shop "down-town" they have two options. The first one is to find a nearby parking facility at an affordable price. Since not everyone lives or works to live within walking distance from the center of town, those who do not must find adequate transportation.

To take a taxi is costly and to take a bus is not always convenient. Those commuting from portions of Nanticoke, Mountaintop, Hazleton, Pittston,

Bear Creek, Dallas and other outlying areas cannot always wait on the nearest corner for the bus to take them into Wilkes-Barre. In fact, the Williams bus line, which makes three runs daily, is the only reliable transportation service to and from Mountaintop aside from calling a taxi or getting a ride from a friend. Besides, few people feel comfortable using public transportation -- they want their own car.

What's wrong with that? Nothing. But, when thousands of vehicles are jamming the streets and parking lots, parking becomes a definite problem. Now the city must admit it has a problem. Wilkes-Barre is in a bind. The city council, storeowners and entertainment places want people to come to town to bring money into the city. People flock to places like the F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes and Kings' Colleges, Boscov's and the Station in the "Valley with a Heart" seeking fun or education. When the large crowds finally come, late arrivers complain and grumble because they always have trouble finding adequate parking nearby.

Will ticketing all the improperly parked vehicles induce people to take more caution



when parking their vehicles? In a convenience-oriented society where most people want to go, get what they want and leave, the city may be asking too much. Most of the same people who are ticketed over and over simply don't care if they get a ticket or not. No matter how many tickets are issued, there will still be illegal parkers because there just isn't enough room to park.

As long as there are people, there will be problems.

How will increased ticketing affect Wilkes? At a school like Wilkes, to which people travel from some distance for an education, there will always be some people who park wherever they can to run to a 9 o'clock class.

As more people are attracted to the college, more guests and

visitors will also have trouble finding a space near the college. After one day of coming into town to shop, visit the school and seek entertainment, if visitors find their cars ticketed, more and more of them might think of Wilkes College and say, "Forget it."

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known than its rhododendrons, after all. Is there symbolic value to rhododendrons that I'm missing? Or does the President think "cherry" was just too easy to spell?

Now to the memo itself! Here are some examples of the offenses (in the order that they appear.)

The memo speaks of student leaders who "interpret" the college. Gorbachev needs an interpreter. The Shah of Iran, if anyone wanted to speak to him, would need an interpreter. This college, unless it has been lifted up and transported, bag and baggage, to Brazil, does not need an interpreter. This memo's language suggests it may

need an English instructor or two, but it doesn't need an interpreter.

Next, how do you feel about the phrase "a more and more vibrant Wilkes?" Makes me think of laundry detergent. Doesn't Tide promise more vibrant colors and whiter whites? Even though I think the College sometimes white-washes the truth, I never thought they'd admit it as plainly as this!

See if you can find the problem in the next sample: "The excavation for the new Sports and Conference Center makes us realize that this long talked-about project is really underway." No shit. I thought the excavation was really a moon crater, and the vehicles were moon vehicles. Do you

mean they started construction? I didn't realize until I read this memo. How unobservant of me.

Page four of the memo boasts a veritable plethora of ugly usages. Did you know that Wilkes is a small- to medium- size university? Does that make Penn a "family size" university? Is Penn State a "giant size" university? What about Harvard? "Econo-buy?"

(The laundry metaphors, you'll notice, are abundant in this memo. I think I'm on to something here!)

The President states that he finds a certain perspective on education "increasingly compelling." I find this statement increasingly confusing. Is it just me, or does it sound like he's comparing higher education

to a Stephen King novel?

What about the phrase "personally immersed in the issues of the reform of teaching"? Swimming pools you can be immersed in--personally or otherwise. Likewise bathtubs or vats of jello. But issues? Not unless you're sitting in a mass of shredded memos on said issues.

Finally, what are "disciplinary majors"? Every time I tried to puzzle this out, I could only come up with an image either of a child being spanked or of something out of an S & M flick. "Wanda Whips Wilkes," anyone?

That's it. I'm sure I could find more if I read through it again, but I'm already laughing so hard I'm crying.

And for those of you who

think I'm just quibbling with language, think about this: the President states that his feeling "... has been that the change in title [from College to University] would strengthen us to carry out this mission of service." So if three little extra letters can effect such a great change in Wilkes' ability to serve its students, doesn't it stand to reason that these little "language abominations" can affect Wilkes' image drastically? So you see, I'm not quibbling. I'm helping the College polish its image. Really.

But you'll have to excuse me; I've got to go. I'm going to find some rhododendron and wait for them to bloom.

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The bond to provide the bridge financing to complete construction is one that we may be able to pay off early to minimize the amount of interest on this borrowed money. If we are able to do this, and all signs indicate we should be able to, this will be the most efficiently funded major building project in the history of the College. I would reiterate the importance of the Board's support in having made this project a reality. Their commitment to a strong and vital Wilkes grow as monthly and should be a source of optimism to all of us. Indeed, there are some equipment needs not currently in the project until we raise sufficient funds, but our planning includes the securing of those funds in a timely manner that will allow the completed building with all the necessary equipment by the fall of 1989. The essentials should be ready for our occupancy of the building by January 1989.

The capital campaign has now raised nearly \$5.2 million towards its \$8 million objective and over \$11.5 million towards the \$18 million comprehensive objective. The Board at its recent meeting authorized a budget for fiscal 1989 that makes a major commitment to enhance salaries for faculty. Based upon a relatively careful and conservative enrollment projection, this commitment looks to be not only well intentioned but prudent as the signs of a most successful recruiting season begin to emerge. As our teamwork improves, I think there will be an improved sense of how each of our efforts to support student learning to strengthen performance, and to make our individual programs even more distinguished will increase the

attractiveness of Wilkes to prospective students from a broader geographical area. This in turn will enhance our capacity to improve our physical plant and to provide the kind of salary and financial aid support that is crucial for a college of our ambition.

In front of us over the next several weeks is a significant public debate about whether Wilkes ought to apply for university status. Since we have been quietly informed by authoritative sources that an application would almost assuredly be successful, the real question is for those of us at Wilkes -- students, the faculty, administration, and trustees, with the opinion of our alumni also in hand -- to decide whatever this is a wise alteration for Wilkes. The Academic Affairs Cabinet has looked at the issue with care as is the Long-Range Planning Committee at present. Individual schools and departments have been discussing the issue for weeks, months, or years. I want to make my own relationship to this debate clear before we reach the decisive moments on the question. Ever since the mission task force in 1984-85 struggled to define Wilkes, I have been aware of the importance of the option to change our designation from college to university. I also have been aware that there are negatives in taking this step. After the initial flurry of discussion in which we seemed to be moving towards that change in 1985-86, we pulled back to let the issue gestate.

This past year as we began looking towards our self-study and at the impact of the new administrative organization on the general definition of the institution and its marketing to prospective students, the issue of a university status returned to center stage. We defined a process by which all major constituencies would consider the question this last fall without

determining a firm timetable for to the Board.

Subsequently, as a result of a very informative meeting with Dr. Robert Kirkwood, the Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States association, I have been persuaded that we should not spend undue time on this question nor should we allow it to drive our self-study. While the issue is of symbolic importance and will have consequences now whichever way we decide, Dr. Kirkwood urged us to resolve the issue one way or the other and get on with the self-study. He did not take a position on university status nor even hint at his advice on what we should do in that regard.

He made these suggestions to a group of trustees and the generally favorable response to his presentation made me conclude that we had everything to gain in discussing this issue this spring and bridging any recommendation that comes out of these discussions to the May 12-13 Board meetings. That is the timetable we are now working on, and I have had extensive discussion with Bill Stine as well as with George Waldner and others of the administrative team to carry out the discussion over the next month and a half.

Let me be quite personal. I have been persuaded for some time that the advantages of making this change of status outweigh the disadvantages. As we struggle to convey the richness of the Wilkes curricula and the wide variety of options at both the undergraduate and graduate levels for students at Wilkes, my inclination has been to see what the word university in the context of Pennsylvania higher education would more effectively convey the Wilkes that actually exists than our present appellation of college. Moreover, in our role as a major institution of higher education

serving the Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania, the label university as well as the reality of our ever-growing programs responsive to the region's needs has seemed to offer a genuine advantage. The role that Wilkes is playing among the institutions of higher learning in all of Northeastern Pennsylvania from my perspective is second to none, and insofar as the term university says something about the comprehensiveness of responsibility and of leadership, my feeling has been that the change in title would strengthen us to carry out this mission of service.

On the other hand, I think the concept is of sufficient importance that we should make it only if a general consensus emerges. Indeed, the challenge of the debate ahead is a kind of updating of our discussions of mission. I am comfortable with a vote of the faculty by way of advice on this crucial question, but I am even more desirous of seeing a full candid debate on the pros and cons of this interesting question. The debate is a time for us to talk to each other about how best to capture and characterize the institution as it is today and as it will be in the next decade.

There is no more honorable word in the lexicon of American higher learning education than "college." Indeed, some of the most prestigious institutions in the Ivy League maintain it as a badge of their superiority. And if it is the sense of our community that this tradition is the one we are most strengthened by, I for one am ready to reconsider the change of status. If on the other hand we look at the breadth and comprehensiveness of our programs and feel that we are not only within the liberal arts tradition but also play the broader role of a small-to-medium-size university, then I think the switch to university

status becomes an attractive alternative. I look forward to the public discussions of the matter with individuals and group discussions, including involvement in department meetings upon invitation to look at this question more closely. From the point of view of the evolving governance system, I think this is a significant issue for the faculty to share in defining as we struggle to make an important decision.

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by I.P. Daily

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Pickering

by Patty O'Furn

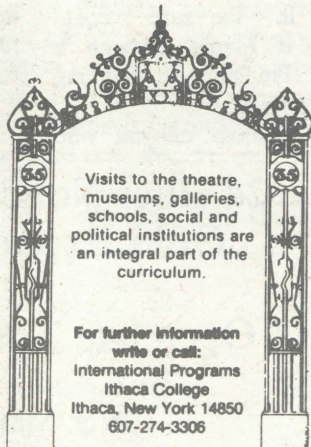
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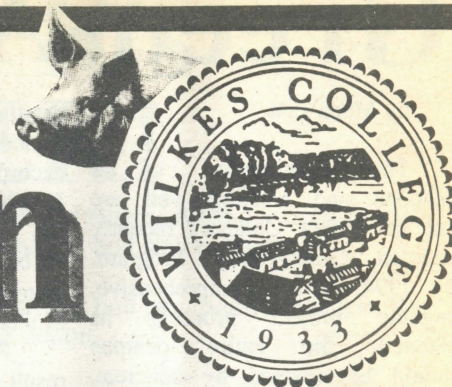
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Furry terrorist leads rampage at Stark

by I.P. Daily

Stark Learning Center, a modern four-story building on the Wilkes College campus, was allegedly bombed by a tall, brown, furry terrorist after being vandalized by "a bunch of hoodlums" early Sunday morning according to Dorothy Nose, a local resident.

Nose told police she had been searching for her Easter basket at 9 am when she spied the suspect sneaking out of her house through the back door.

The suspect allegedly headed toward the back entrance of Stark Learning Center toting Nose's basket with a large egg in it. Nose said she followed the furry creature at a distance and thought she heard a ticking noise coming from the egg.

Nose then took cover in nearby shrubbery while watching the suspect known as "Peter Cottontail" join a gang of motorcyclists. Nose said she saw the biggest member of the gang, a fat man with a red coat and black boots known as "Santa Claus," mount a Harley sled with Marty Elf, 26, in the passenger compartment. She said Claus blew up the side ramp of Stark on his cycle and crashed through a glass door entrance. When she saw them enter the building, she ran to phone the police.

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When police arrived at the scene with the bomb squad, they found a trail of broken glass leading to the motorcycle gang. Before reaching the gang members, they found security guards who had been gassed lying at the foot of the front desk and tied to chairs in Stark lobby. Elf, Claus, Cottontail and other members of the gang were found sitting on the floor of the Sordoni Art Gallery drinking alcoholic beverages. Members refused to comment on the situation as they were led out of the building.

Joe Cool, a freshman engineering student, and a crew of college students clad in colorful outfits were found on the second floor of Stark by bomb squad officials and were hurriedly escorted out of the building. Cool told police and reporters that he was in the building because he wanted to perform a laser-light show for the students who were stuck on campus over break and didn't know anything about a bomb in the building.

Detective Chris Elliot said he went into the basement of Stark to search for anything suspicious. When he reached the main hallway, he saw Cottontail burrowing his way into a hole in the ventilation system.

Elliot said, "I couldn't even



Rescue squad searches through rubble with bulldozers for survivor

squeeze my shoulders through the hole, but I grabbed that rabbit by the scruff of his neck and pulled him out. I dragged him outside and tried to get him to talk, but he just showed me a timer with a digital display. I saw that there were only 20 seconds left on the clock so I yelled for everyone to evacuate the building immediately."

The bomb exploded at 10:15

am, shortly after Elliot and bomb squad members evacuated, leaving a mass of rubble where Stark was previously located. As far as officials know, no one was in the building at the time of the explosion and no one was injured as a result of the explosion.

Gang members and students found at the scene are being held for further questioning pending the trial. According to police,

Nose was in no condition to answer further questions. After telling her story once to police, she suffered from a nervous breakdown.

Meanwhile, the deans are meeting with the president's council to discuss where hundreds of students who previously had classes in Stark will be going for the rest of the semester.

Pickering renovation surprises students

by Patty O'Furniture

Pickering Hall underwent many changes during Spring Break. On Friday evening, March 25, as soon as most of the students cleared out of the residence hall, the work began. Energetically, and enthusiastically, the workers worked until 2:00 Saturday morning. The entire building was cleaned and remodeled, and miraculously, all the bugs and mice were exterminated.

Workmen began in the basement of the building with brooms and dust rags and polished the floor until it was

shining. All the spider webs were removed, and they repainted the walls a lovely shade of blue. While the paint was drying, they replaced all the old washers and dryers with brand new Westinghouse models. The walls were then decorated with original Monet and Renoir prints. Mark Allen, director of residence life, strongly suggested that the budget be extended to purchase a wide screen television for the tv room with a VCR and a two month introductory membership to Video World.

The workmen moved from the basement up to the first, second and third floors. Whirl-

pools and bars (for students of legal age) were built into each bathroom in the dorm. The so called "pit" in the middle of the dorm was stocked with 16 pinball machines, and each floor had brand new jukeboxes installed. A large trampoline was placed in the bottom of the "PIT" so that students have a chance to jump around any time they want. The bathrooms were all cleaned with Mister Clean, and when the cleaning was done, the tiles sparkled. The rugs in every room of the dorm were taken up and replaced with new plush carpet.

On Saturday morning extern-

inators arrived, pesticide and rat poisoning in hand. The poison was placed in remote corners on every floor, and pesticides were sprayed (although not everywhere because it wasn't necessary).

The finished product was a wonderful surprise for returning students. When interviewed, S.L. Imeball, a senior art major from Newark, New Jersey, said that he wasn't surprised that Wilkes made such changes. "I know Wilkes really cares about the students that attend. They are always ready and willing to spend money when the good of the students is concerned."

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Green-Away a green light

by Mona Lott

The construction of a fishpond and wishing well are part of Wilkes College's recently initiated Green-Away Program. By 1994, if the comprehensive, ongoing project proceeds as planned, the entire campus should be covered by concrete, macadam, or asphalt.

By getting rid of all grassy areas, as well as trees, shrubs, and flower beds, the cost of maintaining the grounds will be greatly reduced. Additional benefits to the College are severalfold. The college will no longer play host to insects such as bees and ladybugs, thereby reducing the risk of painful stings or bites to students. Additionally, students will be submerged in an atmosphere conducive to modern learning without the distraction of such staples of nature as plants and animals. Squirrel traps and high voltage bird zappers will keep these annoying pests from entering the concrete sanctity of the campus.

The fishpond will be located in the empty lot between the belltower and South Street. It will measure 6 yards across at its greatest breadth, and will gently slope to 5 feet at its deepest point. The elliptical pool will be bordered by a broad stone walkway so that people may stroll around it's perimeter. Floodlights will be installed for the protection of those who wish to stroll at night. The pond will be stocked with vinyl, all-

weather fish that are "attractive to look at and easy to care for," according to project director, I. Kutchakokoff. "In fact, since the fish are fake, all that needs to be done is anchor them to the bottom and clean the sludge off of them every few months."

The wishing well is the result of a generous bequest by alumnus Harold "Pudd'nhead" Dingleberry. Dingleberry was a member of the Wilkes class of '58, who requested that such a structure be built in his honor at the time of his death. "He kicked the bucket at a remarkably fortunate time for the College," said Merriwether Hufflepuff, director of bequests, gross monetary gifts, and illicit grafting/tax evasion. "[The College] was in the process of looking for funds to begin the Green-Away project, and with his gift we're well ahead of our projected goal for this fiscal period."

Project director for the wishing well is famed New York mod artist, Lotta Laffs. The structure will be ten feet high, consisting of a fiberglass faux brick well wall topped by a wood-look formica canopy. The well will be in "traditional" style. It will be located between Chase and Kirby halls. The entire lot will be paved over to provide smooth access to the well from every direction.

"The wishing well will be a positive outlet for student stress which will also generate income for the Wilkes Green-Away Fund," says Jane Lampe-Groh,

dean of student affairs. A change machine will be located near the well so that students may convert \$1 or \$5 bills into change in order to make utilizing the well easier. The fully automated well will accept quarters, much like a vending machine, and provide a recorded splash when a coin is inserted as if it were hitting water. The person will then have thirty-seconds during which he may make his wish silently, at the end of which the machine will sound a short melody signaling the wish has been "heard." "It's all very therapeutic," says Lampe-Groh.

Although the prospect of digging an actual well was discussed, the Board of Trustees decided against doing anything which could be perceived overtly or indirectly as "surreptitious" behavior on the part of this institution.

In fact, funds were allocated for the creation of a special image committee which recently held its first meeting on Weckesser lawn (soon to be Weckesser patio). The group is in charge of assuring that a positive image is presented to the public during each of the College's erections.

"Progress is the key word," said President Christopher N. Breiseth in a recent public relations-edited press release. "Wilkes is fulfilling its commitment to students and the community by providing modern, aesthetic additions to the campus. I believe that both

the fishpond and the wishing well will have positive effects on Wilkes as an institution dedicated to higher learning."

A source within the Green-Away group reported that several projects are already planned for the near future.

Topping the list is the creation of much-needed parking space by constructing a multi-level parkade where the River Common now is. "The park, which is not very nice anyway, is a small sacrifice for such a wonderful structure as a bland, grey parkade," claims Honey C. Menn, chairperson of the Green-Away Committee.

Another project in the works involves the creation of an Olympic sized hopscotch court between the SUB and the Evans alumni house. The athletic department jumped at the chance to initiate an intramural hopscotch league. "It's not just for kids anymore," said recently hired director of fun and games, Maude-Lynn Shrowd.

The group is split on how to use the land between the belltower and the library. One faction feels that a much-needed heliport could be put in. Opponents of this say that the heliport can be installed on the roof of Stark and that this area should be used to showcase a recently acquired work of art. An eight and a half-ton sculpture, carved from one huge lump of anthracite coal, by reknowned Wyoming Valley sculptor Ima Miner, is an "abstract representation of the birth of

superficiality," according to the artist. It was purchased by the college for the incredibly low price of only \$82,000. "Half of what it's worth," a smiling Miner told the *Bacon*.

The committee unanimously accepted the motion that all green areas of campus with no immediate plans for usage be blacktopped as soon as possible.

It is rumored that fifteen obelisk-shaped sandstone pylons have been ordered to fill in small patches of grass around the campus. The idea for such objects, allegedly, came from one somewhat flaky trustee who was watching an old *Land of the Lost* rerun and thought they were "nifty." They would be put in hard-to-pave spaces such as between the wings of buildings like Sturdevant and Waller.

"Ideally," says Scarlet Horre, admissions liason to the Green-Away Committee, "by the end of the Green-Away program, the entire campus should appear to rest on a solid slab of concrete."

This will make it easier for persons visiting the campus to know which buildings belong to the college, etc. Also, the several artistic and structural additions to the campus will allow us to recruit high-quality students from around the world by touting ourselves as a mecca of technology and art. It's mostly a matter of establishing a reputation. Wilkes is a college dedicated to the students... The Green - Away program is for their own good. Trust us on this one."

I've seen the light: Wilkes is great!

by M. E. Evers

Yes, brothers and sisters! Yes, friends, family, and significant others! Yes, all de little chillun of de world! I have seen the light! I have seen the light and it was revealed to me while I was reading a *National Enquirer* article about Jimmy Swaggart!

And the light said to me, "M. E., M. E., repent your evil ways! Repent your evil thoughts about the belltower! Repent all the nasty things you've ever said about this beautiful institution in your column! Repent, and atone for your sins, and be SAVED!"

"Oh, light," I said, "You've shown me the light and I believe in the light! But... what is the light? I mean, it looks a lot like an Eveready flashlight to me..."

"Silence, mere mortal! None of your flippancy! The light is the light of higher learning that burns brightly in all the hallowed halls of Wilkes College! This is the light whose

existence you have denied! Believe in the light and repent, or perish in the everlasting flames of the particle accelerator in SLC!"

I didn't need a second to think about that one: the light had already convinced me that I had been lost in the dark wood of error. "Oh light, how can I repent for my sins? I changed my mind; I was wrong; I really didn't mean all those ugly things I said about the College. Wilkes is a beautiful, beautiful place--with a veritable plethora of learning experiences for all! And the belltower is a wonderful architectural structure--a marvel of art and technology!"

"Not bad," commented the light, "but that's easy to say," he continued. "What are you going to do about it? We here in the Church of the Eveready--oops, I mean, Everburning Torch of Intellectual Light and Personal Fulfillment require that you show some proof of your conversion and dedication to the College before you can become one of

the faithful."

"Oh, please, I'll do anything! Anything! Walk over hot coals! Stand in the top of the belltower when the chimes go off! Listen to tape-recordings of any speech the President ever made at any College function--over and over!" I screamed wildly.

"No, we've thought of something that will utilize your unique talents--not only showing us the strength of your conviction, but making good use of your talents, as well... we want you to write propag--oops, letters to prospective students telling them how valuable you have found your experiences at Wilkes."

"Yes, spirit, I'll do it! I'll do anything for the glory that is Wilkes and the grandeur that is the belltower! I just want to make up for all those evil things I said about the school! Never again! I will turn my column from the festering wound of annoyance it has become into a source of joy for all members of

the Wilkes community!"

"And more than that, spirit! I want to continue my atonement after graduation! I'm going to Career Services tomorrow morning after I wake up, and I'm going to request a job on the Capital Campaign so I can stay at Wilkes forever and help to raise money for important College projects!" Editor's note: This is all of M. E.'s column that we have this week. When we last saw her, she was dancing and playing a tambourine at the Avoca airport, singing the praises of Wilkes College to everyone she met and handing out blue and yellow carnations. She's shaved her head and is wearing blue and gold robes... it's not a pretty sight. If any of you see her, please give us a call at The Beacon. In her current state, she's dangerous--to herself and others--and is sadly in need of deprogramming to break this "Wilkes cult" mentality. Thanks.

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by Skippy Biff

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The Fabulous Skylark does Wilkes

by Skippy Biff St. John IV

Who needs Livingston Diller, The Phormones, The Bul- or any other Programming event ever seen on this campus? Their performances are nothing compared to the new featuring the mellow tunes Las Vegas great, The Fabulous Skylark brought his awe inspiring road show to Wilkes, the school will never be the same again. His show was a wonder of lights, fireworks, and special effects. Even the costumes he wore were wonderful. Each costume made you remember such television greats as Bill Diller, Bea Arthur, Jane Worley and, of course, the wonderful Liberace.

More important than his stage presence was his musical ability and talents. His voice is equal to, if not better than, the greats like Wayne Newton, Robert Goulet, and "The Three Amigos": Sinatra, Martin, and Davis. The crowd melted as he did standard after standard en- tire to a perfect show.

He opened the show with his own renditions of old favo- rite songs like "Chicago," "New York, New York," and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." The only dif- ference was that he changed the song names, every time, to

Wilkes-Barre. "My kind of town, Wilkes-Barre is, my kind of town..."

The highlight of the show was his twenty-eight minute Michael Jackson medley. The crowd went nuts as Skylark gy- rated his hips and exclaimed, "I'm bad, I'm bad, you know it!" He also did Jackson (as well as Jackson 5) classics like "ABC," "I'll Be There," "Thriller," "Off the Wall," and "The Way You Make Me Feel."

Additionally, he performed a variety of movie soundtrack songs including "Maniac," from Flashdance; "I'm All Right" from Caddyshack; and "Neutron Dance" from Beverly Hills Cop (Part I).

Skylark's show will be on the road for the next two months, then it will move to the studio where he will cut his first album. "The album, tentatively called 'Velvet Skylark,' will be in stores for the Christmas rush," said Skylark. "I'm very excited!"

If you missed Skylark's show, you may be able to catch him on the David Letterman show with his touring mate, Jerry "Put Your Hands Together, Make Him Feel at Home" Vale.

Thank you Programming Board for possibly the best concert this reviewer has ever seen.

Rejoice folks, It's HAPPY WEEK!

Pisces- Hey, all right, it's your Happy Week, get excited!

Leo- Well let's hear it. Time to celebrate. It's Happy Week!

Sagittarius- Whoa, the buzz is in the air; it's Happy Week for you, folks!

Capricorn- Guess what? Your time has come, Capricorn! It's Happy Week!

Libra- It's time for you to get hap-hap-happy! It's Happy Week!

Scorpio- No time to get stung, it's your Happy Week!

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Gemini- It's Happy Week for both of you, so get happy and stay happy!

Taurus- No bull my happy heifers; it's Happy Week!

Aquarius- Forget the age of Aquarius; It's the Week of Happy!

Virgo- Good things happen to those who wait. Like Happy Week for instance!

Aries- No beating around the bush; It's Happy Week!

Cancer- Sorry buster, you've already gotten two this semester, so, it's Mediocre Week for you!

Bacon at the movies Rocky 99 hits the big screen

by Siskel N. Ebert

Rocky Balboa is back! At the age of 99, he prepares for the biggest challenge of his life (Sound familiar?). Once again he enters the squared circle, this time it is in a wheelchair. His opponents are Emmanuel "Webster" Lewis and Gary "Whatchu talkin' 'bout?" Coleman, who still look eight years old.

The film starts in Philadelphia where Rocky has been institutionalized at an old age home by his wife. This occurred after she asked him what he

wanted for breakfast and he replied, "Yo Adrian, come sit on my plate." He then proceeded to punch her in a multitude of areas. So Rocky got wheeled into the institution and Adrian married Mr T. Soon afterwards, Adrian and Mr. T adopt Hays and Tays (played by Coleman and Lewis). They then proceed to challenge Rocky to a title bout with Mom and Dad as their managers.

Just before the big fight Rocky demands that the city of Philadelphia builds an access ramp for the famous stairs he climbs every film. So, with a

thousand aging Philadelphians wheeling behind him, Rocky prepares for the big fight.

I don't want to give the ending away, but Rocky gets killed when his chair falls down the stairs. But don't despair, "Rocky 100: Rocky and Jason Live" is in the works!

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Reid, Elliot and others transfer to Wilkes

by Jacques Strappe

When the administration at Wilkes University decided to build the new Sports and Conference Center they never imagined the impact it would have on the athletic department. Wilkes has already been granted permission to move to Division I. With the players who have already requested a transfer to Wilkes it was the University's only move.

Just this morning Head Basketball Coach Ron Rainey met with J.R. Reid former standout star for the University of North Carolina. Reid will be joining the Colonels basketball team in September. Several other standouts have also transferred to Wilkes. Joining the Wilkes basketball squad will be Sean Elliot (Arizona University), Jerome Lane (Pittsburgh), and Mark Macon (Temple).

The women's basketball team has also been inundated with numerous players.

Reports from the athletic department are that many other top notch athletes have been turned away because of the overflow. The number of basketball players, both male and female, has drastically increased since Wilkes' announcement of switching to Division I.

Sources from inside the athletic office say that the flood of athletes is directly related to the new Sports and Conference Center. "Ever since the new Sports and Conference Center has been built the request from athletes already attending major colleges and universities to transfer here has been phenomenal," said a source from within the athletic department who requested not to be identified. "Our only alternative was to request a switch to

Division I. Now that has been granted we can go ahead and accept Reid's, Elliot's, Lane's, and Macon's transfer applications.

Four secretaries have been hired in the athletic office just to handle the phone calls from all the prospective athletic candidates.

Attempts to contact Coach Rainey have failed. Sources close to the coach report that he is still in shock over the events of the past weeks. Jodi Kest, the women's basketball team head coach, couldn't be reached because she is currently in Alabama at Auburn University meeting with Mae Ola Bolton.

Wilkes University has already signed the contract to host an East Regional playoff game in 1990. It could very well be possible that Wilkes University will be the next NCAA Division I Champions.

Instant replay a factor

Seikaly and Syracuse get a second shot

by Marv Alpert

Sports fans, (and any one else who wishes to read) basketball history has been made. All you basketball fans who watched the Syracuse vs Rhode Island game in the second round of the NCAA tournament probably went away thinking Rhode Island had defeated the 1987 runners-up. Well, after further review of the tapes the decision was reversed. It was the first time the NCAA had decided to use instant replay.

When officials looked at the tapes after the game, they realized that the three point shot at the buzzer had indeed gone into the hoop. The two teams were then called back to play the overtime period. Syracuse won the game 102-101 on a bucket by the Orangemen's center Rony Seikaly.

The college basketball world was in shock. Nobody could believe what had just taken place. Syracuse Head Coach Jim Boeheim could not believe what had just taken place. Pandemonium broke out in the Hartford Civic Center.

Syracuse player Derrick Coleman, who had fouled out earlier in the game, stated, "I just can't believe it. I wish I could have been in there in the end but I'm just happy to be able to play more." Boeheim was in so much shock he was unable to speak.

The team then traveled to East Rutherford, New Jersey to take on Duke University at the Meadowlands. Syracuse easily handed Duke a 103-68 loss.

It was then on to Kansas City for the Orangemen to meet Kansas. Kansas was no match for the likes of Sherman Douglass, Seikaly and Coleman. The Orangemen exploded in the second half for 42 of their 95 points.

At halftime, Danny Manning and the rest of the

Jayhawks led Syracuse 68-58. Syracuse's defense was able to shut down the offensive play of the Jayhawks.

"I'm so glad to get the opportunity to redeem ourselves," said Seikaly. "We were here last year and lost to Indiana at the last second." Coleman added, "It was a real heart breaker."

Boeheim was still suffering from the shock of the Rhode Island game that he was unable to speak. He had to hold up signs to tell his players what he wanted them to do. "It was a little confusing," said Douglass. "It threw us off in the first half because we had to stop to read everything he wrote on those little 3X5 cards."

In the final game against Oklahoma, the Orangemen once again rose to the occasion and defeated the Sooners 99-82. "This game was a lot better than the first half," said Coleman. "We got Coach some pointers on the board so he could write his messages."

"We were hoping Coach would have gotten his voice back," Seikaly said, "but, then again, maybe it was better this way."

Douglass commented, "I can't believe it's really happening. Two weeks ago they're telling us we were out of it and now here we are winning it all."

Oh yeah, the last we saw of Coach Boeheim was when they were leading him away. No one knows just when this shock will wear off. Hopefully Boeheim will recover by next season.

So here you have it the real story behind the NCAA Championship Tournament. The Bacon wishes to congratulate the Syracuse Orangemen on their victory and to wish Coach Boeheim a speedy recovery. Who knows? Maybe the NBA will follow the NCAA's lead and go to instant replay.

Lowriders capture Stanley Cup

by Joe Smoe

The sports world is in an uproar -- the Lowriders have won the Stanley Cup in a stunning four game sweep of the Philadelphia Flyers!

To tell the whole story we have to go back to the start. It just so happened that the president of the NHL was in attendance at the Wilkes College Intramural Championship Game. He was so impressed with the way the Lowriders played that he asked them if they would be interested in taking the place of the lowly Minnesota North Stars. The Lowriders accepted, and went on to capture the last play-off position in the Norris Division.

The Lowriders easily disposed of the Detroit Redwings in four games, and then went on to sweep the Saint Louis Blues to win the Norris Division. The fans of Minnesota were amazed with the play of their new team, which featured the league's

hottest goalie, Ed Buonocore. Buonocore didn't allow a single goal to be scored. Also putting in impressive performances were Andre Miller and Dan Dougherty. Miller burned the nets for sixteen goals, while Dougherty amassed the most penalty minutes in a play-off game: twenty.

Well, nobody in their right mind gave the Lowriders a chance against Wayne Gretzky and the high powered Edmonton Oilers, but once again the experts were fooled. The Lowriders dazzled the Oilers with great skating and crunching body checks. The leaders of the Lowrider defensive effort were Pete Huber and Dennis Mejias. Both these fine players crunched Oilers all over the ice. Buonocore was once again awesome, allowing only one goal in the four game sweep of the Oilers.

The stage was set for the Cinderella story of the

Lowriders versus the Flyers. Let me tell you folks it wasn't a pretty series! Before the start of game one both teams were involved in a ten minute fight before a packed Spectrum. The two culprits of the fight were Dave Brown and Bob Wall. Wall was given a ten minute majo, while Brown was unable to compete due to broken ribs.

The Flyers were no match for the quicker Lowriders, especially Jeff Howey. Howey was unstoppable in the short series. His slap shot, which was perfected through the Wilkes College Physics Department, beat goalie Ron Hextal repeatedly. But the hero was Buonocore, he was simply awesome!

With the Lowriders winning the Stanley Cup rumor has it that every NHL scout is combing the Wilkes College campus for hidden talent. The Bacon would like to congratulate the Lowriders on winning the Cup and wish them luck for next season.

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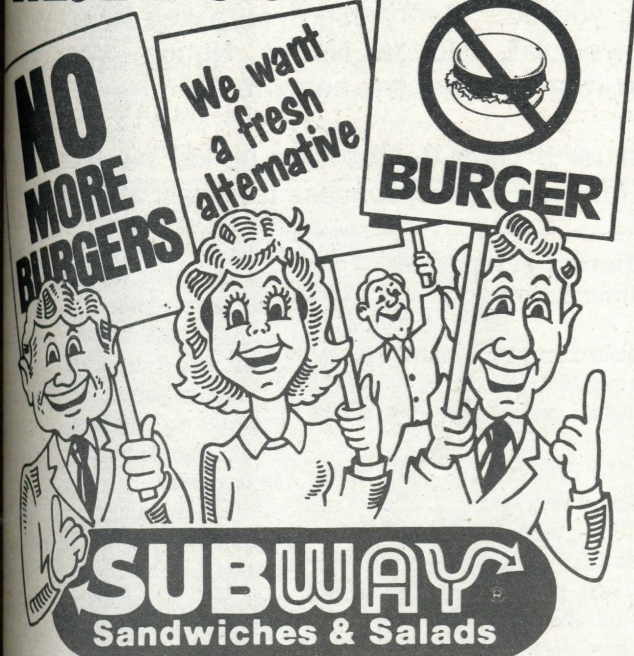
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A different perspective

The land of Academia

by Jo Anne Heen

The sound of my father shouting my name pulled me away from my homework.

"Jo Anne, a storm is coming! Get down to the root cellar, now!" he screamed.

I lifted my head and looked out my bedroom window.

Tornado! I grabbed my formatted disks and lotus program from CS115, a #2 pencil, and prepared to run.

The bedroom windows shattered inward, and as I was sucked through the hole in the wall, before I lost consciousness, I heard my mother's voice. She was saying, "Jo Anne, you're too old for this." Then I was gone.

A insistent prodding to my ribs woke me up. Carefully, I opened one eye and was surprised to see a beautiful woman peering anxiously into my face.

"Who are you?" I croaked weakly.

Dressed in yards of white and pink taffeta and tulle sprinkled with gold glitter, and wearing a black mortarboard on her head, she drew herself up, smiled and announced, "I am the good Dean of Higher Education."

"Where am I?" I asked.

"You are in the land of Academia. There is no turning back." Suddenly, a huge oak desk appeared and the Dean seated herself behind it. Adjusting a pair of spectacles on her nose, she asked, "What would you like to be? A doctor, an engineer, a teacher? No? A secretary?"

"I've always wanted to be a filmmaker," I confessed.

"Then a filmmaker you shall be! Do not worry, we will take care of you now. You are in Academia!"

"This is what I recommend," she continued. "You will begin work on your Associates degree. It is a two year degree allowing you to get all your liberal art and core requirements out of the way first. Then we will transfer you to another school for your Bachelor's degree. What do you say?"

"Why can't I go to a film school and just learn filmmaking?" I asked.

The good Dean shook her head.

"That will never do! Here in Academia we insist all our students be well-rounded. Don't you want to be well-rounded?"

"Good Dean," I said, "I am well-rounded. I've traveled the world a bit, I've been a DJ and worked for a carnival. Plus I write poetry. Isn't that well-rounded enough?"

Shaking her head at my ignorance, the good Dean answered, "You must undergo the College

Experience." Then, glancing at her watch, she jumped to her feet.

"Must run, my dear. I am dedicating the new gym and if I hurry, I may get a parking spot."

"Wait," I cried, "what..."

Her voice floated back to me on the wind,

"Follow the Red Tape Road!"

After walking for days, I came upon a small brick building. I entered and was handed a form the size of the Donnelly Directory.

"Financial Aid report," explained the clerk.

I thumbed through it. The first question read: "If you were born before 1961, fill in all white spaces on pages 1,2 and 3, leaving Section four blank, unless you were in the Marines, then you must fill out the grey spaces near the bottom of page 6, before signing your name in ink."

Three months later, I returned the completed form to the clerk. He glanced through it, nodding.

"You filled everything in correctly. Please wait while I write you a loan check."

The clerk returned with a check and a form for me to sign.

"We will lend you \$2500 for this year. Sign this form swearing you won't join the Peace Corps when it comes time to pay

us back."

I signed the form and looked at the check.

"Hey, this check is only for \$1700.00," I cried. "You're cheating me!"

"Read the fine print," he snapped. "It clearly states that we will lend you \$2500 based on a two semester year, at an interest rate of 8%. After we charge you \$800 for processing, you will receive \$1700 for the year and will owe us \$2800."

"Boy, am I being taken care of," I grumbled to myself. Stuffing the check into my backpack, I continued on my journey.

A week later, I was met by a woman who handed me a paper.

"Here is your course schedule for the next two years," she said.

I studied it. I was registered for Biology, Speech, Human Sexuality, Business Writing, Mouse Dissecting, Japanese, and Badminton.

"I want to be a film maker. There are no film courses on this list. And what's this charge for \$28.50?" I asked.

"The \$28.50 is for your gym uniform. And of course you have no film courses. This schedule is designed for an Associates degree," she answered.

Well, two years passed, and

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Maslow collection to show at Wilkes

An exhibit called "American Art Since WWII from the Maslow Collection" will be on display in the Sordani Art Gallery from April 10 through May 8. Prior to the opening of the exhibit, the collection's owner, Richard Maslow, President and Chief Executive Officer of InterMetro Industries, will give a lecture on April 9 at 4 pm in Schaeffer Hall, located on the first floor of Stark Learning Center.

Another speaker at the exhibit will be Anthony Sorce, a New York artist who has been a consultant to the Maslow Collection. A reception in the Gallery will follow the lecture.

"There is a personal enriching of one's own life through looking at, learning about, and collecting art. We also wish to create an opportunity to share these discoveries with the InterMetro employees and others in the local community for their education and enjoyment," said

Maslow. "Long term, I'd like to build a significant collection which can be added to the area's cultural resources and be available to the public."

Some of the artists that will be featured in the exhibit are Robert Motherwell, Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Frank Stella, and Andy Warhol.

Accompanying the collection will be four films from the award-winning series, "Shock of the New." The films that will be shown are: "Threshold of Liberty," "View from the Edge," "Culture as Nature," and "Future That Was." Each film will be shown twice in the Media Center of Eugene Shedden Farley Library on South Franklin Street.

For more information contact the Sordani Art Gallery at 824-4651, or stop by for a visit. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Stark Learning Center.

Central City Nite Flite: Jazz at Wilkes

by Dominick Cuccia

"Ladies and gentleman, please welcome Central City Nite Flite." If you were at the Cue-n-Curtain's Variety Show, you heard these words, and hopefully in the future you'll be hearing these words on a regular basis. Central City Nite Flite is a progressive jazz-fusion group made up of students from Wilkes College. They play all original music written by members of the group.

Central City was formed in January 1988 with the hopes of taking the group as far as possible and at the same time promoting the group's individual members. The members of the group are: Nick Driscoll on saxophone, Steve Primatic on vibes and marimba, Jeff Gerosky on guitar, Gary Larocca on bass, Jeff Dent on keyboards, Steve Fidyk on drums, Debbie Bialecki on congas, and Dominick Cuccia on percussion.

Throughout the remainder of the semester, Central City Nite Flite will be performing on and around the Wilkes campus. On Saturday, April 9, the group will be performing in the CPA as the opening act for a comedian, Earl Reed, sponsored by the Programming Board. The following afternoon at 3:30, the group will be performing at the senior recital of Gary Larocca, premiering a composition written by Larocca.

Tuesday morning, April 12, at around 11:15, the group will be performing outdoors behind Chase Hall, by the belltower. This performance will be sponsored by M.E.N.C. Later in the month, April 29, 30, and May 1, the group will be performing once again, this time for the Cherry Blossom Festival. This too will be sponsored by M.E.N.C., however, at press time, exact times for the performances were not set. In May, the group will be

performing at the Fine Arts Fiesta, which will be held on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre.

As you can see, things are happening for Central City Nite Flite. However, the group can use support from any person or organization. So if you have a need to acquire the groups services, remember their motto: "With enough notice, we'll play anywhere at any time." Support your fellow students and get out there and enjoy the sounds of Central City Nite Flite.

Wilkes College Programming Board Announces the following openings for 1988-1989 committee chairmen

- Mini-Concert:** dances, concerts, large scale events, etc.
- Novelty:** comedians, hypnotists, lectures, magicians, etc.
- Films:** Selecting latest and classic movies, arranging film festivals, etc.

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Gemini-Keep up the good work Gemini, nothing goes unrewarded.

Capricorn- Sit down and think about all that you have done this week and you might find you have come up short in the effort department. Work a little harder.

Cancer- This may be a bad time to take risk; be leary of "Sure things."

Pisces- Don't be so belligerent ; you do not always have to use force to get what you want.

Aries- You might just have to change your mind on some things you want badly. You might have to give a lot to just get by.

Aquarius- HAPPY WEEK!!! for you this week no more no less.

Leo- Don't fret things are on the up swing. Your suffering will soon be ended.

Sagittarius- Calm yourself down, because this is the week to get things stright once and for all--Don't Blow it.

Scorpio- Yes, you are loved, so don't forget that kid. Be prepared for small inexpensive gifts.

Libra-You will get very lucky this week with every thing you do . Every thing you asked for but did not get--you will. "Nudge, Nudge, Nudge-- Wink, Wink, Wink--Say no more say no more."

Taurus- Brother Bovine, chin up kid, hard times don't last for ever, but in your case it will last a long time.

A different perspective Continued from p. 9

I finished my Associates degree. How proud I was, to be a college graduate, and only \$5600 in debt.

The good Dean of Higher Education appeared.

"Congratulations, my dear," she smiled. "You made it through your first two years. Now continue on the Red Tape Road for your next degree."

I was getting closer to my goal! Only two more years and I'd be a filmmaker, earning big bucks!

A man met me at the door of my new college.

"Here is your class schedule for your Bachelor's degree," he told me. I excitedly studied it. I was signed up for Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, Computer Studies, and Badminton.

"I'm a film major. Why don't I have any film making classes?"

"Because," he replied, "you

have to get a Master's degree in order to make films."

They tell me that with therapy he will walk again.

Years passed. On and on I went, through the land of Academia in degrees, until finally the big day came.

"Dr. Jo Anne Heen, Ph.D. in filmmaking," said the graduation speaker. Tears sprang to my eyes as I rolled my wheelchair to the front of the platform. I was 92 years old and Medicare was picking up my tuition. What a great day! My heart was racing in joy and excitement. I felt dizzy and lightheaded. I...was ...having.....a.....heart attack!

"Jo Anne, wake up, you'll be late for basketweaving class," my roommate shouted in my ear.

"Leave me alone," I mumbled, pulling the covers over my head.

"Basketweaving?!" My head popped out of the covers. Then it wasn't a dream. I really am trapped in the land of Academia!

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Culle

by Wendi Harvey

In the CPA on Wednesday, March 23, Programming Board chairman, Andy Morrell, placed Windham Hill David Cullen. The audience was filled with the sound of beautiful music emerging from Cullen's guitar when he stepped on the stage.

Cullen mentioned his birthday and then played a solo on one of his violins. He also played a jazzed up version of the famous "G" and told the audience that J.S. Bach wrote a ton of music.

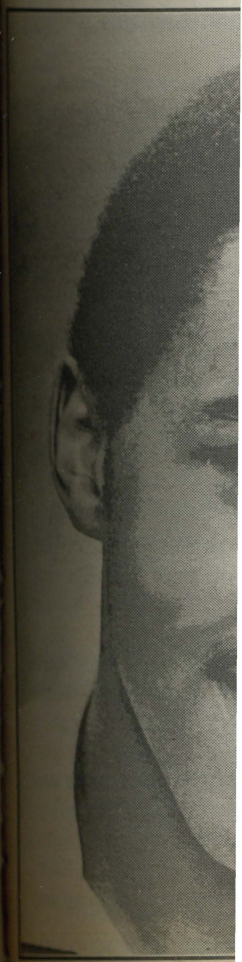
Cullen attended the University of Hartford, Hartford School of Music. He has a background in classical music, but prefers jazz. He is presently studying at Bucknell College, where he plays gigs in the Northeast.

Earl

by Lee Morrell

The holidays are over and it's time to get back to the grind of school. Don't think that the Programming Board would let you come here without entertainment. Your first weekend back is a little side of heaven.

This time the Programming Board has brought you a comedian to goodness. Earl Reed. The CPA. Reed should be at about 8:30, after a jazz fusion group, Central City Nite Flite.



Cullen is a success at Wilkes

Wendi Harvey

the CPA on Wednesday, 23, Programming Board's man, Andy Morrell, introduced Windham Hill guitarist Cullen. The audience was filled with the sound of music emerging from the guitar when he took his place on the stage.

Cullen mentioned Bach's music and then played a prelude of one of his violin pieces. He then played a jazzed up Bach piece and told the audience that Bach wrote a ton of good

Cullen attended the University of Hartford, Hart School of Music. He has a background in jazz music, but prefers playing rock. He is presently teaching at Bucknell College, and he performs in the Northeast.

Cullen was influenced by Ralph Towner who is a guitarist on ECM records. He has been listening to Towner for ten years, and he played two pieces by Towner at the solo concert.

Cullen is featured on the Windham Hill Sampler which will be coming out the first week of May. He has the opening cut on the sampler. When asked what he considered his music, he replied, "My music is light jazz fusion."

While Cullen was tuning his guitar between songs, I overheard a person in the audience say, "He even sounds good when he is tuning the guitar." Before the intermission, Cullen played "On the way," which is the song that will be featured on the Windham Hill Sampler.

After the intermission Cullen played two traditional

jazz pieces. He played a popular tune called "Spain" which the audience recognized, and ahh's were heard.

Cullen told the audience about a scary experience he had the first time he went plane gliding. He wrote a song about the experience which he titled "The Glide Ride," and he played it for the audience. It was a very light and peaceful tune. He painted a scene of the gliding by playing his music.

The last piece Cullen played was titled "Cycles," and he considered it to be rock and roll on classic guitar. For his encore Cullen played a variation of "Cycles." Then he played a jazz version of "Heard it through the grape vine."

The Programming Board has many solo and mini concerts scheduled throughout the semester.



If you missed David Cullen, Earl Reed, a comedian who will be performing Saturday, April 9.

Earl Reed WILL make you laugh

Lee Morrell

The holidays are over and it's time to get back to the bump of school. Don't you think that the Programming Board would let you come back without entertainment for the first weekend back in our college of heaven.

This time the hardworking Programming Board has brought you another good goodness headliner: Earl Reed. The show is on Saturday night at 8:00 in the CPA. Reed should come on at 8:30, after a set by the fusion group, Central City

Nite Flite, a band made up of Wilkes students.

Reed is no stranger to the college scene. He has performed at over fifty different schools. Among them are Boston University, Dartmouth College, Lehigh University, North Carolina State Univ., Northeastern Univ., Univ. of Mass., Univ. of Rhode Island, and many more.

Reed has also been a headliner at many comedy clubs from different places in country. He's worked at Catch a Rising Star, NYC; Chuckle's Comedy Club, Long Island; Comedy Attic, Rochester; Comic Strip, Fort

Lauderdale; Comic Strips, NY; Dangerfield's, NY; Governor's Comedy Club, Long Island; Hysterics, Long Island; and Yuk Yuk's, Buffalo and Rochester. This list is only a small sampling of the clubs Reed has worked; we don't have the room to list them all (if we listed them all, we wouldn't have much more space left, understand?).

Aside from touring on his own, Reed has appeared with such notables as Yakov "What a Country!" Smirnoff, Tom Driessen, Steven Wright, Jay Leno and Paula Poundstone (both of "Late Night with David

Letterman" fame), Whitney Houston, Chaka Khan, and Kool & the Gang. He has also made TV and radio appearances, most notably his own show called "Earl Reed -- An Evening of Stand-up Comedy," on KNME-TV (PBS) Albuquerque, NM.

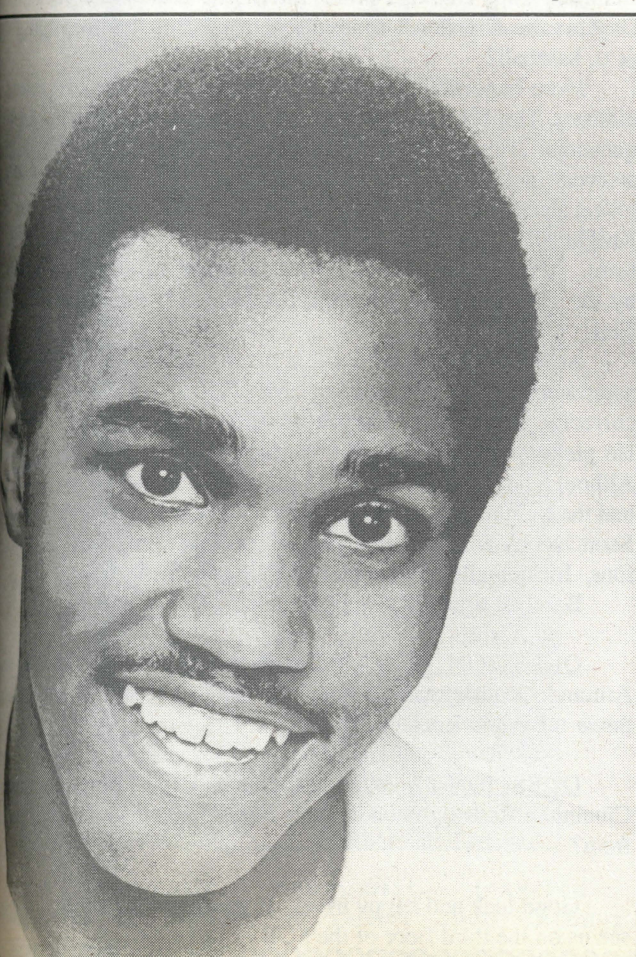
Besides comedy, Reed professes to be an expert in basketball, juggling, and improvisation.

The *Hartford Advocate* says about Earl Reed that "he has a dynamic, multi-faceted approach to comedy." The *Sunday Post* says, "Reed's act showed a good sense of timing, and he had a wide-eyed

innocent look that worked well with his material." And J.T. Taylor, lead singer of Kool and the Gang, said, "Great act! Definitely an asset to our shows!"

So sit back and be prepared for an unparalleled evening of comedy. Rumor has it that Reed did a three hour show -- one of the longest on record -- to a capacity crowd at Lehigh University. So, we might be in for a long, funny night.

The only thing left to do is show up at 8:00 for the opening act -- Central City Nite Flite -- then sit back and laugh with Earl Reed.



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Baseball team splits with Clarkson

by Lisa Miller

On Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2, the Wilkes College men's baseball team hosted Clarkson University from Potsdam, N.Y.

In Friday's game Clarkson defeated the Colonels 16-2. Josefowicz picked up the loss for Wilkes.

On Saturday, Bill Evanina, a junior transfer from Keystone Junior college, threw an eight-hitter to lead the Colonels to a 15-1 victory over Clarkson. Brian Reilly and Eric Price each knocked in four runs to pace the Wilkes team. The victory aveng-

ed Wilkes' loss to Clarkson on Friday. The Colonels record now stands at 2-5.

Evanina's record is 1-1, as he walked four and struck out four Clarkson players. Evanina didn't allow any earned runs. Evanina backed up his pitching with two hits of his own, knocked in one run, and scored two.

The Colonels buried Clarkson early as they scored two runs in the second inning and then took total command of the game scoring nine runs in the third.

Reilly, a freshman from Dunmore, and Price, a graduate of Wyoming Valley West, were

primarily responsible for the Wilkes assault. Reilly hit a two-run home run with Price on base to account for the Colonels two runs in the second inning.

In the third Reilly hit an RBI triple and Price picked up a two run triple in the fifth.

Rob Pietrzyk hit a two run double in the third, then Ken Chakon drove him home with a single.

The Colonels next play at home today (Thursday) against Scranton. Game time is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Come out and show your support for the Colonels.

Steeber Named to ECAC All-Star team

Basketball star Jeff Steeber has once again gained recognition for his outstanding career at Wilkes College. Steeber was recently named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference 1987-88 all-star squad as a member of the second-team front court.

The honor caps off a fine four-year performance for the earth and environmental science

major from Shickshinny, PA. Steeber had earlier been named to the MAC all-star second team. The 6-foot-5 senior closed out his basketball career at Wilkes becoming the thirteenth Colonel to score 1000 points.

This past season Steeber averaged 18.6 points per game and led the team in rebounds, pulling down 9.3 per game.

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	W	L
1. Scratch & Sniff	2	0
2. T.L.S.	1	1
3. Sporting Woodies	0	2
4. Smegma Pi Beavers	1	1
5. Psychedelic Solution	0	1

DIVISION B

	W	L
1. Fighting Irish	0	1
2. The Spleefers	1	1
3. Beer-Time Raiders	2	0
4. Stooges	0	1
5. Model "A" Fords	1	0
6. Foot Long Hot Dogs	0	1

DIVISION C

	W	L
1. Roadwarriors	1	1
2. Men of Girth	2	0
3. Renegades	0	2
4. Leftovers	1	0
5. Minrr Maulers	0	1

DIVISION D

	W	L
1. The Mixers	0	1
2. Sterling Specials	1	1
3. Priapus	1	1
4. Silver Bullets	1	0
5. Diaz Alumni	1	0
6. Go Nads	0	1

Standings as of 4-6-88

5:00 Renegades vs Minrr Maulers
Priapus vs Diaz Alumni

Thurs. April 14

4:00 Scratch & Sniff vs Smegma Pi Beavers
The Spleefers vs Foot Long Hot Dogs
5:00 Roadwarriors vs Leftovers
Sterling Specials vs Go Nads

Tues. April 12

4:00 T.L.S. vs Smegma Pi Beavers
The Spleefers vs Stooges
5:00 Men of Girth vs Leftovers
Sterling Specials vs Silver Bullets

Wed. April 13

4:00 Sporting Woodies vs Psychedelic Solution
Beer-Time Raiders vs Model "A" Fords

Men's tennis team served two losses

By Rob Mac Arthur

The Wilkes College men's tennis team started their season slowly with two losses. The first came in the opener against Ursinus the Thursday before spring break. The second came on Tuesday against Moravian.

Coach Wingert believes the losses are due to the sheer inexperience of many of the players. Only a few of them played on their high school tennis teams. Wingert believes the new players must focus on consistency and aggressiveness in collegiate play.

"I've been playing well, but

just haven't been getting breaks," said number one Chris Arabis.

"My serve is becoming stronger. I feel that our match at Susquehanna will be a win for Wilkes," said newsmen to the team, Mac Czerniakowski.

The team plays at Susquehanna on Thursday at 3 p.m. They travel to Juniata on Saturday, April 9, with the women's team. The next match is Tuesday, April 12, against Albright. Match time set for 3:30 p.m. Come out and show your support for the Colonels.

TRIVIA '88

by Lee Morrell

Hey, wow, two weeks in a row, let's celebrate! First and foremost, I must congratulate my good friend Danny Manning and his Kansas Jayhawk teammates for their defeat of the high powered Oklahoma Sooners in the NCAA tournament final. Has anyone else noticed that the Sooners have come in second place in both major college championships held this year? First, they lost to Miami on New Year's Day for the Division I football championship, and now this. What's next, baseball?

More important than that, congratulations to that everpresent trivia monster, Tim Walker, for his quick and accurate answers to last week's questions. Hey Tim, I won't tell anyone you had to look up one of the answers in an encyclopedia (just kidding, folks). In case anyone was losing sleep over it, the team that Joe B. Hall, Don Haskins, and Bobby Knight all coached in 1972 was the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team. Also, the very first NCAA title was won, exactly fifty years ago, by the Oregon Ducks over the Buckeyes of Ohio State. Way to go, Tim.

Another congratulations that must go out is to Emory Guffrovich, assistant dean of admissions. Mr. Guffrovich came the closest to correctly picking the final four and eventual champion of the NCAA. He picked as his final four: Purdue, Arizona, Duke, and Oklahoma. Although he chose Purdue to win it all, he did pick three out of four and had the right region for the winner. Next came senior basketball player Scott Jacoby and *Beacon* sports editor, Bill Kern, each with two out of four. Incidentally, no one picked Kansas to break the final four.

Baseball time folks, 'nuff said!

QUESTION #1 What Yankees outfielder argued with umpire Armando Rodriguez and said: "I cussed him out in Spanish, and he threw me out in English?"

QUESTION #2 What brand of ball was Milwaukee Braves and Cincinnati Reds righthander Joey Jay the first to graduate to the majors from?

Good luck and happy trivia. If you know the answers, stop up and see us on the third floor of the SUB or call x2962.