

College Readies for Middle States Evaluation

The College is currently preparing for a Middle States evaluation next year by conducting a self-study of its programs and facilities.

This is the first in a two-part process that can lead to accreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. The College is now analyzing its own educational resources and effectiveness by reviewing every major aspect of program, governing and supporting structures, resources and services, and educational outcomes.

Special Committee

A special group of administrators, faculty, and students has been divided into six committees: Steering; Goals, Outcome, and Program; Students and Student Life; Teaching; Faculty and Governance; and Organizational Resources and Finance.

The Steering Committee, chaired by President Robert Capin, is charged with the responsibility to plan and oversee the entire self-study project.

Dr. James Rodechko chairs the Goals, Outcome and Program Committee, which is in charge of outlining the philosophical stance of Wilkes, while Students and Student Life, headed by Dr. Les Turoczi, is examining the admissions policy and student services.

The Teaching Committee, led by Dr. Samuel Merrill, is responsible for analyzing the quality of instruction offered at the College.

Faculty and Governance, chaired by Dr. David Leach, is examining the policies related to faculty employment as well as the governance of the institution, and Organizational Resources and Finance, headed by Dr. Andrew Shaw, is reviewing the College's facilities and resources.

Completion Date June

All committees began working in October, and are required to submit interim reports to the Steering Committee in January. Final reports will

be made in April, and the complete study will be edited and submitted to the president in June, and to Middle States in July.

A team of experienced academic colleagues from other institutions will visit the campus next fall to evaluate the self-study in light of the facts as they see them, and to give Wilkes their views on the validity of that self-analysis.

The Commission then examines the self-study document, the evaluation team's report, and Wilkes' formal response before deciding whether or not to award accreditation. Institutions such as Wilkes must undergo this process, which usually lasts at least a year, every ten years.

Last Accreditation in 1970

The College was last granted accreditation in 1970. A report submitted by two observers on the Middle States evaluation team included the opinion

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Wilkes-King's Unite In Theatrical Effort

Due to the fact that Wilkes has no Theater Arts major at present, a theatrical cooperative program has been established with King's College, enabling both schools to enhance intercollegiate productions.

The respective schools have contributing factors that compliment one another; while King's offers an advanced theater arts major, it lacks an appropriate facility for stage productions. On the other hand, Wilkes provides only a concentration in Theater Arts, but has available an outstanding theater complex, the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. The Wilkes Board of Trustees has made a mandate of this cooperative program between the two schools, hoping to avoid a duplication of services in this particular curriculum.

According to President Capin, unlike many of the other co-op programs between Wilkes and King's, the Theater Arts Department had no significant problems arise in the initial production. A spirit of cooperation was prevalent throughout the event, despite the participation of two different institutions.

Since there has been a good attitude in the co-op theater production, the possibility of a cooperative study program in Theater Arts is being considered as an alternative to improving the Wilkes Theater Arts curriculum. This choice would save a large amount of money by reducing the number of instructors needed, although students would have to travel a greater distance to attend classes and may lose some of their identity with Wilkes.

A second alternative under consideration, according to President Capin, is the separation of the Theater Arts studies from the English Department. This would entail hiring another professor, thus increasing costs. "Before making the final decision," said President Capin, "I must consider the number of students being serviced and apply available resources as economically as possible." Barring unusual circumstances, he believes that although he will hire someone for the Theater Arts Department by the fall of 1979, he must reconcile a declining enrollment with an increasing staff.

Under the present system, a student wishing to pursue a curriculum in Theater Arts must major in English initially, with a concentration in Theater Arts. Courses offered in theatrical studies are listed in the Wilkes College Bulletin, but many have not been taught for the past several years. President Capin feels the College should be prepared to actually teach these courses if the school is to increase enrollment in the future. He also believes that Wilkes loses a considerable number of applicants due to the lack of an established Theater Arts program.

Although this department has a staff of only two (Klaus Holm and Alfred Groh), it will continue to present three or four productions per year. By improving the Theater Arts program, it is hoped that a greater number of productions will be made possible.

This is important because it is through the theater that the school establishes a reputation in the public eye. However, although the school's prominence is important, President Capin concluded by asserting that the primary concern is a quality education for the student.

Peter Steve & Patti Sparlow



Studying Students Culprits Energy Waste a Problem in SLC

Discussed in the previous Sunday's Inter-Dormitory Council meeting was the problem of an unnecessary waste of energy in Stark Learning Center. It seems that those students who take advantage of studying over at Stark are wasting electricity when they turn on every light in a room where only two or three people are studying.

According to IDC president Gary Toczylowski, this has mainly occurred in SLC 101 - a room with an estimated capacity of 350 people.

"They're (the administration) trying to save energy" Toczylowski stated adding that if this practice continues, study in SLC will be prohibited. Also a complaint was the amount of trash found on the floors, such as pizza boxes and coke cans. In concluding, Gary pleaded that students "be considerate of the school."

IDC, in other business, announced the appointment of a new leader for the maintenance department. Bruce Fonz will replace Roger Jones, promoted to higher position in another

capacity, as the director of maintenance operations. Fonz's qualifications include a B.A. in Park and Recreation services, a Master in Business Administration, plus years of previous experience at other institutions, according to Gary. Adding that "he's really into it," Gary said he expects maintenance to "pick up" even more.

The IDC coed committee is still considering the possibility of male-female dormitories. Among current reasons why coed living would be more beneficial is that it perhaps would "clean up the language," cause less dorm damage, and maybe provide better student dress. Other reasons include the development of better and more comfortable relationships between the opposite sex as well as the fact that coed dorms would prepare one for "apartment living." A questionnaire seeking student opinions is scheduled to be distributed during dinner sometime this week.

Because of an unfair "monopoly" that the nursing department is enjoying over the

possession of parking permits for nurses, IDC is officially requesting that nurses "must car-pool" in order to give other needy permit seekers an opportunity to park. Currently 55 parking permits belong to nurses, but IDC is hoping to limit the number of permits issued to nurses.

Tickets for the Christmas party, to be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, are five dollars. The party is being held in Pittston and IDC will have maps on how to get there. Music will be provided by Marty Edwards and Energy. IDC urges that students "get your tickets quick." "We don't want a function where everyone comes out at the last minute."

Tony Lillis

Reviews Revealed

In this issue we review the activities of Student Government, Commuter Council, Inter-Dormitory Council, and the Student Union Board, as we do at the end of each semester. These analyses begin on p. 2.

NOTICE

This is the last Beacon of the Fall Semester. Our next issue will be Jan. 25.

Debate Union Extends Awards to 18 With Four Victories at Shippensburg

After being out on the road once again, members of the Debate Union have brought home more honors for the College.

This time the Union captured four more victories to add to an already impressive record. These four wins raises the number of trophies won since September to 18.

The latest victories came at the "Big Shippensburg No. 2" Tournament. For two days, 22 institutions competed for honors, with the Wilkes unit finishing sixth-just one point away from winning still another trophy. Individual winners for the De-

bate Union included: Brian Wild, third place in demagogic discourse; Darlene Schaffer, fourth in original story-telling; Davida

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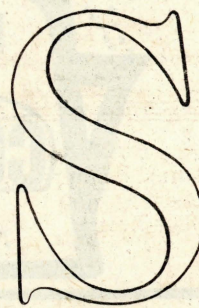
All freshmen, sophomores and juniors contemplating a career in teaching should register with the Education Department on Wednesday, Dec. 13, Thursday, Dec. 14, or Friday, Dec. 15 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Education building, Butler Hall, South River and West Northampton Sts.

Those uncertain of this career should still register to insure future eligibility.

Roberts, fourth in impromptu interpretation; and Colleen Gries, fourth in impromptu sales competition.

In addition to these awards, Wilkes qualified four more individuals for participation in the national championship tournament sponsored by the National Forensic Association in April.

The Wilkes unit is now preparing for its final tournament of the semester at Towson State University in Towson, Md., where it will try to extend its winning record. Dr. Bradford Kinney coaches and directs the Debate Union.



EASON'S GREETINGS

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRESIDENT & MRS. ROBERT S. CAPIN

SG Analysis

SG Accomplishments 'Few'

Looking over this past semester and trying to find significant accomplishments made by Student Government is like trying to find a needle in a haystack. Very few, if any, steps were taken to bring about changes in student life.

The problem seems to stem from this year's executive council. Everyone is doing his job at an acceptable level but that is not enough if SG is to accomplish anything.

Steve Kirshner, SG president, rarely gives his opinion on anything and has a hard time keeping order at meetings. It appears that his main concern is to run meetings quickly.

One could say that according to Robert's Rules of Order a president of a body is not to give his opinion. Fine. This point is well-taken, but then Kirshner's problem is that he is obviously not delegating his authority properly. He has to come up with the ideas, goals, and directions of SG and get everyone working. WE know he has the potential to do this—otherwise we wouldn't have endorsed his candidacy—but so far he has shown himself to be not very effective.

The rest of the executive council suffers much the same problem. Last year's executive council was a good one no matter what some people might say and accomplished a lot. This year's members are effective to a certain extent but as a whole they simply can't get the ball rolling for SG.

Student Government consists of 26 members, but only a handful really take the job seriously. As a prime example, Monday night under committee reports, Marla Brodsky was giving her wrap-up report for the semester for the social committee. She complained about the SG members who are on the committee and noted that the non-SG members were much more involved and active. She feels that being an SG representative means more than just attending weekly meetings.... How true this is.

Routine Business

As far as handling routine

business SG had few problems here. All committees have adequate chairman who are getting the job done.

Homecoming was a big success thanks to Sharon Manganiello and Gerry D'Albis, Homecoming Co-Chairmen. (D'Albis didn't hold that title officially, but he did more than enough work to deserve the credit.) Everything ran smoothly and fell right into place.

The film committee, headed by Ross Mantione, has done a commendable job in presenting a wide selection of films and in dealing with projectors that break down.

Marla Brodsky, social committee chairman, has had a lot to deal with this past semester when considering the added responsibility given to her committee. Her committee is now in charge of the scheduling of all campus social events but because of some uncooperative organizations, parties, or social events end up competing against each other. Other than that Brodsky has high hopes for her committee and I'm sure they will be realized.

The publicity and elections and constitution committees have also completed their jobs successfully.

SG Evaluations

The academic committee is definitely the most dedicated and hard working committee on SG and it is determined to get the SG teacher evaluation forms distributed, completed, and published.

This committee, which is headed by Julie Kent, consists of only one other member, Ross Mantione. It has had to deal with keeping the faculty happy and aware of what is going on, seeking printing costs, finding an optical scanner to compile the data from the forms, and non-supportive students.

Even if the evaluation doesn't come off 100 percent successfully the evaluation is important and needed to keep the quality of education here at the College at a high level.

Kent deserves a ton of praise

for her work and what makes it even more commendable is that she is not even a member of Student Government. People like her are desperately needed on SG.

SG Members

The SG body itself is composed mostly of students who are interested in Wilkes College but are not willing to put any effort into making it better.

This is not the case for all, as certain people stand out and should be mentioned. They include Greg Black, Mike Barth, Dave Blumfield, Ross Mantione, Marla Brodsky, Joe Galli and Pat McNamara. (The freshmen have not been on the body long enough to make themselves known.)

Student Government has got to get going if it wants to accomplish anything. Routine business is just not enough and is not progressive. □

I think SG should take a look at its little brother, IDC, who has been lifting weights and is ready to take you on.

Jim Edwards

SUB to Install Dance Floor

At the last SUB meeting for this semester, a unanimous vote was taken by the board to install a dance floor on the first floor of the building. The floor is being installed by Nigel Gray and Tony D. at no cost to the SUB except for the finishing materials such as molding varnish.

If the floor cannot be refinished, the SUB will either have linoleum installed or else purchase a portable floor which could be put up when needed. Whatever choice is made, the floor will be finished by the start of next semester for future parties held in the SUB.

Director Bob Austin made it very clear that all refunds from machines will be available up to and including Thursday, December 7, with no refunds being given after this date. These



BIO FACULTY RETREAT HELD - Faculty members of the Biology Department held its "Second Annual Faculty Retreat" recently, to plan department functions and discuss future growth.

"The purpose of this retreat," said Chairman Les Turoczi, "was to take care of current curricular matters, give faculty members a chance to gather information and exchange ideas, and to plan the future growth of the department." He also commented that decisions pertaining to students in the department will be discussed with them.

Pictured from left are Biology Department faculty members [first row]: Henry Steuben [preparation supervisor], Charles Reif, Robert Ogren, and Wilbur Hayes.

Second row: Clyde Houseknecht, Robert Doty, Les Turoczi, Lou Rigley, and John Erickson.

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IDC Analysis **More Productive This Year**

This Sunday's final Inter-Dormitory Council meeting of the semester will cap what has, so far, been IDC's most productive effort in recent years. According to many "returning" students, this year's IDC has demonstrated a "marked improvement" in the efficiency and responsiveness of fulfilling dorm students needs as well as initiating and supporting student related activities and policies. Says one R.A. "this year's IDC is so much better than before."

Much of the credit for IDC's success thus far in the year deserves to go to IDC president Gary Toczylowski. Gary's unrelenting involvement in all aspects of student affairs along with his effective leadership has provoked a general increase in student sensitivity towards the Wilkes College community. He, however, insists that "better communication" between IDC and the Housing Office has played an essential role in its success and acknowledges that IDC could never have been effective during the semester if it weren't for Housing Director Joe Marchetti. "They (Housing Office) have given us valuable advise and have been there whenever we needed them.... they're great."

Of all of IDC's accomplishments in the first semester, perhaps their greatest achievement was their "tighter" organization. Unlike last year, this year's IDC has regular scheduled office hours which students can utilize for doing anything from purchasing concert tickets to requesting maintenance repairs. Along with IDC representative, the office serves as an "ear" of dorm student problems and wishes. "We've been trying to answer student gripes as much as we can" stated Toczylowski adding that he recognizes the "need for better dorm living conditions."

Probably IDC's best known accomplishment this semester was their successful effort in modifying the alcohol policy so as to permit quarter kegs in the dorms. Its achievements, however, root much deeper than that and improved relations with maintenance personnel is one of these accomplishments. According to Toczylowski, communication has "been enhanced tremendously" since the beginning of the semester. The result has been more and better quality work being completed. So called "response sheets" - a written memo declaring what action is being taken or specific job tasks is greatly credited for the better IDC-maintenance relationship. Response sheets took effect during the middle of the semester.

Another goal reached by IDC thus far is more dorm student participation in school sponsored activities. People are "more aware" says the IDC president.

The renovation of the bulletin board may also be credited to IDC. These Wilkes bulletin boards serve as a major source of information concerning school events and IDC wants to see them used to their greatest

extent.

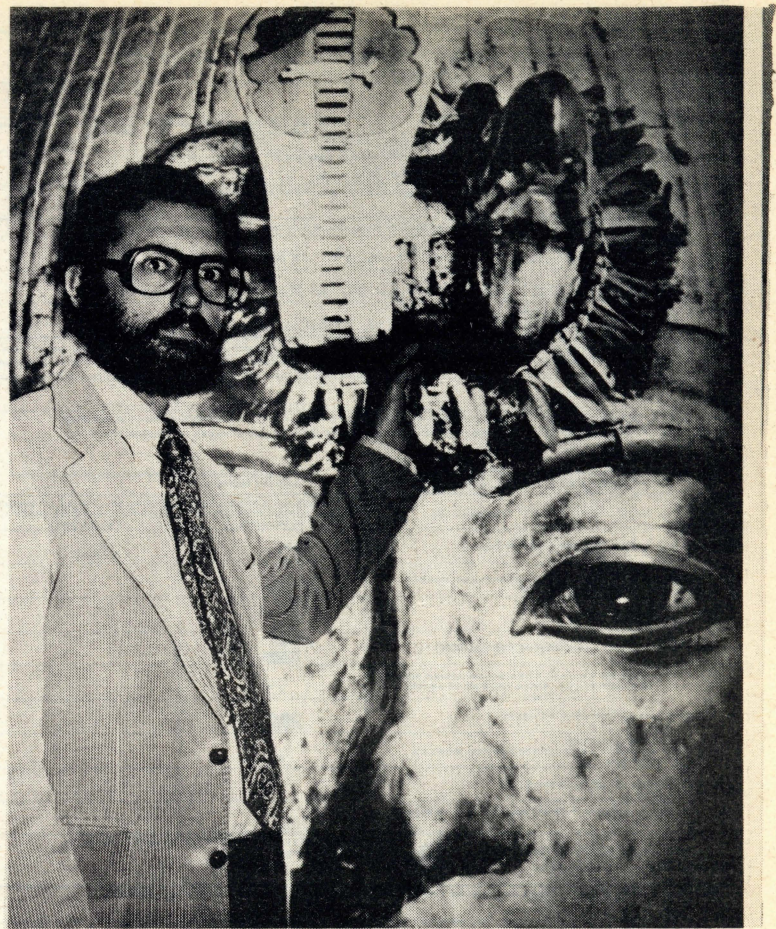
IDC has also learned its share of "Lessons" in the half year. Its major lesson benefited from has been gaining experience and knowledge on future Arts and Crafts workshops. According to Gary, because the first workshop was held in the fall, a poor turnout appeared. "The fall was our trial run and we learned from our mistakes" he said adding that another one will be held in the spring.

Currently, IDC's major task is questioning the possibility of Coed dormitories for Wilkes. Several meetings have been held with the Deans, not to mention the ones between the Coed committee members. A student questionnaire has been drawn up and is to be distributed before exam week.

Perhaps IDC's only flaw this year has been some repeated absence of dorm representatives at meetings on Sunday nights. As many as ten dorms were absent from a meeting held two weeks ago and that was not the only time that this has occurred.

Now that the semester is coming to a close, we can start to consider IDC's possibilities for the spring term. This semester's progress has offered IDC virtually countless directions that student activities can venture toward. Already speculated for the spring is a block party, another arts and crafts workshop, a field day - perhaps with King's College - plus a feasible Bavarian Festival or Oktoberfest. Here is to IDC next semester!

Tony Lillis



'TUT' TRIP & LECTURE SLATED-"Treasures of Tutankhamun," the exhibit of art pieces from the tomb of the Egyptian king, will soon be transferred to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Approximately 300 Wilkes-Barre area people will travel to view the exhibit through a trip arranged by the College Sordani Art Gallery, on Dec. 22. The Gallery has scheduled a slide-lecture for tonight at 8 in the Schaffer Lecture Hall in anticipation of this trip and to give others the opportunity to be exposed to this popular attraction.

Dr. Richard Fuller of the Fine Arts Department will present the lecture, based on personal experience gained while at the Schutz American School in Alexandria, Egypt. He had the opportunity to visit the tombs in the Valley of the Kings and to collect the various art objects and slides he will use in his talk.

Fuller is shown with one of the pieces he will discuss, a wood carving of Tut as a young boy.

SUB Analysis **Good Job Despite Problems**

After covering numerous SUB meetings, it is our opinion that the Student Union Board did as good a job as they possibly could have done in conducting SUB affairs, considering the many problems they had to face during the semester.

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Definitely the biggest problem the Board had to deal with was the lack of student cooperation. Every machine in the SUB was damaged at one time or another due to student abuse. The Home Box Office unit, which the SUB had been waiting to obtain for a long period of time, was stolen within a month of installation. Student guilt is obvious in this situation since the unit was present in the morning and found missing later that day. Disorderly conduct of students at parties also caused unnecessary damage to the SUB, forcing the board to spend revenue on correcting the damages, when the money could have been allocated for other improvements.

On top of these weekly problems, the theft of the newly installed Pioneer stereo system caused the board to delay any further improvements in the SUB. After covering an emergency meeting concerning this topic, we feel the disappointment expressed by the SUB council about student attitude was total-

ly justified.

Even after these various setbacks, the SUB continued to conduct affairs as effectively as possible, keeping the students' interest in mind at all times. It is apparent to us, as it should be to everyone at Wilkes, that if student cooperation improves in future semesters, the SUB's contributions to our campus will greatly increase.

Patti Sparlow
Peter Steve

NOTICE

The Junior Class has obtained the Roller King Rink in Kingston for January 18th from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight free to all students. There is a skate rental fee of 75 cents. It is important to note that the Rink will only be open to Wilkes students ONLY!!!!

FOUND - A TI-30 Calculator was found Tuesday in the Commons. Anyone who might have lost it is asked to visit the Commons.

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Stark Seen as 'Great Resource'

To The Editor:

With our Library's limited hours, the availability of Stark Learning Center at all hours is a great resource, evidently in danger of closing for all but class hours. I hope the administrative side of our Wilkes College Family can see the savings of energy, and its expense as insignificant in contrast to the opportunity it affords it's students.

While I accept that the cost of keeping SLC lit for all hours must be phenomenal, so is the need for an after hours place to study. This is evidenced by the fact that many nights in all of Stark an empty room cannot be found.

With regard to the mess, I'm sorry to admit that occasion I've been less than tidy. (While hardly reckless, I do tend to tard and spaz when finalizing.) Now with such an alternative spelled out

for us, ie. Stark vs. no Stark, I hope we can all appreciate and respect the privledge allowed us there.

Thank You
Justin Schiess

Barker Lauded; Loss Observed

To the Editor:

I know I speak for many when I say I regret to hear the news of the resignation of Doris Barker. Wilkes College will not only lose a great woman and registrar, but also a great person. It will be a very tough loss to take. Best wishes in whatever you do, Mrs. Barker.

Sincerely,
Eddie White III
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In Our Opinion

THROUGHOUT THIS SEMESTER THE BEACON HAS DELVED INTO SEVERAL AREAS WHERE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING AND STUDENT INTEREST ARE CONCERNED. THESE AREAS INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS, BROADCASTING, AND THEATER ARTS. EACH HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE STRUGGLING IN ONE SENSE OR ANOTHER; THE COMMUNICATIONS CONCENTRATION, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTRACTING A NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO THE ENGLISH CURRICULUM, OFFERS A POOR JOURNALISM PROGRAM, WHERE FEW COURSES ARE TAUGHT, AND THEN ONLY BY ADJUNCT PROFESSORS.

WCLH, THE COLLEGE RADIO STATION, ALSO CONNECTED WITH COMMUNICATIONS VIA THE BROADCASTING COURSE OFFERED HERE, HAS ATTRACTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS, AS INVOLVED STUDENTS THERE CLAIM THAT THE COLLEGE SEEMS UNWILLING TO SUPPORT A VIABLE PROGRAM. (This will be explored further in future issues.)

AND IN THIS ISSUE, WE LEARN OF THE COOPERATIVE THEATER PROGRAM, WHERE WILKES HAS OUTSTANDING FACILITIES, BUT NO ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

SOMETHING IS WRONG.

THERE ARE STUDENTS HERE WHO HAVE COME TO WILKES TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS AND HAVE FOUND THAT THE PROGRAMS EITHER DO NOT EXIST, OR ARE INADEQUATE. THIS SIMPLY IS NOT FAIR, IS NOT A GOOD EXAMPLE OF QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION, AND NOT BEFITTING A COLLEGE WHICH "IS READY TO STAND COMPARISON WITH THE BETTER COLLEGES OF ITS TIME."

Accreditation (from page 1)

that "the development of Wilkes College is one of the success stories of American higher education," commenting that after only 23 years as a four-year college "it has already begun to acquire something of a national reputation."

The observers commented that the faculty had grown in numbers and merit, the facilities are impressive, academic programs had increased in number and gained in worth, and "in short, Wilkes has come of age and may be recognized as a mature institution. Wilkes is ready to stand comparison with the better colleges of its time."

Suggested Improvements Listed

They did encourage a better relationship with the community, an increased faculty salary scale and reduced teaching load, and more diversification in the graduate schools and teaching experience of the faculty, as well as a more vigorous recruitment policy, less rigidity in the core requirements, and less text-book teaching.

Since 1970, Wilkes has recovered from the 1972 Agnes Flood and acted on some of the suggestions made by the evaluation team.

Progress Made

Some of the changes from that time include a decrease in faculty (from 168 to 156 but an increase in the number of Ph.D.'s (64 to 76). Also, there has been an increase in the average faculty

What Better Time?

More than 400 students at Wesleyan University gathered at the athletic field one night to chant a "communal moan." Lasting half and hour, the moan could be heard two blocks away. The event was sponsored by a student theater group as a means of venting frustration over mid-term exams.

Anyone looking for an event to sponsor?

Letter Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed from all interested parties. Letters should be typed or written neatly and must be submitted by the Monday before publication. A box has been placed in the library for this purpose and letters may also be delivered to The Beacon office, room 27, Parrish Hall.

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salary (although the average salary of a Wilkes faculty member is still below that of a faculty member at the typical public or private institution, and about equal to one at a church-related college. These figures for a "typical" institution come from an average of some 2500 colleges and universities).

Core requirements were revised in 1976-77, the Stark Learning Center complex was dedicated in 1975, and a new Student Union Building is being planned for 1979-80.

Tuition has increased by 47.5 per cent since 1969-70, but enrollment has decreased almost consistently since 1974, when there were 4,717 total students (full-time, part-time, resident, degree, and non-degree), compared to the estimated 4,200 this year. Financial aid has also increased steadily, however.

In addition to instituting several new programs (among them Cooperative Education, the Weekender Program, and others), Wilkes is presently in the midst of a \$2.4 million "Alpha" campaign, and has conducted a "Goals of the College" study, which will be used in this self-study.

These statistics and the more intangible merits and deficiencies of the College are being scrutinized by committee members prior to the writing of the self-study document. Cost of the entire evaluation process is estimated at over \$2000.

Wilma Hurst

Manuscript Review

It's time to take down all of those boxes and bags that have been resting quietly in our attics. Once again we tack wreaths and paper Santas on our walls and doors in a vain attempt to impress our neighbors. We eagerly replace the burned out bulbs in our strings of blinking lights. We mail Christmas cards, assemble our trees and consume vast quantities of bottled cheer. And we promise ourselves that this Christmas will be better than the last.

Someone once told me that Americans will package, sell and buy just about anything and why should Christmas be the exception. If you can afford it, Santa Claus, three of his reindeer and a few rubber choir boys can be yours for less than \$39.95. Yes, we all can buy the perfect Christmas starting with the perfect atmosphere; Canned snow has been created for those of us who cannot deal with the real, wet, cold stuff. Everything reeks of synthetic pine and bayberry. It's not enough to have replaced Christ with an X; that symbol now stands for "X amount of profit."

Those few remaining people who still believe that Christmas is a religious holiday celebrating the birth of Christ have not been forgotten by the commercial world. They too can celebrate the spirit of Christmas with an electric Jesus lawn ornament which sits inside a rubber manger. But that's not all folks, now you can buy the entire family. The deluxe model includes Mary and Joseph, the three wise men, and assorted barnyard animals--just plug 'em in and watch 'em glow. Jesus, incidentally, is completely washable and if you take care of him, he may last forever...

Has industry created the needs and mass produced them because we have somehow lost what was once a meaningful moment in our lives? Or do we lean on these crutches because we need help remembering those special feelings which are the real spirit of Christmas, now misplaced among the wrappings? Perhaps even this article sounds a bit like a commercial that we've all heard before...but after having now discarded with the superficialities--with the tinsel, the bows, the wrapping and the box--we're left finally, only with what's inside.

.....Pinball Now a Wilkes Craze..... CC Analysis

Once upon a time, pinball was a tacky game played by punks who hung out in seedy luncheonettes. Now it's a game for everyone. Machines are everywhere, including the Wilkes Student Union Building. Modernization of the sport includes computerized music selections, ramps and tunnels, double flippers, and all sorts of fancy gizmos designed to challenge even the most seasoned addicts.

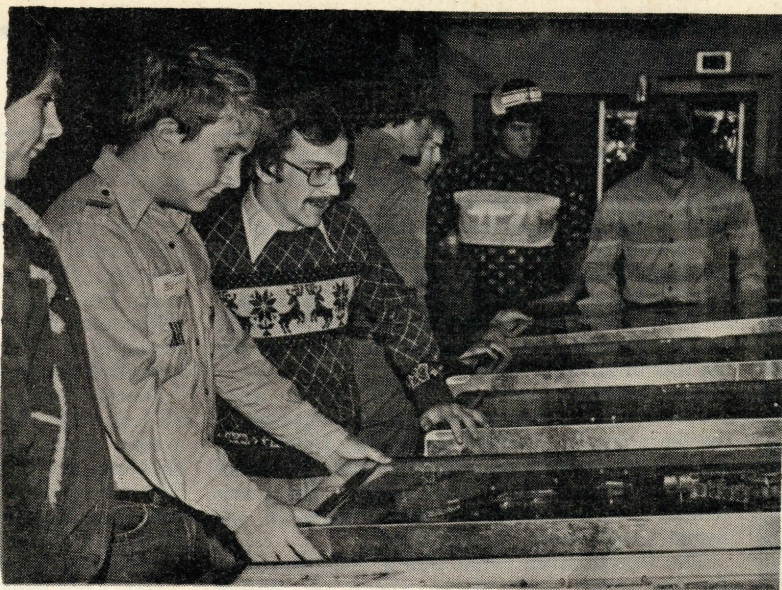
Psychologists claim the resurgence of pinball in the American society is due to increasing tension caused by the fast pace of the American lifestyle. Pinball is a form of relaxation everyone can enjoy.

In any of its many forms, the game is fairly simple. The operator has control of at least two flippers which are used to prevent the ball from leaving the enclosed playing area. The thrill of being able to hit the ball in the direction of any of the electronic bumpers far surpasses the actual accumulation of points, although this is an important part of the game.

The newest aspect of pinball has been the identification with well-known personalities. After rock singer Elton John played the role of the Pinball Wizard in the movie version of "Tommy," Bally, the largest pinball manufacturer, named a machine after him—Captain Fantastic. It has since become the biggest-selling machine in the country. Bally also plans to dedicate a machine to Hugh Hefner, the famous "Playboy" publisher.

The craze is spreading to such a degree that parents are beginning to buy machines for their children, although the price of one machine can range from \$800 for a home model to \$1600 for a top-of-the-line machine. In some cases it seems to be a family's only common ground.

In the SUB, a steady flow of students coming from and going to classes stops by to try a hand



PINBALL WIZARDS—Pinball is now a bona fide recreation here on campus, and the Student Union Building is the center of the activity. The pinball machines can be heard ringing day and night, between classes [and during classes], at lunch, and during SUB parties.

on one of the eight available machines. It matters not whether one commutes or lives on campus; the machine makes no distinction. It is a balance between gentleness and aggression, and if one lacks this touch, the machine has him beat. Oh, but what a high when you beat the machine! To hear the machine click off extra games is like music to the ears or money in the bank. Take your choice.

Adult toys are what these machines are being called these days. Who would spend that kind of money for a kid? So, all of you "adults" out there, come and take out your frustrations on the little silver ball. Relax, unwind, but be careful. Too much aggression and you'll end up with the "TILT" message.

This is...Perry Lichtinger... signing off.

Christmas Concert Tomorrow

The Music Department will present its traditional Christmas Concert in the Center for the Performing Arts tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The concert, conducted by Rosendo E. Santos is free to the public. Alumni and faculty will join the students for the concert. The concert opens with "Finale From The New World Symphony" by Antonin Dvorak, followed by "Prelude And Fugue in G minor" by Bach, and "Symphony For Band" including march and chorale, variations on three notes, waltz, and finale by D.E. McGinnis. Intermission will follow "March From The Love of Three Oranges" by Serge Prokofieff.

After intermission, the concert will resume with an arrangement by R.W. Lwden entitled, "Barry Manilow In Concert", which includes "It's A Miracle", "Weekend In New England", "This One's For You," and "Could It Be Magic."

It will be followed by "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson, and "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed.

The concert will end with a premiere performance of "Christmas At Wilkes" by Rosendo E. Santos. "Christmas At Wilkes" includes "The Wilkes College Alma Mater," "The Touchdown Song," and "Wilkes Is In Town Again," "Deck The Halls," "Oh Come All Ye Faith-

ful," "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," and "Joy To The World."

Mr. Santos has conducted several band festivals including the North Pocono High School band festival and the Tower City band festival.

Madrigal Singers Present Program Sunday at 3:30

The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Richard Chapline, will present a program of "Music for the Christmas Season" on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The program will open with Marc-Antoine Charpentier's "Midnight Mass for Christmas." The music for the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei is based on French carols. "Four Carols" in settings by Hermann Schroeder will follow, and the third section of the program will include "Jesus, Jesus rest your head," "Hayo, Haya," "Midwinter" and "Deck the Halls."

This semester's Madrigal Singers are Catherine Davis, Jayne Grim, Charles Hampton, Holly Hogan, Susan Luckey, Frank McGrady, John Mundy, Helen Savinski, Michael Smith, Adele Ann Tavella, Dolores Vida, and Cynthia Possemato as organist.

Student Life Improved

This semester Commuter Council made some good efforts to improve student life at Wilkes.

Early in the semester the council had a juke box installed in the Commons in response to requests to have some music in the building. They also sponsored several parties and events to help give the students some type of release from the pressures of college life. The council worked hard in the planning and execution of these events and put a great deal of time and effort toward making them enjoyable for the students.

The first all-Wilkes showing of "The Rocky Horror Show" was a success and was one of several events planned by CC, which did not serve alcoholic beverages. I believe that such events are a good idea as they provide other outlets for enjoyment other drinking.

However, I have heard many people complain that the council has not done "this or that." The fact is that CC is there to help you, the students, and you are the ones who must show them what you would like done.

Any problems or ideas concerning the college should be brought to the council's attention.

Parking Permits To be Reviewed

The Commuter Council will re-evaluate the on-campus parking permits for next semester. Due to changing class schedules, student teaching, and other factors, some students may no longer be eligible for a parking space.

On the other hand, some students will gain eligibility who did not receive a ticket this past semester. The council does not expect to have many changes in the present parking listing for stickers. However, for the few changes that may occur, CC is planning to carefully examine all applications.

There will be a 300 ticket limit for the Christmas Party to be held this Saturday. Tickets will be on sale in the Commons and in the CC office daily. For those of you who wish to take a study break before exams the party should prove to be a tension reliever.

CC made plans to go caroling with Student Government as well as plans to go on their own the last Tuesday of finals.

The recent showing of "The Rocky Horror Show" attracted 185 students. The Council expected a greater turnout due to the requests it received from the student body. However, certain unforeseen factors, such as exams the following day, were cited as possible reasons for the smaller audience.

As of next semester CC will hold its weekly meetings on Mondays at 4:45 p.m.

Bill Turcan

tion, either through the gripe box in the Commons or through the CC office itself. If students are pleased - or displeased - with the workings of CC they should let the council know their feelings.

I believe that the council is as good as the students make it, and it cannot help to solve problems that are not brought to its attention. In my opinion CC has done a good job this semester, and with the student's help they can do an even better job next semester.

Bill Turcan

Maraban Honored By Her Students

Dr. Marban was honored with a dinner held at the Plains American Legion last Sunday by a group of her present and former students.

At the end of this semester Dr. Marban will begin a sabbatical leave during which she plans to do research in Spain, Italy and elsewhere. She will return to Wilkes in September, 1979.

Chapter Of Book Disappeared

The typed manuscript and photocopy of the book Dr. Marban is presently working on have disappeared from her faculty mailbox in Kirby 209. The chapter is in Spanish and is titled "III. La civilizacion de los aztecas."

Anyone having any information about the whereabouts of either the typed manuscript or photocopy is URGED to contact Dr. Marban at once on ext. 324, or at her home, 287-5198.

Notice

The Veteran's Club of Wilkes College is sponsoring a dinner-dance at the Treadway Inn on Friday, December 22, 1978. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend this affair. Tickets are \$15.50 per person which includes a buffet dinner, 4 hours open bar and entertainment by the widely acclaimed "Velvet Touch." Tickets may be purchased in the Commons today from 11-1, and tomorrow from 12-1. Candy will also be on sale for \$3.75 a box or \$1.25 for a 4 oz. solid chocolate Christmas tree.

Individual organizations or groups, upon request, will receive their own separate seating accommodations.

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Sports



J-V Team Helps Women to Title

Although much success has fallen upon the Wilkes field hockey team of 1978, there are some girls who have not gotten the attention they deserve. This is the jay-vee unit of the 8-4-4 Wilkes team. They are not given adequate time to practice together and the games they play are just for experience. They receive no headlines, but their hard work and determination is seen by Coach Meyers and the rest of the squad. The jay-vee hockey squad is pictured above.

Both Pam Snyder and Jerry Ann Smith are back from nationals, and both performed well, in

representing Wilkes. Pam played in five games and tallied a goal in the last one, and many field hockey experts felt out there, that if she had a little more speed, she could be a great one. Jerry Ann also played well and scored two goals in six games. She showed the hustle that she is known for and it was noted that she just missed being picked to go on in the event.

I'd like to take time to thank Coach Meyers for helping me all semester and wish her and her team the best of luck in the future. Keep Smilin'!!

Simon Kazinetz

Women Cagers Win First; Face King's Today at 4

Women's basketball opened its season with two routs (being the victim in one and the perpetrator in the other), and one hard-fought, down-to-the-wire defeat. The result is a 1-2 record and a crucial meeting with King's this afternoon.

The season opener with powerhouse Lafayette was a frustrating 99-46 defeat, as Wilkes was simply outclassed. Although the cagers held an early lead, Lafayette soon took control and had relatively little trouble putting the game away. Diane Kendig, Sue Freda and Mary Jo Frail all turned in double figures, with 12, 10 and 10 points respectively, but rebounds were hard to come by, as Lafayette boasted three six-footers.

Wilkes also saw the loss of freshman guard Mary Jean Farrell, who injured an ankle at the end of a successful fast break. Farrell may have activated a previous injury and is now in a cast for the remainder of the first half at least.

Saturday marked the home opener for the Blue and Gold, who played as underdogs to Franklin and Marshall. First half was a phenomenal one for Wilkes, as the team shot 50 per cent from the floor and, led by Kendig and Freda, who scored 26 points between them, held a 43-31 half-time lead. The team scored consistently and hustled the length of the court, utilizing a tenacious defense that forced numerous F&M errors.

Second half was a different *****

BASEBALL MEETING: A baseball meeting will be held this Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 11:30 in the Wilkes gym. Dave Kaschak, baseball mentor, will preside.

story, as Wilkes scored only 18 points while shooting only 20 per cent from the floor. F&M's big girl exploded for 16 points and Wilkes seemed to run out of steam and made some costly mistakes at all the wrong times.

F&M took the lead with about six minutes to go, and held off a desperate Wilkes come-back attempt. With 21 seconds remaining, F&M led 62-61 and had the ball at half-court. Wilkes tried for the steal before fouling and sending Kathy Ward to the line, where she sank both shots of the 1 and 1 situation with four seconds left. F&M won 64-61.

Tuesday the Blue and Gold entertained Baptist Bible and avenged its rout by Lafayette, crushing BBC 93-35. The cagers had no problem that night and scored and stole the ball almost at will. They also refused to run up the score and thus did not try for 100 points.

Everyone scored and five players hit double figures: Kathy McHale, 18; Kendig, 16; Lynn Yedlock, 15; Frail, 14; and Freda, 12. McHale, a freshman, appeared to gel against BBC, hitting her patented outside shot and snaring several offensive rebounds.

Debbie Yedlock emerged as high rebounder, pulling down 11, as Wilkes dominated the boards with 34 bounds, compared to BBC's 24. Again the defense was responsible for a number of steals and fast breaks. Overall, it was a good way to come back from two defeats and earn the first win of the season.

Today the cagers will try for number two against King's, an MAC and NPWIAA foe. This is a must-win game if Wilkes hopes to see action after the regular season in the MAC.

Vilma Hurst

Reesemen Win Opener, Then Take Bing. Tourney

PRIDE is the best word to describe the inaugural week of wrestling, as Pope John Reese, asst. Tim McGinley, and the Colonel grapplers appear to be upholding the esprit d' corps of the fine wrestling tradition at Wilkes.

"Pope John" and "Father Tim" led the Blue and Gold grapplers to a 48-0 whitewash over York College for the 1978-79 debut last Thursday at York. The Colonels then traveled to S.U.N.Y. at Binghamton and captured team laurels for the fourth straight year.

Our Colonels amassed 120.75 points and crowned nine individual champions enroute to the team trophy. Cornell University finished in the runner-up spot with 53.75 points. Binghamton was third, and Virginia fourth. The finals looked like a dual meet, with Wilkes in one corner, and "them" in the other.

The Binghamton event was a good warm-up for the tough dual season ahead for Wilkes wrestlers. Leading the way for the Colonels was junior Ed "Clancy" Johnson at 118 lbs. Johnson decisioned Ron Keene of Cornell 4-1 to successfully defend his title. Frosh Pete Poggi grabbed the third spot in the 118 bracket. Poggi also won his first collegiate dual meet with a 9-6 victory.

Soph Bryan Billig had an exceptional tourney, winning first and improving on last season's fourth. Billig wrestled his toughest bout in the finals, as he edged Virginia's Steve Silverburg, a nationally ranked wrestler. Billig recorded a fall in the York encounter.

Gene Waas, frosh, did a fine job and outdistanced Binghamton veteran Steve Darling 13-10 in the finals at 134. Waas is surprising everyone, and won his first dual by a fall. Billy Dodge and Tony Wells had a tough day at S.U.N.Y. Dodge bowed to eventual runner-up Silverburg 7-6 and Wells dropped a hard fought battle to Cornell's Nigham.

Co-captains Casper Tortella and Alex Grohol were first and second respectively at Bing. Tortella turned back Cornell's ace wrestler Gene Nigham 13-5. Casper reached the finals on a pin in 1:22 and a 8-1 decision. He also collected a 15-2 superior decision at York.

Yearling George Cherrie stepped into the 150 lb. bracket like a seasoned veteran and has a 3-1 record to date. Cherrie does not use a lot of fancy moves, but gets the job done. He squeezed out a 3-2 dec. over York's senior wrestler and placed second at Bing. Another frosh, Joey Zabatta, has been pushing Cherrie for the 150 lb. dutie and captured third in the tourney.

Mark Densberger is taking care of 158 lb. spot

with his aggressiveness and colorful moves. Densberger's style is similar to former Wilkes great Jim Weisenfluh. He always manages to get in precarious situations and still come out on top. Last week Densberger handed York a 8-2 verdict and then won top honors in the tourney. Densberger put manners on Bing, capt. Ron Reedy 18-6 in the final round. The Wilkesman did everything but throw Reedy out of the gym. Wilkes other 158 entry Pat Kelley knotted fourth place.

Denny "Dump" Jacobs is not undefeated, but all four victories are via falls. "Jake" clamped a real "muscleman" at York and proceeded in showing the lights to three adversaries at S.U.N.Y. Jacobs is not far away from putting a patent on his fireman's carry and dump series. Soph Dan Miner wrestled to a third place finish at the same bracket.

Bart Cook usually wrestles like a surgeon and methodically takes his opponents apart. "Dr." Cook was crowned the 177 champ at Bing. Cook had his hands full in the finals, as he edged Cornell's Chris Rugg 12-11. Cook also qualified for the finals by a decision and a pin. Frosh Rick Gaetano wrestled to a 8-0 major dec. at York and captured fourth in the tough 177 class at Bing.

Rick Smith has come on strong and won the championship by decisioning Mark Serrutto of Virginia. Erik Schnieder came in third in the competition at Bing. Hwt. Danny House successfully defended his title. Bob Matzelle was runner-up. Both Smith and Matzelle were victorious at York.

The Wilkes squad was expected to tangle with the Lehigh Engineers last night at the Wilkes gym. If our Colonels pulled that one off, they may get a national ranking, since the Bethlehem team is currently rated 6th in the country. The Wilkesmen will then take the road to Annapolis, Md, to take on Navy, Yale and North Carolina in a quad event. After a Dec. 11 encounter with Tennessee at the Wilkes Gym, the Colonels will be idle until the Wilkes Open on Dec. 28-29.

The match-up between the Volunteers will be the last home match before the semester ends, so get there early. The final outcome with Tenn. last winter was 18-18, so it should be a close one.

The grapplers will attempt to make a better showing in the Wilkes Open than last year. If there is a better turnout, as expected, there should be a better showing. Mike Kassab was the last Wilkes wrestler to place in the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling" in 1974. **Bob Gaetano**

Intramural Basketball: POPE Division I Preview

It is time to add another chapter to that never ending history book of Wilkes intramural sports. The beginning of the intramural basketball league is near. This year the league is broken down into A and B divisions. This column will be devoted to Division A, since class is prettier than brutality.

It does not figure to be an easy road to victory for any one team. The competition looks fierce and there is no evidence of the Polish Falcons this season. All eight teams seem to be loaded with enough talent to go all the way. Crazy Horse, a team of giants, led by captain John Stevens and Ken Too Tall Gompers, will be wilder than its forefathers.

The Organization, a tough team last season, returns all its top players. Mike Wilson at guard, (reputed to be able to pass a basketball that wobbles), Rob Irwin, (Wilson's favorite receiver on and off the court), and Steve HAWK Croghan, provide a fierce attack. What can be said about the local entry this season, the Humdingers, that their name does not imply already. hey boast the speed of John Cavanaugh, Dave Hungarter, (The famed Chickenhawk duo) and the blocking of Tom Sokola.

Can Mark Rado come up with an offensive plan of attack capable of causing victory for the Sixers? Captain Boogs Brezenski is relying on his knowledge for a winning season. The 78ers, led by Lolorenzo Alston, and Joint

Effort, a gang of frustrated tacklers, will be giving teams a helluva lot of trouble.

Rounding out the division are Up in Smoke and the Priapus Doobers. What can be said about Up in Smoke, they are a fragment of last year's champs, but who knows, with a little luck... The Priapus Doobers feel high't is the key to victory with giants Don "Traitor" Patrick and Godfather Sarcela.

There looks to be many good games this season in Division A so pick up a schedule and go see some real good B-ball. Next issue, we will have a look at the rugged B Division.

FOUL SHOTS:...congrats to the proud papa Peter P., if she looks like you Pete, she has to be cute....sorry, Gart T-ski, but it had to be done this way,...good night lou-nanu nanu.

Jay Mack



PUT 'EM UP Wilkes head wrestling coach, "Pope" John Reese is shown getting himself ready for the tough going for the Wilkes wrestlers this year. Reese is hoping his club can do well in the annual "Wilkes Open" tabbed by SPORTS ILLUSTRATED as the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling."

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A week ago, everything was bright and cheery as men's basketball was concerned. Now it is like we were back in football season, looking for a positive angle. What's going on here? Are we all taking the Philadelphia choke? Lets get together, and bloom like a, say, Rose.

The Wilkes basketball team has floundered to a 0-3 start and won't see any easy times coming around, as the Blue and Gold will meet King's tonight in a crucial, for Wilkes, Middle Atlantic Conference tilt.

Wilkes dropped its season opener to Delaware Valley 90-83 in over-time in Doylestown in a MAC game. The Blue and Gold fell to another MAC foe in Madison FDU, 72-70 on the road, which put them in a deep hole as far as MAC games go, 0-2.

This past Monday, the Wilkesmen "warmed-up" for the King's game by getting beat by a tall East Stroudsburg entry 89-81 at the Wilkes gym in the home opener. With all this great talent, what is wrong?

FACT: Wilkes has outscored its opponents in goals in all three losses, but lost on the foul line, as the opponents have hit on 63 of 72 free throws while our guys are 26 for 46.

FACT: Wilkes plays NO defense. At least that is what Coach Rodger Bearde has said. There have been some really controversial calls against Wilkes, but Bearde is not crying. "The calls don't lose the game for us. It is us not playing any defense," he said. "Some key people of ours, are not playing any defense and it hurts."

This season the Blue and Gold are averaging 78.0 points per game, while giving up 83.6. Last year they were lucky to get 78 points in a week-end. If the Colonels continue to show this lack of defense, King's could hit a scoring record tonight.

In the first game against Delaware Valley, top scorer was John Zapko, who had 20 points and 20 rebounds. In the second game, the Colonel attack was bolstered by Zapko's 22 and Mike McCarrie's 18 points. The third game saw the old Kendall McNeil return, as "Big MAC" hit for 24 points, 15 in the second period.

Zapko, the captain, is the team's leading scorer averaging 18.3 per game with 55.8 shooting from the field. McCarrie follows with a 15.6 average (56.4) and McNeil, 15.3 per game (45.4). A big surprise so far has been the play of sixth man Joe McCrae, who is fourth in scoring, 11.3 and second on the club in rebounds and assists. Rick Marshall has also contributed some fine play, as has sweet-shooten Artie Meigh.

Pat McCue, who has been seeing more and more playing time as the year goes by, is getting over the freshman jitters and should make some noise by the season's end. Ed Van Buren, Kevin "J.J." Walker, and George Oschal have led the charge coming off the bench.

TIP-INS: ...the jay-vee team, also 0-3 on the year, is looking for its first win against King's tonight... first year mentor Clarence Ozgo is already sporting the "big-time" look, as he had a three-piece pin-striped suit on Monday, way to go, O....Chris Reilly really doing a fine job with the scoreboard, hear that Larry T... Reilly also takes care of music to be played before the game, does a "smokin'" job...Mark Rado just returned from a managers convention in San Paulo, Mexico, looks in fine shape...

..Gary Mack ready to make move to Phillies, as a stat man of course...Billy Bearde still plugging away as he wants top billing on the cage programs...the new cheerleaders need a little work, but should come around by end of year...our scout in Milwaukee says look out for Marquette as surprise this season...congrats WAZ on intramural honor...Jim Devaney organizing a contest to see who can think up most nicknames for John Zapko, please send entries to Devaney, the BAMA fan...hey Tony, tell Matt I was only kidding.

Eddie White

BOWLING RESULTS

In a playoff reminiscent of recent Super Bowls, the 752 Crew eased passed the Falcons last Friday to take the first semester title in the Wilkes College mixed bowling league. The Crew rolled the fifth high series of the season to win the first game by exactly 100 pins. In this three-game total pin match, the Falcons were immediately in trouble. Every time they tried to make a move, an error or two would invariably knock them back down to that 100 pin deficit. Eventually the final margin turned out to be 124 pins.

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lines

by Eddie White

Tonight, the presidents of both colleges will meet before the game and give their introductory remarks to the capacity crowd on hand and to the large television audience. After President Capin and Rev. Charles D. Sherrer exchange comments, all hell is going to break loose in more ways than one. Ask any Wilkes follower or Monarch fan, and they will tell you, the records do not mean a thing - this game should be a barn-burner. It'll be the Cuckoo's Nest against the Wilkes gang, it'll be the Colonels against the Monarchs, school vs. school, Rodger vs. Ed. It is going to be exciting. Be there.

It is the first time in 25 years, that Wilkes and King's have met in a men's regular season basketball game. The last time the two teams squared off was in the University of Scranton's Holiday Classic in 1975, which the North Main Street kids captured. King's holds the edge in the series 14-2, but that's like saying the Raiders have been in the league longer than the Seahawks. King's is averaging 68.5 points per game in the 14 games vs. the Colonels, while Wilkes counters at 54.5. Tonight's match-up will be televised by WBRE TV [Channel 28] at 8:00, but you just got to be there. After last night's freak-out at the Lehigh-Wilkes wrestling match, keep your vibes flowing by taking a short jaunt down North Main Street and turn into the "big gym" for some good old basketball. The two teams will meet each other on Jan. 24, here at Wilkes in our "Little House on the Prairie."

Tonight's game will also be the first of the winter cage contests to count in WBRE's Metro Intercollegiate Conference competition, between Scranton, King's, and Wilkes.

Wilkes enters the game with a dreadful 0-3 slate and wouldn't it be nice to pick up the first win tonight at King's. The players, to tell the truth are stunned, with the first three games' out come. This team, on paper, is really good, but, I guess that really does not mean anything, unless they do it on the court tonight and for the rest of the year.



THURSDAY NIGHT FIGHT AT THE GARDEN - Wilkes and King's basketball squads will be going against each other tonight at the North Main Street gym in the first game between the two schools in over 25 years. Wilkes coach Rodger Bearde will be trying to match wits with the old Irishman, Ed Donohue.

The first Wilkes Letterwomen's Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held Jan. 13-14, with King's, Marywood, Drew, and host Wilkes entered. Patrons are now being solicited for the program to defray costs for the event. They are being sold for \$2 each and may be placed by contacting any letterwoman or Mrs. Saracino in Weckesser Annex.

WE HAVE A WINNER: Believe it or not, and the great Bavitz does not, we have a winner in the BEACON sports trivia contest. David and Doug Williams had all 15 correct answers and handed them in before the deadline to win the \$10.00 prize. Dave or Doug, or both, can pick up the winnings from sports editor Eddie White.

Swimmers Dunked

Despite fine performances, the Wilkes College swim team dropped their season opener to Ursinus College 72-27 on the road. The team is largely inexperienced, according to first year mentor F. Charles Petrillo. There are no seniors on the team, and there are only five members with experience from last year's squad. The other 13 members of the team have no previous college swimming experience. The team will play its home meets this year at the King's College swimming pool.

The meet with Ursinus, however, was highlighted by individual efforts. Team captain Jim Edwards took second place in both the 200 and 100 yard free style events. In an exciting match, freshman Michelle Maguire, a former Meyers High School standout, placed second, behind her male competition by one-tenth second, in the 500 free-style event with a time of 5:58.4. In surprising performances, Wilkes divers Perry Lichtinger and Valarie Van Dyke, with no previous competitive experience finished second and third in one meter diving. The women swimmers will have their season opener on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Lock Haven State College.

At Tuesday's meet against Dickenson College, the team fell again to a 73-28 defeat in its first home meet. Strong performances were made by Maguire who got the first first place of the season in the 500 free, Edwards, who garnered seconds in the 200 medley, 100 free and 200 breast, and Lichtinger, who earned two seconds in the required and optional diving.

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King's, coached by the Irishman, Ed Donahue, was 3-0 going into a Tuesday home game with a tough Maryland Baltimore County team, and has shown some offensive power in its early going. Both teams show a strong starting unit, and both have adequate subs, Wilkes maybe having more. And both have their own version of the Messiah, for King's - Ken Casey, for Wilkes - John Zapko. Some key match-ups are as follows:

Guard - Rick Marshall & Pat McCue vs. Joe Purcell: Purcell is the top offensive man among the three, but McCue has the defensive edge. Marshall will be a major asset with his experience going against Purcell's. McCue will be at a disadvantage here, as he has played only three collegiate games. This could be a important position to watch.

Guard - Artie Meigh & Joe McCrae vs. Steve Locnikar & Dom Scali: A very even match-up with Meigh and Scali holding the offensive upper-hand. McCrae could be a determining factor with his leaping ability. Locnikar could be the most over-rated player in the game. Both McCrae and Meigh can eat him up.

Forward - Mike McCarrie vs. Guy Leigh or Nafty Hage [who?]: McCarrie could have a field day against Leigh, who himself has a good shot from the corner. Hage, a nobody, has come on recently to help Ken Casey and could possibly start in place of Leigh, as Donahue looks for height.

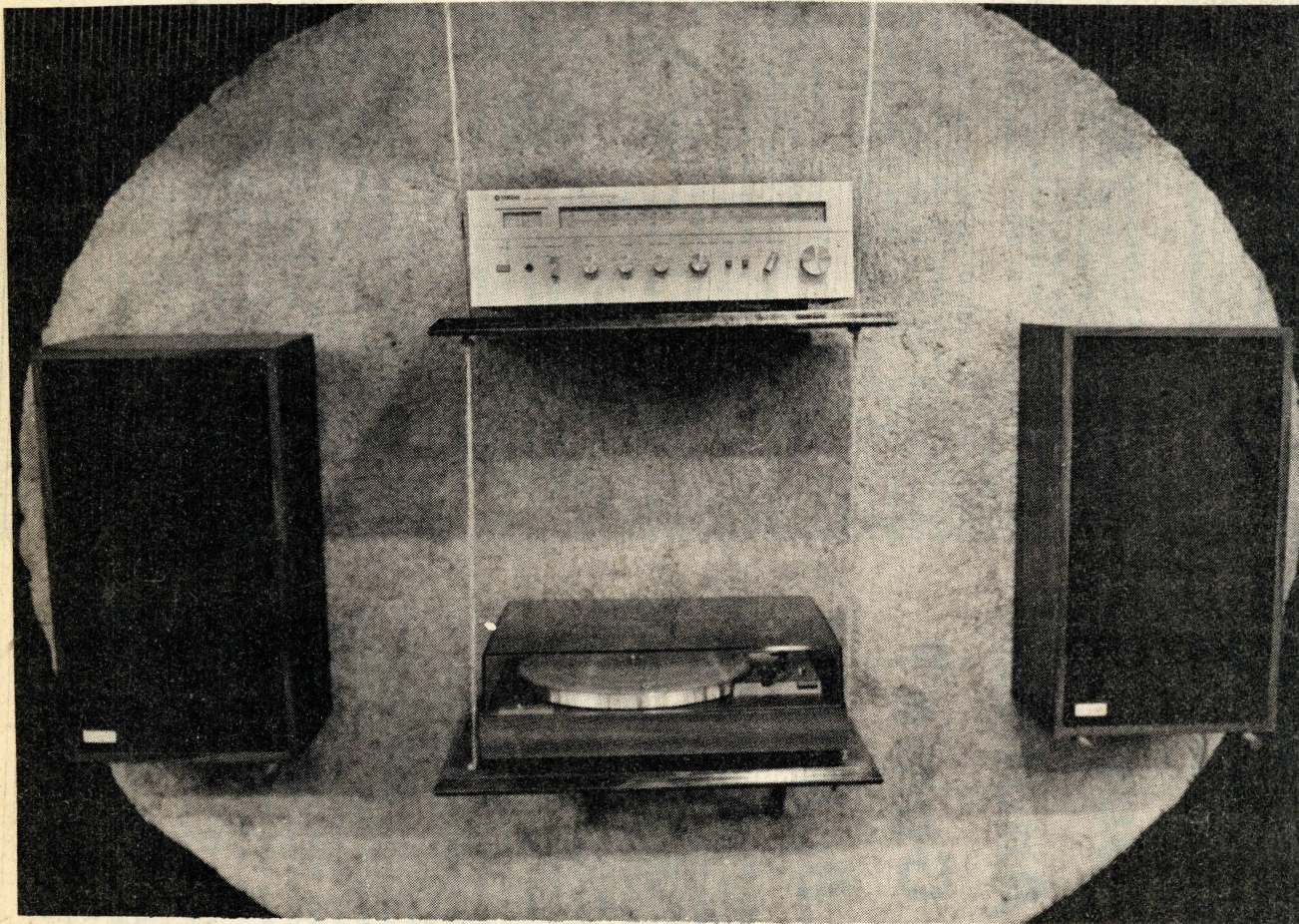
Forward - John Zapko vs. Jim Shea: Should be an over-match. With a little help, Zapko could get 30 against Shea, who is not that strong on defense, but can turn it on, on offense. "Zap" will have to be careful guarding Shea, as he can explode if Zap sits back. Shea also has reputation for getting hot in big games. Look Out, this could be key match-up.

Center - The big one - Ken Messiah Casey vs. Kendall McNeil. McNeil gives up three inches to Casey, but can make that up with quickness, hustle and pure coolness. Look for Kendall to have a great game, and stop the pride of Nanticoke cold. Stopping Casey cold might not be too easy, and Kendall will need help from the forwards.

Bench - Wilkes shows a lot of young talent in Kevin Becker, Pat Romich, Dave Capin, and Kevin Walker. Also look for Ed Van Buren to contribute something. The man from the bench to look for will be veteran George Oschal, who remembers that 1975 game with King's when Wilkes got blown out. If the former Wyoming Area star is hitting, King's better call back Joe Dougherty, the last tough defensive guard they had. King's bench shows Joe Hand, a top offensive performer from Philadelphia; Dave Bunnell, a senior scrapper from Scranton and frosh recruit George Aldrich.

No matter who wins the game, it is going to be a classic. Our prediction? We don't pick Wilkes, and we don't pick King's. The winner in this game will be the fans of King's and Wilkes, area basketball fans in general, Wyoming Valley itself, for this game should have been played light years ago.

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