

President Michelini's Christmas Message

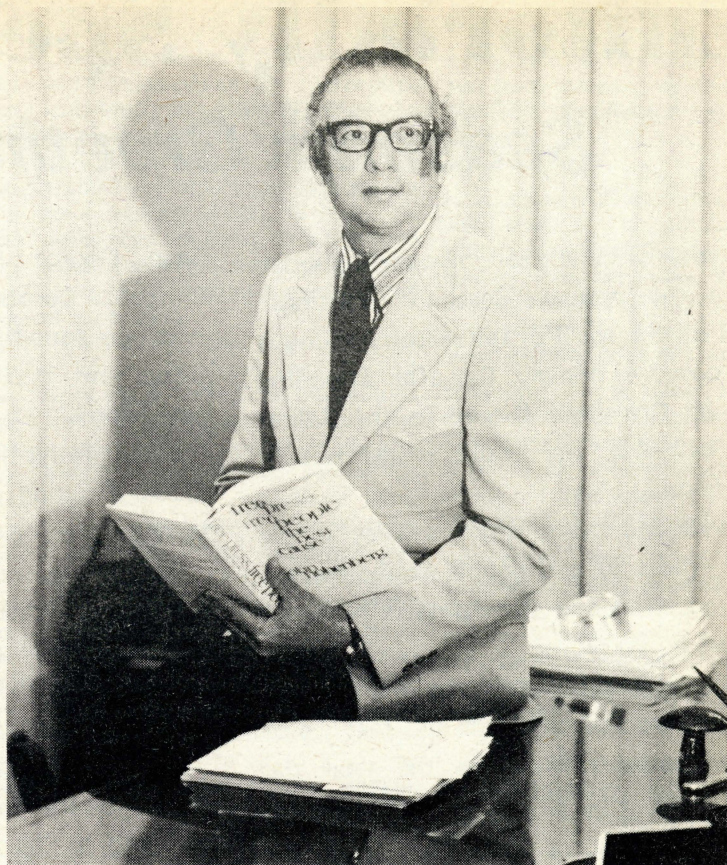
On our Christmas Card this year we included a quotation from a speech by Winston Churchill given at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1949. The quote is:

Life is a test and this world a place of trial. Always the problems . . . or it may be the same problem . . . will be presented to every generation in different forms.

As we share this first Christmas following a most unusual set of trials borne by all of you and many of your families we recognize the need for the spiritual sources of strength that served as a resource to so many during this time of trial.

May we all maintain an awareness of the need for these strengths when the trials are less obvious and when resolution of problems must rest within each individual. This is my wish not only for the coming year, but for all your lives.

May the beauty and spirit of the Holiday Season be an inspiration to all throughout the New Year.



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Wilkes President Francis J. Michelini met with Senator Richard Schweiker in the Board Room of Weckesser Hall at a press conference attended by members of the local and national press media.

Schweiker Holds Meeting In Weckesser Hall

Senator Richard M. Schweiker held a special press conference recently in the Board Room of Weckesser Hall, the Wilkes College Administration Building, dealing with the inequities presented with the wrap-up of flood recovery efforts.

Senator Schweiker opened the conference by stating he was pleased with the rapid development the Valley has made along the lines of recovery and that he was heartened by what he had seen, the spirit of the people and their deep motivation.

The Senator went on to cite five remaining problems in the Valley right now:

1. Senior citizens are reluctant to take out flood loans. The Senator said, "I wish to encourage the people who have legitimate claims to make them."

2. Urban renewal should be encouraged to hasten people's judgement on flood recovery.

3. Phase Three studies and where to go from here to protect from future disasters.

4. People have encountered problems with fees from out-of-state contractors. The Senator pointed out that estimates are available for

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SG-Funded Club Prints The Bacon

Current Events Group Formed To Print Paper

by Molly Moran

Due to an interest in the various aspects of journalism, I, personally, made it a point to attend the Current Events Club Bacon meeting on December 17 at the Commons. With a staff of 16, only two members were present at the scheduled time. They were: Bill Nichols and Don Klaproth.

Merely out of curiosity, I asked Nichols if the Current Events Club had come before or after the Bacon. He freely explained to me that he and others have wanted to form an underground newspaper for a long time, but did not have the money. The thought occurred to them to establish a club for the purpose of getting money from Student Government which would, in turn, pay for the underground newspaper, it was stated.

Can Find Loopholes

Klaproth, the other member present, told me that there is a loophole in everything and that he and Nichols were best when it came to finding ways around things.

The question which, naturally, came to mind was how did they get this by Student Government?

Nichols reported that this had been easy. "Officially," he said, "we call the Bacon a newsletter, but really it's an underground newspaper, and besides that, eight members of the Bacon are representatives on SG, so that took care of getting it through."

These eight members of both Bacon and SG are: Bruce Balliet, Bill Nichols, Josie Schifano, Mike Caravella, Greg Hollis, Peter Jadelis, Ann Schifano and Brynley James.

Nichols also stated that Howie Tune is a member of the Bacon but his name is withheld because Tune feels that people on the campus would think he was on the Bacon for the wrong reasons. Further information on the reason was not disclosed.

Student Government President Mike Barski was contacted out of a sense of fairness and told of the meeting. He made this statement

concerning the Bacon the following day:

"As far as the Bacon or any newspaper is concerned, I definitely approve of dissent. The United States was founded on that. However, when dissent turns into extremism, I am adamantly opposed to it in any way, shape or form. Extremism blots out being receptive to any other ideas and, therefore, poses less than a valid and credible picture of anything."

Barski said that he was told at the SG meeting that this was a Current Events Club that would speak of events of the day on the campus, local, state and national levels. Barski also said that he didn't know if those eight members of SG knew that their names were going to be printed in the Bacon.

So far, Barski commented, he likes the Bacon and the IDC newsletter, but they cannot compete with the professional style of the Beacon, the college's official campus weekly.

The SG President added, "This is a wait-and-see type of thing. I just hope it doesn't get out of hand. The people on the Bacon from the SG are a good caliber of people and I feel that the Bacon is looking for the betterment of Wilkes College."

The question that might be raised is whether the college would be held responsible for any libelous statements and suits which might result. The Beacon, the official college

student weekly, is responsible, as is the college as the sponsor, for any libelous actions. One of the key factors in making a college responsible rests with whether college funds are used in the publication of the newspaper. The Bacon, it should be pointed out, is operating on funds allocated to the Current Events Club by Student Government, which receives its money from the college's student activities fee.

Senior Class Plans Party

The senior class will have a New Year's party on Saturday, January 6, 1973 at Pocono Downs, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Tickets are on sale now through January 4 in the Wilkes Bookstore, the cafeteria and in the Commons. Tickets are \$2.50 for seniors and \$4.00 for all others. Cost includes beer, buffet and live entertainment. Dress will be casual.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Editorially Speaking

Season's Greetings

This writer originally sat down early Sunday to write the typical "Season's Greetings" editorial on the spirit of the season and joy it was supposed to convey. But after attending the annual Christmas Dinner in the Wilkes College cafeteria, the entire image took a unique form.

Students and administrators were sitting together, most of the people really dressed for the occasion and the cafeteria reflected the mood of everyone.

The meal was excellent, but more important than that were the emotions and feelings of the individuals present. After the meal, the men of Diaz House and "chorus leader"

Dean George Ralston led the group in Christmas Carols.

It was something really special to see the group join in the merriment, without any inhibitions.

Highlighting the evening was Freddy Santa Claus, handing out some special "mighty tasty" candy canes.

Trying to convey the feeling of that evening is difficult in itself — one had to be there. But the message it carried was more important. Wilkes is capable of displaying unity and enthusiasm.

It is our hope that this same spirit can penetrate the remainder of the school year and add to the college experience.

'Tis The Season

The **Beacon** staff would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes for the holiday season and forthcoming New Year to members of the Wilkes College family, our

subscribers and members of the Wyoming Valley community.

We hope the coming holiday vacation will prove restful and safe for everyone concerned. See you all next year.

The Bacon Sizzles

In an attempt to satisfy the campus plea for complete news coverage, one of the **Beacon** reporters this week sat in on what was termed an "open meeting" of the Bacon staff.

For those readers who inquire, "what is the Bacon?" the only reply is that the Bacon is Wilkes College's one and only above-the-ground "underground" newspaper. It was designated as being published bi-weekly as a newsletter, designed to keep the students informed of "current events."

Don't misunderstand us. It is not our desire to be vindictive or attempt to squelch the Bacon simply because it is competition. Quite the contrary. But when students' funds are being directed toward something they have no idea of, it is quite another matter.

The committee members on the BBacon have been accorded the rights of all students on the Wilkes campus to submit material, and like the Bacon, we will print all the news as long as it is not libelous.

We seriously doubt that members of the Current Events Club are writing out of a desire to be professional and that these same people would take the time to write for the **Beacon**.

At the risk of printing what could be termed a rebuttal to the issues at hand, we would like to take this opportunity to make our stand perfectly clear. It is true that several areas of the campus haven't been covered to the fullest extent. Our main plea there is lack of individuals to cover all the necessary beats. We have been fighting a continuous battle where individuals who are both students and reporters decide that the student must come first. Then again there are those individuals who are turned off by the abuse they suffer from their peers and faculty.

It is our place to print all the news on campus, not simply the articles of interest such as the Bacon was able to get away with. We have in the past welcomed such articles and printed them when they were submitted.

At the last meeting of the Bacon, we were informed that only two of 16 staff members showed. The problem we face isn't as unique as we thought.

There is definitely room for both types of effort, but, in the interest of funds, time and energy, we would suggest that the students make an attempt to join the **Beacon** staff and find out for themselves if there really is a "Beacon clique."



Nancy Rodda Suggests Apathy Is A 'Cop-out'

To the Editor:

The December 14 issue of the **Beacon** contained an article written by Marietta Bednar, which typifies what seems to have become the attitude of the editorial staff of the **Beacon**, i.e., that Wilkes College has become the home of derelicts, alcoholics and drug addicts who are incapable of living in an academic community.

Under the banner of the **Beacon** have come a number of badly organized, badly written, and badly thought-out articles which are not, in my opinion, worthy of publication in a college newspaper. The **Beacon** seems to have become a sounding-board for pessimism, frustration, and what I consider destructive criticism. I agree with Mr. Linaberry's observation that the **Beacon** apparently has done little to improve the quality of what it prints.

I am not suggesting that Miss Bednar's article fits this generalization. I am, however, upset at the fact that an editor of a college newspaper seems to feel it necessary to moralize in a student publication. I was not aware that the **Beacon** published sermons on a weekly basis.

Miss Bednar apparently does not know, or simply does not realize, that the majority of students on the Wilkes College campus are not spending their weekends "stoned or smashed." Most of the students I know spend a major part of their weekends trying to get through the academic aspect of life on this campus.

An incident such as the one mentioned in Miss Bednar's article simply proves that a problem exists. Why, however, should the generalization be made that "the primary forms of recreation weekends on campus involve getting either "stoned or smashed?" I contend that a conclusion has been drawn without

sufficient data. This procedure is logically unsound.

There is a difference between taking a drink at a party weekend and getting "smashed." I do not think it is up to Miss Bednar to decide for the individual whether he will spend his weekends on campus and if he is on campus, in what condition he will pass the time. Friday afternoon until Sunday.

It may be recalled that a great outcry was heard when the question of the morality of cigarette vending machines on campus was raised. The consensus at the time was that it should be up to the individual to decide whether he would smoke or not. I contend that the question of how a student spends his weekends should be treated in a similar manner.

The great editorial outcry "something for the students to do on weekends" is, in my opinion, a cop-out. There is plenty for Wilkes students to get involved in, if only they were aware of the possibilities. The primary duty of a publication such as the **Beacon** should be to make students aware of what is available, not merely what is not available.

Having edited the news board of a school publication in high school, I am well aware of the great difficulty with which an editor turns out an article while trying to keep up with his studies. The quality of one or the other is bound to suffer. It is obvious that this process is at work currently on the **Beacon**.

It could be hoped that the **Beacon** will begin to pull itself out of the depths of frustration and despair and begin to become a motivating force rather than merely a mouthpiece for individuals who are incapable of constructive action.

Respectfully,
Nancy Rodda

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Merry Christmas

Heavenly music sounds
the joyous message...
it's Christmas time.
Have a happy and a
bountiful holiday!



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WRITE ON

Maskornick Proposes Improved Security

To the Editor:

In my four years at Wilkes, I have noticed a steady deterioration in the security afforded to the women's dormitories. Incidents involving encounters between Wilkes women and an assortment of perverts have become more numerous and more serious.

It is now time to take action on positive proposals that will improve the present security situation, lest we find ourselves some sad day discussing the by then irrelevant question of what should have been done to tighten security.

The numerous proposals involving an enlargement of our current security forces are all either inadequate or impractical. The large number of women's dormitories, their inadequate construction in terms of security, and their wide dispersion throughout the campus would necessitate the creation of an exceedingly large security force if their safety were to be guaranteed. The sheet costs involved would effectively prohibit the use of a security force of that size.

The proposal to use male students as security agents is weak on two points:

1. It is questionable whether a sufficient number of male students would be interested in that type of work.
2. Because the college is legally liable for the actions of its security agents in the performance of their duty, it must be very careful in the selection of security personnel.

In short, not enough male students in a college of this size would have the qualifications, temperament and willingness to become good security agents.

My proposal, in contrast to those previously discussed, is well within the realm of possibility.

I submit that the New Men's Dorm, 262, 252, and Sullivan Hall be used as the sole women's dormitories on campus, with the men being housed

in all the other dormitories. If additional space for women is needed, 76 and Gore Hall could also be used as women's dorms.

The women would then be centrally located on campus in proximity to the cafeteria, library, bookstore, CPA, Commons and gymnasium. Security outside the women's dorms would be made much more efficient and reliable, for it now would be concentrated rather than scattered.

Security inside the women's dormitories could also be significantly strengthened. All fire escape doors could be made to open only from the inside, while all windows could be kept well-screened or locked. This would mean that entrance to women's dorms could be made only through the center lounges or hallways. A security man could be posted at these central entrances either all the time or just at night. By means of an intercom system connecting him to each floor of the dormitory, the security man could insure that only those men with business at the dormitory gain entrance to it. The system is beautifully simple. When a male visitor would come to the dormitory he would inform the guard at the desk as to whom he has come to see, and the guard would page that girl over the intercom. The girl would then come to the desk and escort her visitor to her room. In this way uninvited men could effectively be prevented from just "dropping in" on a women's dormitory.

I realize that there never has existed nor ever will exist a truly perfect security system. I do believe that the plan I have suggested is viable in terms of costs and implementation and would provide an effective solution to Wilkes' security problems.

Sincerely,
John Maskornick

Questions Campus Reporting

To the Editor,

Due to the resignation of Steve Apaliski as President of the Sophomore Class, Pat Wilson, our former Vice-President, assumed that role. This resulted in a need for a new Vice-President. Ever since last Tuesday, December 5, the four nominees for the vacated position have been campaigning. Elections were held on December 14. Once again I would like to congratulate the Beacon for its excellent coverage of the campus-wide election for a new sophomore class Vice-President. Your reporting of this event equaled your reporting of last year's full officer election: absolutely nothing was mentioned about the class meeting for nominations, the campaign, the elections, or the results. You are keeping very true to form, I must say!

I feel that if unity and awareness is honestly wanted on this campus, it should start in its newspaper. To have the students know what is happening on campus, accurate reporting is a necessity. What I suggest is that a representative be present at the class meetings — not just the Sophomore Class meetings, but at all class meetings. This won't change the world, but it's a start. Maybe next time we'll get a one-liner . . . Oh well, I can dream, can't I?

Sincerely,
Nancy Schultz
Secretary of the Sophomore Class

Stephen M. Rosenberg Is Taken By Death

Wilkes College, regretfully, has lost another member of its family. Death recently took Stephen Mark Rosenberg, a junior business administration major, from New York.

Regardless of any circumstances reportedly surrounding the tragedy, the greatest amount of sympathy and understanding is offered to his family and friends for the great loss they have suffered.

The Yale Daily News Is Alive

The consensus around the country is clear-cut: **The Yale Daily News** is America's best college newspaper. Attractive, well-written, with a keen eye for investigative writing and an editorial opinion that neatly blends incisiveness and restraint, the News is proof that an undergraduate paper in a school where no journalism is taught can nonetheless maintain the highest standards of newspapering.

The consensus on the Yale campus is equally clear-cut: the News is an inaccurate, biased and often useless rag. Late, sloppy, rumor-mongering and inflammatory, the News overlooks real issues and instead makes its own. Its daily publication with its concomitant smug elitism prove that a bunch of college kids can have a lot of fun putting out a newspaper, but nobody else should be forced to read it.


The four most popular features of the News, in order, are Bull Tales, Peanuts, exam changes and U-notes. A large number of Yalies also read the sports pages (which are justifiably called the best on any American campus, and which win award after award). Most of the front page gets a quick headline glance and, feature writing is dismissed as "too long to sustain anyone's interest." The News' arts and drama reviews, often perceptive and literary, are generally dismissed as "pure opinion" — a perjorative that hardly seems damning. It seems to be a point of pride among most undergraduates to brag, "I never read the News, in a tone that suggest some inherent superiority in ignoring Yale's most powerful organ of expression.

Conversely, the Yale hierarchy scrutinizes the News each day. A story which hints at an information leak is instant cause for concern, and a piece which openly implicates Kingman Brewster or any of his appointees in misdoing often provokes an angry outburst from Woodbridge Hall. Charges and countercharges of lying and deception flash back and forth between the presidential offices and the News building. Some graduate school deans and presidential aides have announced they will no longer speak to the News for publication, and one went so far as to say, "Everyone knows the News is a student newspaper, with student opinions.

Every time we cooperate with you, we come out looking bad. So I'll take a leaf from the Law School and keep you from dredging up every minor squabble that does on behind these doors."

The News has a curious relationship with the student leaders who scorn it, the administration leaders who fear it, the national leaders who remember their own days of avid activism as Newsies in their youth. The News is principal chronicler and critic of Yale's power structure; it is also a firmly entrenched member of that structure, with roots in Yale's tradition, a stake in its orderly future, and a string of personal bonds with Woodbridge Hall. As students in the university, and frequently as students actively involved in the issues they cover, Newsies are better prepared than nearly any other reporter to give a full, illuminating, well-informed analysis of what has happened.

(ed. note) the above article is run as a guest editorial from the 1969 issue of the Yale University Classbook)



Cheap Thrills

December 21
Art Exhibit-Joyce Andrejko and Tina Bianconi-Conyngham Annex Gallery-21 through 23.
Basketball-Binghamton State-Home-6:30 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.
Swimming-Cathedral-Home- 4 p.m.

December 22
Classes end for Christmas Vacation.

December 28
Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament-Preliminaries-1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

December 29
Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament-Semi-Finals-1 p.m.-Finals-8 p.m.

January 3
Dorms open 1 p.m.

January 4
Classes begin 8 a.m.

January 5
Faculty Seminar-CPA-7:45 p.m.

January 6
Senior Party-Pocono Downs-8 p.m.-? -Band-10 p.m.-1 a.m.-Breakfast 3 a.m.
Wrestling-Elizabeth-Home-8 p.m.

January 7
Art Exhibit-Gary Johnston-Conyngham Annex Gallery-7 through 13

January 10
Concert & Lecture-Osceola Davis-Soprano-CPA-8 p.m.

FRESHMAN WEEKEND SLATED FOR MARCH 23

In less than three months, March 23 through the 25, the Inter-Dormitory Council will again play host to approximately 200 incoming freshmen — the Class of '77.

IDC's orientation committee, co-chaired by Leslie Cook — a sophomore and IDC's corresponding secretary, and Lee Auerbach — a junior and last year's chairman, have been feverishly working to upgrade last year's schedule and to add additional student input to this year's weekend activities.

The weekend schedule for this year's program commences on Friday, March 23, with registration and orientation to clubs at 4:30. Student Government will present the movie, "Bonnie and Clyde," at 7 and 9 and there will be an IDC sponsored activity Saturday night at 8.

The prospective frosh will meet their future department heads, faculty and all members of the administration in discussion sessions that will hopefully give the student a better look at the academic side of Wilkes.

A new innovation from 5:30-6:30 will give the future members of the Wilkes family a look at the faculty in action — each main division will be represented as the faculty give brief lectures on current topics relating to each particular field.

At night the social treasure chest of Wilkes will open revealing a vast wealth of dorm parties and for the culturally inclined a possible look at the Wilkes-Barre Ballet Company in action.

An ecumenical service on Sunday morning will be followed by a buffet luncheon for Deans, parents and incoming students in the gym.

From 1-3 the parents will have the opportunity to take their shots at the Deans to "find out what type of school their son or daughter will be going to."

The weekend program will conclude with guided tours of the campus.

All those who wish to aid with the planning of the program are asked to contact Lee Auerbach or Leslie Cook for further information.

IDC Meets Student Responsibility

The InterDormitory Council has now formed several student committees in an effort to zero in on important often neglected aspects of student life.

Noteworthy contributions include the mapboard used as an aid to securing out-of-town rides which is located in the lobby of the New Men's Dormitory. Jeff Prendergast and Beth Kaye were in charge of this effort which thus received widespread student support. The map concentrates specific sectors of the Northeastern United States into definable areas. Those people seeking rides to a certain area can therefore place their names in the ride box (located on the mapboard) and hope someone driving in the general vicinity that weekend offers a lift.

Another IDC sponsored activity is the IDC newsletter under the leadership of Bob Dwyer. The purpose of the newsletter is to offer complete coverage of IDC events. The newsletter is published every other week and is offered to the student body free of charge.

The Incoming Freshmen Committee is under the direction of Lee Auerbach and Leslie Cook. These two workers are responsible for the Freshmen Weekend which enables prospective college freshmen at Wilkes to get a first-hand look at the

college life here. It should take place sometime during the second semester and hopes to enjoy more cooperation from the weatherman than it had last year — remember the foot of snow?

The movie committee under Dan Grow selects feature films to be shown in the C.P.A. at specific times throughout the school year. The committee has been instrumental in the upgrading of films now shown on campus.

Other important committees now functioning through IDC sponsorship are the Special Events Committee and the Food Committee, under the direction of Marla Stemposki and Jane Matalavage respectively. Special events already undertaken have included a halloween party, and co-sponsorship of the Christmas party held two weeks ago at Pocono

Downs. The food committee has been working through Mr. Denison on the issue of bettering the campus canteen and their services.

Two committees which have unfortunately weathered more going than their counterparts are the security and radio committees. A security issue was passed to the Government where a decision on what action to take is hoped for. And the radio committee is apparently encountering difficulties in its relationship with WCLH.

Despite any shortcomings in the committees and subsequent problems left uncovered, they are a constructive step towards betterment of life at Wilkes College and students here should be aware of their presence.

SG Assails Inactivity Of Many Committees

The effectiveness of student-faculty committees on campus provided the spark for debate last Monday night at Student Government.

Peter Jadelis commented upon the lack of action on the part of many of the committees and was joined by Inter-Dormitory Council President Jim Fiorino, who denounced the inactivity of some faculty representatives.

Lee Auerbach rallied to the offense by placing the blame also on the students, who were lax to take the initiative. Auerbach requested that the presence of student representatives be demanded before SG in order to get a general background of the situation and hash out difficulties.

A new SG excuse policy was given its first reading. As with the old policy, a secret ballot must be taken after any member has accumulated three absences. Greg Hollis expressed dismay that the proposal so closely resembled the old one.

Two excuses were voted upon to determine whether or not would be considered excused. Both SG Vice-President Bob Linaberry and Woody Nichols were found innocent even though Vice-President Linaberry admitted his absence was unexcused and requested that it be considered as such.

It was brought forth that the Ecology Club took court action against "PennDOT" in Harrisburg, Tuesday. The Club is condemning culling plans of widening So. River St. to four lanes because of safety problems, the creation of bottlenecks and a lack of planning for any remodeling.

There will be no student per capita tax. SG President Mike Barski announced that the idea was discovered unconstitutional and that if enacted, "We could sue the hell outta 'em!"

Daily news racks will probably be set up shortly after Christmas. Hollis stated that the only hang-up now was that the locks for the coin cans weren't in yet.

Edward Swartz, of the People's Bicentennial Committee will speak February 5 in the Center of Performing Arts at 8 p.m. The Concert and Lecture Committee is also attempting to secure controversial abortion speaker Bill Baird to

make a presentation around the second week of March. His cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1000.

Twenty-five students completed their first-aid training yesterday and are ready to aid in case of emergency. The Human Services Committee also announced that Dirksen and 76 W. South dorms gave the most blood during the recent Blood Donors Day.

The Wilkes Community Effort has an opening for a new assistant director. Anyone is eligible for the position. Those interested may contact Charles Van Der Water.

IDC has formed a committee of 12 to examine what can be done about campus security right now instead of concentrating on long term goals.

"Reach-Out" is under a new chairmanship. The organization is in the process of planning its future structure.

Toboggan Day will now kick-off the festivities of the Winter Carnival on February 4.

Anyone wishing to use WCE's yellow van can lease the vehicle after Christmas. The van holds 15 passengers and will cost between 10 and 15 cents per mile.

Cinemascope lenses have arrived for the projectors in the CPA. Jadelis explained that the picture may be a bit dim due to inefficient lighting.

The Philosophy Club was granted \$50 to present two speakers next semester on general philosophical topics of current interest. The Spanish Club was conferred \$80 for last night's presentation of the Spanish guitarist.

Nursing Exams Offered Jan. 31

Registered nurses who wish to determine their advanced standing in the Baccalaureate Nursing Education program may take four nursing comprehensive examinations:

- I Medical-Surgical Nursing. Part I
- II Medical-Surgical Nursing. Part II
- Maternity and Child Nursing.
- Psychiatric Nursing.

The cost for this service is \$5. The tests will be administered on January 31, 1973 and February 1, 1973 at 250 South River Street. All four

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IDC Hits Lack Of Security

Sunday night, the cafeteria was the scene of another merry Christmas dinner. The general consensus was this one was the best they ever had.

The ham and Rock Cornish hens were very good, but the egg nog was missing something. The highlight of the evening was the arrival of Santa Claus, played by the cafeteria's own Freddie. He entered to the tune of Jingle Bells and distributed candy canes to the student body. It was the first time anyone had seen Santa Claus bet a student.

Besides Santa Claus, there was entertainment led by the Men off Diaz. Conducting them was Glen Flack of Diaz and Dean Ralston. Those men in the "Christmas Dinner Glee Club" included: Skip Byrnes, Allan Gerovitz, Bruce Jackson, Thomas Lenns, Fred Pacolitch, Bruce Phaik, Rich Hingston, George Kinsley, John Guzek, Jim Guzek and Bill Kohanik. George Haber accompanied them on the piano.

Topics at the IDC meeting ranged

from finalizing plans for the Christmas Dinner, to discussion of security efforts. There was much discussion as to what is really being done to help the problem caused by the lack of security. Lee Auerbach mentioned a possible break-in attempt at Doane Hall resulting in a loss of electric power in the dorm.

A committee went to speak to Dr. Michelini on the rumors of financial cutbacks in the Humanities and to find out what the New Learning

Center would be used for. Michelini said the rumored cutbacks are false and these department facilities would be rebuilt better before.

As to the rumors that the Learning Center would be exclusively for the sciences, Mike said that there would be a Arts Gallery and other departments would be moving to the building.

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individuals so that a fair bill may be given for services rendered.

5. Black Lung reevaluation. Out of 30,000 Pennsylvania miners rejected under the old law, 8,600 have now been judged to meet the test and others are still being considered.

Representative Daniel Flood of Pennsylvania arrived at the conference a little late, stating his deep respect for Senator Schweiker. Representative Flood called for the support of the local media in flood related matters.

Wilkes College President Francis J. Michelini met with Senator Schweiker prior to the press conference and was present during the conference. Dr. Michelini had met with the Senator in a row boat when the flood evacuation was at its peak. Dr. Michelini commented on the citizen's exposure to representative government as a result of the June disaster.

Dr. Michelini stated, "There was no way this community would have survived unless the people representing us had seen our plight." He went on to say, "The government is our neighbor when we need it."

Senator Schweiker stated that he felt the Small Business Administration's deadlines were discriminatory unless the government definitely decides on the urban renewal.

The Senator also reported that he was committed to legislation authorizing the dredging of the Susquehanna River.

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5:30	Story-time	Leo in the Wonderful Country	Things To Do	Story-time exclusively	New Books		
5:45		Rod & Charles				ROCK	Audiolum Organ
6:00	Lum & Abner	Lum & Abner	Lum & Abner	Lum & Abner	Lum & Abner		
6:15	News & Sports	News the Visual Image	News	News	News	FROM	
6:30	Musical Potpourri	Musical Potpourri	Musical Potpourri	Musical Potpourri	Musical Potpourri	8 a.m.	Lutheran Services
7:30	Israeli Press	Italian Press	Arab Press	Development Decade No. 2	Shakespearean Side-Lights		
7:45	Germany Today	U.N. Perspective	U.N. Scope		Men & Molecules	2 a.m.	News in the Religion
8:00	Holland Festival	Masterworks of France	Let's Swoop Pop	Dutch Drama from Radio Netherlands	Russian Pop & Classical		
8:30	How Do You Feel?	From Sorcery To	Bernard Gabriel	Radio Smithsonian	Sounds of the 30's and 40's		O P
9:00	Jazz Revisited	Searching	Luz.Co. Comm. CPA Events	Men & Ideas	Drug Usage		E R
9:30	Insight: Today's University	Rule of Reason		Civic Affairs Forum	ROCK		A
10:00	Manuscript Society	Russian Show	University Musicales	Music From Rochester	TO		
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Sharp Downward Trend In English Seen; Three Faculty Members Will Not Return

by Mark Carmon

The rumor is true. Three faculty members of the English department will not have their contracts renewed at the end of this year. Department Chairman Dr. Thomas Kaska explained the reason for these dismissals is the lack of funds. This stems from a marked decrease in the number of students enrolling in the English curriculum. From a 1970 English enrollment of 400 students, to 300 in 1971, the number of freshmen electing English as a major dropped to 170 this year. Kaska predicted an enrollment of 120 next year. It has therefore been necessary to cut a few corners such as reduced course offerings and faculty reductions. Before we mutter, "It's just par for the course," let's examine the situation a bit more closely. Edgar W. Hirshberg of the University of South Florida recently sent a questionnaire to all English department chairmen in Florida. The questionnaire pertained to enrollment in the departments and what is being done by them to counteract the apparent downward trend in English studies. In an article in the *Bulletin of the Association of Departments of English* (December, 1972-pp.31 to 36), Hirshberg described the outcome of his survey by stating that the "number of undergraduates who are majoring in English is decreasing at a fairly rapid rate. As a consequence, enrollments in English classes have gone down, in some instances somewhat steeply." Hirshberg's questionnaire also brought out the fact that the departments are regarding this drop in enrollment (and revenues), "with varying attitudes, from bemused detachment to deep concern." Kaska assured this reporter that the situation is prevalent throughout the country. It is not a local phenomenon and he is deeply concerned with the future of his department. He stated that there must be

adjustments made in the curriculum in order to make English more attractive as a major. A Committee On Curriculum Standards is currently meeting to evaluate the problem and present proposals to bring English back into the mainstream of the college. The system of course requirements for the English major may be dropped and replaced with a system in which the freshman is advised what courses best suit his academic abilities and literary preferences. Increased emphasis will be directed toward the writing, theater arts and speech curriculums with the possibility of a combined Communications major in the near future. Kaska also stated that the destroyed English collection in the library may be replaced with the Microbook Library of English Literature. This sophisticated Microfilm system, developed by Encyclopaedia Britannica, prints an entire book on a single 3x5 fiche (plastic index card). This would allow the library and the department to recover many invaluable works in a convenient and inexpensive form. Kaska managed to express some optimism during this difficult period. He personally regretted the dismissals. He emphasized that if more people were aware of the value of an undergraduate degree in English, this situation would never have occurred. He backed up his assertion that English is the most flexible major because of the fact that an understanding of the language and literature is essential, no matter what discipline is studied later. Law and medical schools are accepting English majors over pre-law and pre-med students. In a pamphlet entitled *English-The Pre-Professional Major*, Linwood E. Orange of the University of Southern Mississippi describes how he sent questionnaires to law and medical schools and to diverse business organizations. The survey asked, "Is it ordinarily possible for a college undergraduate both to meet your entrance requirements and complete an English major?" All responding law schools (45) and medical schools (31) answered "yes." The article also reprints ten comments from deans of some of the schools taking part in the survey. These administrators were unanimous in their praise of English undergraduates: The ability to communicate is of critical importance in medicine, so that a thorough knowledge of the English language and its literature is a valuable asset for a medical student... (Dean Frank N. Miller, George Washington University School of Medicine) So even with the unfortunate loss of these faculty members, the English department at Wilkes is aware of the implications of a downgraded English curriculum and is attempting to solve the problem.

Shepherd Speaks At Wilkes



A "natural clown," Jean Parker Shepherd, made people look at themselves and laugh and wonder "there has got to be more to life," last Wednesday night at the Wilkes College Center for the Performing Arts. Shepherd, a noted journalist and comedian, divided the world into two kinds of people — those that were the Bobbsey Twins and those that were not, which were ones like himself who could imagine that the Midtown Tunnel, in New York, was the inside of one long "john." Nothing seemed to miss Shepherd's magic tongue as he completely cut up New Jerseyites, who he says are born with shopping carts in their hands and spend their lives between the Great Eastern Discount Stores and the orange roofs of the Howard Johnson's. The college oriented audience could easily relate to Shepherd's classroom experiences at George E. Harding School, a school which is two strikes against you before you even get started. Students laughed heartily as they saw themselves hiding behind the kid in front of them, or giving the teacher their "cute smile." Each one remembers their own tactic on how not to get called on in class. Shepherd expounded on the Alphabet ghetto, kids whose last names are in the S-Z section of the alphabet. The "X, Y and Z's" could relate themselves to Shepherd's experiences as they too walked into a classroom and were told to sit in the back of the room by the cupboards, never knowing the smell of the chalk let alone seeing the chalkboard itself. For the ghetto there is always the mass of bodies, the "A, B and C's," who separated them from the teacher and the learning that went on in the front of the room. So each member of the alphabet ghetto learned his own strategy to avoid

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GRIPES CONTINUE OVER POOR PARKING

With the arrival of the winter season we are faced with changing many of our habits. Instead of sandals and cut offs, prevalent at the beginning of the semester, we now see heavy woolen coats, leather boots and mittens, exhibiting the area's many temperature changes. Along with the problems of cold weather and its attire we are faced with another headache — that grows continually worse as the temperature decreases — Parking Space. It is no fun parking five blocks or more away from campus especially when it's hailing or sleeting and the price of this inconvenience is even more frustrating. This parking problem has existed for sometime and many students are concerned. The entire student body agrees it is a problem and some have offered suggestions: Patrick McDonald, a Freshman English major had this to say, "Park and Lock and all city parking should at least give a student rate; 50 to 90 cents per day is ridiculous. There are student rates for group theater parking; why not a special rate for student parking?" A Spanish major, Debbie Baller suggested, Wilkes should attempt

building its own parking lot as King's did. If this isn't possible, the College should ask the local lots to lower their prices for the students." A sophomore group of James Brown, cheerleader Debbie Georgetti and Paul Conforti agreed that the entire meter system should be eliminated near the college as Scranton University did. Students should be allowed to park free providing they have a certain decal showing they are students. Others would be fined. All these ideas contain merit, but as of yet nothing has been solved. Is there something that can be done? The commuters need help!

Graduation Now Colorfully Planned

A recent interview with Senior Class President Joel Fischman unveiled some proposed changes for the senior class concerning graduation ceremonies. A new addition to the graduation ceremonies will be colored academic hoods. After receiving their diplomas seniors may remove the covering on their hoods and display the various colors which symbolize the different majors. Each major will have its own section in the assembly, adding to the already impressive ceremonies. Graduation ceremonies will not be held in the gymnasium as was the case last year. An outdoor ceremony is planned at Ralston Field or at Kingston Armory in case of bad weather. Graduation fees may increase by \$4.25 allowing the cap, gown and hood to be retained by the seniors. The present graduation fee is \$25.00. The seniors are holding a Beer Blast at Pocono Downs Sunday, January 6. Sorry, underclassmen, the party is for seniors only.

NOTICE

All Wilkes College students sponsored by Bureau of Rehabilitation meeting with Mr. W. Anthony Williams.

Schedule

Wed.-Jan. 10, 1973-Group I
Wed.-Jan. 17, 1973-Group II
From 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
At Weckesser Hall.

Exam Period Shortened

With final exams set to begin in the very near future, there are a few changes which should be considered. Because of the late start in September, less time can be allotted for final examinations. Instead of the usual nine-day period, there will be only six days in which to take final exams. A six-day period necessitates scheduling three exams per day. The proposed times are 8-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Included are two 3-hour periods and one 2-hour period. This is somewhat distasteful, but as Dr. Moses explained, there was no other way out. In addition, very few exams were given during the final three days of last year's final exam period. Dr. Moses also remarked that he didn't arbitrarily do this but was

WCLH 90.7 FM Wilkes College Listening Habit

WCLH will be observing the Christmas holidays by presenting several special Christmas-oriented programs on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The programs include several taped shows, local church services and programs put together by Wilkes College students. The schedule for those two days is as follows:

Sunday, Christmas Eve

5:00 Moments With the Master — A special Christmas show featuring hymns, spiritual readings and prayers.
5:30 Taped Christmas Mass from St. Aloysius Church of Wilkes-Barre.
6:00 Campus Crusade for Christ — A special expanded inspirational hour in honor of Christmas
7:00 — Religion in the News — The latest in what's happening around the world in religion
8:00 Christmas Music
8:30 Bernstein's Mass — Featuring the music written by Leonard Bernstein for the opening of the John F. Kennedy center for the Performing Arts
10:00 The Christmas Eve service from the Messiah Lutheran Church of Wilkes-Barre, aired live over WCLH

Monday, Christmas Day

6:00 Christmas Tree — The fairy tale about a poor tree that was not selected when people were choosing their Christmas trees
6:30 Musical Potpourri — A special Christmas program of music featuring Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Cantata 84;" Marcello's "Psalms 19 and 20;" Palstrina's "Mass for Five Voices" and "Ascendo Ad Patrem;" and Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."
7:30 Messiah — Handel's immortal work performed by the Independence, Missouri Choir of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints under the direction of Harold Neal. The 200-voice choir, featuring many distinguished soloists, is accompanied by an orchestra including members of the Independence and Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestras.
8:30 Christmas in South Africa — A program discussing the Christmas customs of South Africa
9:00 Christmas Carols — Carols sung by the Rhodes University Chamber Choir of South Africa
9:30 Mardigal Singers of Wilkes College — A program of Christmas music sung by the Wilkes College Madrigal Singers
10:30 Christmas Music

Wilkes Grapplers Trounce Delaware Valley

TEAM SLATE NOW AT 4-1

Featuring Jay McGinley

by Steve Jones

The Wilkes College wrestling Colonels rolled over Delaware Valley, 31-9, Saturday afternoon in a home meet held at the South Franklin Street gym. The Colonels of Coach John Reese captured eight of the 10 bouts in winning their fifth meet of the 1972-73 season. They have lost only one.

In hammering Delaware Valley, the Wilkes grapplers served notice on other Middle Atlantic Conference mat teams that they are the team to beat once again.

Delaware Valley, with virtually the same squad back from a season ago, finished third to the Blue and Gold last year in the MAC grappling confab at Swarthmore.

Wilkes will meet second-place Elizabethtown at home January 6 before taking on fourth-place Lycoming at Williamsport on February 3.

Keeping their unblemished-untied streaks going were Jay McGinley (5-0), Gene Ashley (5-0) and Art Trovei (5-0). For Trovei the triumph came a little tougher than expected. McGinley upped his 118-pound career record to 31-6-1 with a 6-1 decision over freshman Jay Rothers. After getting out to a 2-1 first period lead, McGinley rode the entire second stanza, and then produced an escape and takedown in the final frame.

Bob Roberts pulled down veteran Ron Jennings at 1:00 of the initial period and then applied the overhead cradle to produce a fall 27 seconds later. It was his fourth season dual win against only one setback.

Junior John Chakmakas extended the Colonels team lead to a quick 15-0 with a second period clamp over Jim Hopps. The Schenectady, N.Y. product had Hopps, 5-1, before showing him the lights with a double arm lock.

Key meeting of the afternoon saw Art Trovei squeak by Aggie Captain George Cummins, 4-3. Cummins and Trovei fought in the MAC 134-pound finals last year. Trovei won to unseat the defending champion, to whom he had lost in the semi-finals the year before.

Cummins actually led, 3-1, going into the final frame. Trovei escaped at 5:06 and scored the winning digit in the last 15 seconds of the bout as Cummins was penalized a point for stalling. Second period riding time gave the Port Jervis, N.Y. native the nod.

Mike Lee extended the shutout to 22-0 with a lopsided 13-1 superior decision at 150. Lee completely obliterated his Del Val opponent, getting a near pin on three occasions. The Colonel junior is now 4-0-1 on the campaign and 16-1-1 lifetime.

Junior Gene Ashley made it six straight for the hometowners with a 5-0 verdict. Ashley executed a takedown with seven seconds left in the first period, rode the entire second, and then sealed the triumph with a third stanza reversal.

Colonel fans were treated to a wild one at 167-pounds as yearling Jim Weisenfluh rallied for a 7-5 nod. Trailing 5-2 with 33 seconds remaining in the bout, Weisenfluh fashioned a takedown and near fall at the buzzer to gain his biggest victory to date.

Highly touted Fran Campbell finally put the visitors on the scoreboard with a hardfought 10-7 decision over Bob Yanku. Yanku battled back to a one-point deficit, 5-4, early in the third period but saw all hopes fade away with a Campbell reversal.

Joe Grinkevich evened his season's log at 3-3 with a 5-2 decision

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The Wilkes Wrestling Team — Left to right, first row: Marc Kovalchick, Ted Martin, Jay McGinley, Bob Roberts, John Chakmakas, Art Trovei, Mike Lee, Bob Yanku and Ralph Musgrave. Second row: Bob Matley, Gene Ashley, Jim Weisenfluh, Warren Lopez, Joe Grinkevich, Alain Arnould and Bill Purcell, manager. Third row: Coach John Reese, Bob Ellis, Tony Karponich, Mike Kassab, Dave Ellis, Lou Kassab, Mike Ellis, Alan Yanku, Jim DeSombre, Ed Hayduck, Wayne Sherman, Jeff McDonald, assistant coach Brooke Yeager.

SPORTS PRISM

by Steve Jones

Donations for the Bob McBride Memorial Fund are now being accepted at the Development Office on the third floor of Weckesser Hall.

Evelyn Robinson, Recorder for the Development Office, reports that approximately \$1,900 has been donated to date and that more pledges are being received almost daily.

A few of the sources of the contributions include individual Wilkes students, Student Government, Parents' Football Club, individual dormitories and sundry other departments and organizations.

Dean Arthur Hoover intimates that following Christmas recess Mr. and Mrs. McBride will consult with the administration as to the manner in which they intend to employ the money. Speculation is that the funds

may be poured into a perpetual scholarship fund to be granted on an annual basis, but as of yet, nothing is definite.

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When was the last time you attended an exciting Wilkes athletic contest?

It may have been as recently as last night, but almost for definitely sure, fan reaction to the contest was unexcited and unemotional.

According to many observers, Wilkes lacks fervent fan support for its athletic teams; a fervent support which other colleges seem not to lack.

This point was made at a recent Beacon meeting and will be treated more extensively in an upcoming issue. In the meantime, observe for yourself and form your own opinions.

4 Colonels Selected To All MAC

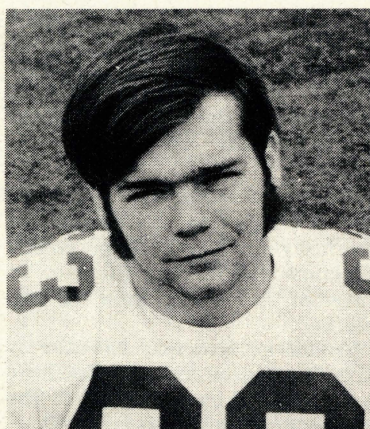
Four members of the Wilkes College offensive grid unit were last week named to the Middle Atlantic Conference's Northern Division All-Star-squad.

Selected by the MAC coaches on the basis of their superior performances were senior quarterback Jeff Giberson, tight end George Sillup, senior tackle John Holland and junior guard Rich Lorenzen.

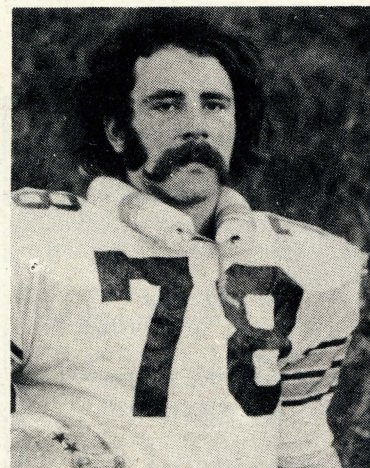
Giberson led the Northern Division in total offense and passing this year, completing 103 of 198 aeriels for 1088 yards and six touchdowns.

Sillup, noted for his fine blocking and circus catches, has latched on to 43 passes for 473 yards in two seasons.

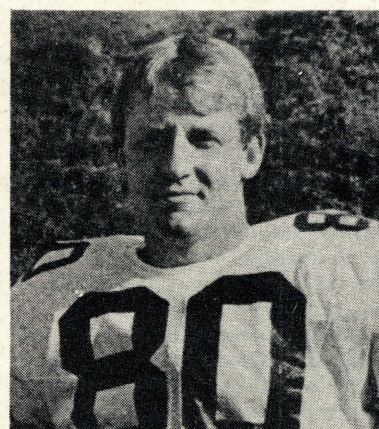
Despite nursing injuries for much of the year, Holland, a native of Barre, Vt., performed admirable on pass blocking and scrimmage-line thrust, as did Rich Lorenzen, who filled in for the injured Larry Lally and established himself as the Colonels' highest rated offensive lineman.



Rich Lorenzen



John Holland



George Sillup



Jeff Giberson

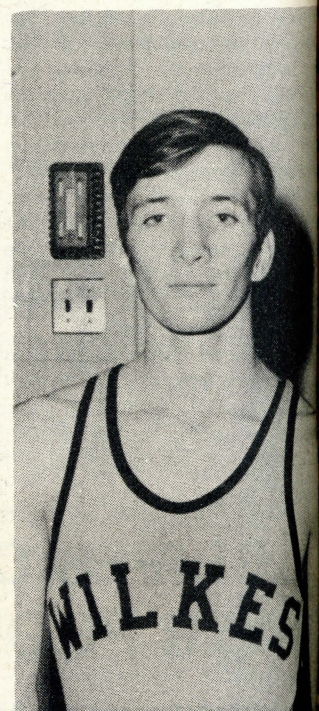
Wilkes Open Tournament

The 40th annual Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament will be held at the Wilkes College gymnasium on Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29.

This year the competition is slated to begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday and continue through to the quarterfinals. Semi-finals will begin Friday at 1 p.m. followed by the finals and consolations at 7.

George Ralston will again serve as the tournament's director. Other members of the committee are John Reese, tournament coordinator; Cromwell Thomas, head scorer; Gene Domzalski and Art Hoover, weightmasters; Roland Schmidt, announcer; George Pawlusch, publicity; Mildred Gittens, tickets; and Bill Denion, food services.

Since the tournament moved to the Wilkes Campus in 1950 only 16 different wrestlers have been able to (Continued on Page 8)



Jay McGinley

At Wyoming Valley West School he tallied five letters (two cross-country, three in wrestling) and copped regional and district wrestling crowns.

President of the Wilkes' Lettermen's Club, the Kingston native acclaims Coach John Reese as "one of the best in the country, especially in light of other schools' superb athletic facilities and athletic potential."

The most taxing demands confronting a wrestler, says Jay, are "enduring the length of the season and maintaining one's weight over the holidays."

The Business Administration major feels that Wilkes should handily capture yet another MAC crown this year, and he believes that the team's national ranking will be enhanced if the squad wrestles well against University Division powers, Navy and Arizona State. Stripping California Poly of its number one College Division ranking, however, Jay rules as being out of the realm of feasibility.

Not a pretentious matman, but one who wrestles consistently well in a methodical manner, McGinley has exhibited constant improvement since his freshman year, and despite an inhibiting shoulder injury incurred early this season, and despite the inauspicious odds, indicators are that he has established himself as a genuine candidate for All-American laurels.

Members of the McGinley family are brothers Ned, Tim and Terry, and a sister and a mother, both named Geraldine.

Cagers Fare Well Against Tough Opposition

Brabant's 'Hot Hand' Continues

The Wilkes Cagers of Coach Roger Bearde upped their season's record to 4-2 on the year by beating Susquehanna last week while bowing stubbornly to the Colonels.

On Tuesday evening versus the Colonels, the Colonels defense held the Cagers to 12 points (ten below his season's average) and got double digit rebounds from four starters to repeat the measure of the visiting team's 100-61.

Tallying in the double digit column, Wilkes was 6-4 freshman Jack Brabant, 6-6 Greg Buzinski, 6-0 Greg Brien and 6-2 Mark Caterson who scored in 23, 18, 16 and 14 points respectively.

Brabant also notched 13 rebounds, while Buzinski wiped the glass for 10. The Colonels were out in front for most of the game, leading 48-33 at the half, but had the Lycow crew close to within nine, 54-45 early in the second half. Blue and Gold then generated a scoring fast break that netted 18 straight points to put the game on ice.

Bantam playmaker Steve Ference recorded nine assists while Pat Garney scored the deuce to put the Colonels at the century figure.

Against Albright good fortune went out the window after a momentary appearance. At 10:10 of the first half the underdog Beardemen led the



The future through frosh — Coach Roger Bearde (far right) beams a confident smile as he considers the prospects of upcoming seasons with this Colonel quartet of freshmen. Left to right: Tom Coughlin, Doug Trostle, Jack Brabant, Dave Skopek.

Coward's Corner

by Coward Hosell

Welcome once again, sports enthusiasts, to Coward's Corner where your hunger for sports knowledge will once again be filled by that fountain of sports education, Mr. Coward Hosell.

This week's action in the Intramural Basketball League was mighty scarce with just about every contest being a rather lopsided match. The average point margin for the victors was 35 points.

But nonetheless, on with the action(?).

The Moc Maulers continued on their victory spree as they defeated the "A" team of 262, 96 to 27. Bob Yatko had 31 for the Moc Maulers and was assisted by Len Malshefski with 21. Dave Nieman hit twin figures for 262.

Tony Schwab with 22 had help from Suppon and Abraham, who both hit for 18 as MAC defeated the BBI's 97 to 49 on a real close one. Jeff Finkel continued to lead the BBI's, scoring only 30 of their total points.

Butler took it on the chin from the Dirty Dozen 66 to 44. Buckland, Hirschak and Kiewcak hit twin figures for the Dozen while Blaso and Kileen led in a losing effort.

In what was probably the closest game of the week, but not necessarily the best played, it was the 12 Tones over Cinch 39 to 31. Suda had 14 for the Tones while Shoemaker matched his total for the boys from Cinch.

Making their first appearance in the league this season was the No. 4 team, the Faculty, a year older and somewhat slower, but nonetheless a good team. They opened with a 67 to 26 drubbing of Butler House. Bill Sapp led Butler in its losing effort with 12. Joe Skvarla had 21 and Jack Meyers showed that married life hasn't slowed him down too much, as he hit for 12 counters.

No. 5 Webster continued undefeated as John Proper with 20 and Mike Paternoster with 15 led the Webster men to a 65 to 37 victory over Cinch. Rutkowski and Shoemaker shared 27 for the losers.

Mazzolla, Bean and Pisano shared 30 points for Beelphazoar as they defeated Roosevelt 50 to 23. Loberto hit for 15 for the losers.

With two weeks of the season over, the ratings I gave last week still stand. There have been no earth-shattering upsets and there probably won't be any.

The quality of this year's competition in the Intramural League has greatly increased this year along with the quality of officiating. I, as a sport-loving person, can only hope that this is a foreshadowing of things to come in the future at Wilkes College.



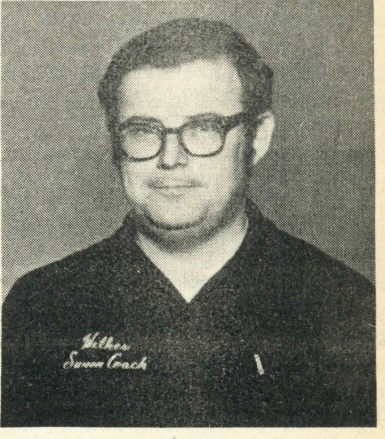
Middle linebacker Frank Galicki (center) is shown being congratulated by Wilkes College President Doctor J. Francis Michelini (right) after the Mocanaqua, Pa., native was selected to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference All-East Team. Athletic Director John Reese looks on at the left.

MERMEN BEATEN

The Colonel swimmers suffered their second and third defeats of the young season last week, dropping their record to a disappointing 0-3.

Last Wednesday saw the Mermen shudder at home before a powerhouse East Stroudsburg squad in an 87-16 walloping. However, Barry Rasmussen paced the Colonels with a pair of second place finishes in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. Bob Krienke also picked up second place in the 200-yard backstroke.

Last Saturday the Colonel Mermen encountered loss number three against Binghamton State by a score of 71-31 at the Heights Aquadome. Senior diver Bob Krienke again led



Coach Shaughnessy

the ranks for at least a little happiness for Coach Shaughnessy by capturing two first places in the one meter and optional diving events. Jeff Walk, a junior, capped a 2:48.9 time in the 200-yard breaststroke. Finishing in second place were Barry Rasmussen in the 50 and 100-yard freestyles, and Walk in the 200-yard individual medley.

This Thursday afternoon why don't you run on down and cheer the Colonel Mermen, and at the same time check out the new Heights Aquadome? It's fabulous inside. By the way, the Colonels will be hosting Cathedral College Thursday at 4 p.m.

Wrestlers Ranked 3rd

Amateur Wrestling News, long regarded as the "Bible of Collegiate Wrestling," last week released its preseason rankings of the national college grappling squads. John Reese's grapplers advanced one notch from last season's final ranking to third spot in the "College Division."

Rankings are as follows:

1. California Poly
2. University of Northern Iowa
3. Wilkes
4. Clarion
5. Slippery Rock
6. North Dakota State
7. Northern Colorado
8. Seattle Pacific
9. Western State of Colorado
10. Cleveland State

Poetic Cage Picks

by Ray McNulty

Iambic Pentameter was Shakespeare's bag
For mod McNulty it's simply a drag.
My head is a warehouse, full of figures and facts,
I'm just a great Irish oracle who seldom lacks.
I write what I want and what I must
Yet Bedford Hall still lacks my bust.
With predicted scores coming ever so near,
A perfect gures will eventually appear.
So — you feel I'm conceited and devoid of wit
Eat your heart out John Wayne — I've got true grit!

December 21-Wilkes vs Binghamton State

Wilkes defeated Binghamton State 55-52 last year
In a game in New York and unfortunately not here.
Last year's game saw Mark Caterson high
With a deft touch you need not ask why.
Early games prove Brabant can score
When in the groove he hits for more.
So now I must decide the winner for you
Winning 75-68 will be the Wilkes Gold and Blue.

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over Brent Franklin. The sophomore looked good in piling up two takedowns and an escape.

With heavyweight Al Arnould out with an injury, Coach Reese decided to forfeit the final bout rather than match 189-pound Grinkevich with Aggie giant Al Bertlebaugh, who scales 265 pounds.

Wilkes 31 - Delaware Valley 9
118-Jay McGinley (W) dec Jay Yothers, 6-1.

126-Bob Roberts (W) pinned Ron Jennings in 1:29.

134-John Chakmakas (W) pinned

James Hopps in 2:57.
142-Art Trovei (W) dec. George Cummins, 4-3.

150-Mike Lee (W) dec. Mike Ackley, 13-1.

158-Gene Ashley (W) dec. Joe Thonus, 5-0.

167-Jim Weisenfluh (W) dec. Ray Johnson, 7-5.

177-Fran Campbell (DV) dec. Bob Yanku, 10-7.

190-Joe Grinkevich (W) dec. Brent Franklin, 5-2.

Hwt-Al Bartlebaugh (DV) won on forfeit.
Referee-Ted Martz.

Wilkes Alumna Sponsors Project Massive Flood Recover For Luzerne County



Representative of the Frank Fowler Dow School 52, Rochester, N.Y., brought a little Christmas joy and presents to elementary students of the Third Avenue School, Kingston, during the week.

Braving the elements and a seven-hour trip, the New York group sought to bring Christmas to the Third Avenue students, many of whom had been through the recent flood disaster and others who had lost their school when a fire destroyed the building in Pringle just before Thanksgiving.

The idea was a brainstorm of Mrs. Barbara (Drasher) Mertens, an alumna of Wilkes College, as a service project for the children.

Taking part in the reception were, left to right: George Siles, Wilkes College Education Department; Mrs. Edward Urbanski, Third Avenue Home Association; Michael Stretanski, head teacher of the Third Avenue, non-graded school; Mrs. Marion Rebar, director, Elementary Education, Wyoming Valley West School District; Dr. Francis J. Micheline, Wilkes College president; Mrs. Mertens; Miss Bevell Mason, principal, School 52; and Mrs. Samuel Peters, Third Avenue Home Association.

Mrs. Mertens, publicity chairman of the Dow PTA, suggested the idea at the October meeting of the group. Arrangements were made through Dr. Micheline and Siles at Wilkes College.

Aiding in the project was the Rochester Time-Union newspaper, which lent a truck for transportation of the gifts.

Massive Flood Recover For Luzerne County

University Park, Pa., Nov. — Third-quarter economic statistics for Luzerne County show both massive flood damage and massive restoration efforts.

But, say business analysts at The Pennsylvania State University, review of business conditions in the third quarter, the best news of all is that they show the area's economy is definitely on the move.

In July, unemployment amounted to 22.5 per cent of a very much enlarged work force. By September, the rate had dropped to no more than 8.7 per cent of a substantially smaller force.

Use of electricity for industrial purposes was sharply reduced for a while after the flood because of damage to the equipment of both suppliers and users. By September, industrial power sales were up once again to their preflood volume in the County, and scored their first month-to-month gain in the city of Wilkes-Barre.

The employment total is rising as manufacturing and other kinds of industries have added jobs. The manufacturing industries have not regained the job level they had during the first half of this year, but the job level in nonmanufacturing industries has reached its highest point in many years.

Welcome as these developments are, they cannot be interpreted either as a return to preflood economic conditions or as a healthy, broadly-based expansion of local business, say the Penn State analysts.

Customary activities are gradual-

ly being resumed in the flooded areas and activities in the large part of Luzerne County that was not flooded are assumed to be going on about as usual by this time. But three months after the disaster not all the area has been cleared from the flood. There are still emergency work areas, and it is not possible to separate the temporary from the usual in evaluating month-to-month economic developments.

A good example is the change in the volume of bank debits. Ordinarily, more-than-seasonal gain from month to the next in the volume of checkbook usage is a sign that area business activity is brisk. That is certainly true in Luzerne County now, as money in large volume pours into the area and is circulated. On average, during the third quarter, the monthly volume of demand deposits in commercial banks was about 28 per cent higher than in the same quarter of this year in Luzerne County than was last year in the same quarter.

If the figures don't represent business as usual, they do show the area is not being allowed to stagnate or to wrestle alone with its own problems.

WILKES OPEN (From Page 6)

Both Wilkes Open and titles. Stan Dziedzic of Slippery Rock was the last to turn the trick in the title. He also accomplished the feat. As a team, Pittsburgh leads double Open-NCAA winners four, followed by Lock Haven, three, Oklahoma State with two, Cornell with two.

The tournament has been the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling" Sports Illustrated magazine.

NURSING (From Page 4)

tests may be taken on one day or tests on each of the two days:

Medical-Surgical Nursing, I — 8-10 a.m.

Medical-Surgical Nursing, II — 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Maternity and Child Nursing — 1-3 p.m.

Psychiatric Nursing — 3:30-5 p.m.

Kindly register with Miss Fehlandt, secretary, Nursing Department, 250 South River Street, January 15, 1973.

This will not be repeated until

SHEPHERD (From Page 5)

being called on in class. There was Helen, who let out a cloud of perspiration that covered over her body, Bernie who wore out Rosary beads as other kids wore out pencil erasers, and Swartz who whined his way through school and our star, Shepherd, who "snaked" through his education ever moving, keeping at least one row of students between him and the teacher while constantly repeating "don't call on me, don't call on me."

But, alas for our poor hero, one day he too made the fatal slip and was caught. As he stood for the first time in his life next to the chalkboard not knowing the answer, he realized he was all alone, that his friends were enjoying his every moment of torture, savoring every morsel of his disaster. However, at that moment, though not a religious man, an answer — "3" — came to Shepherd and for some miraculous reason, it was the right answer! Totally shocking everyone, the teacher, himself and his phony friends, Shepherd walked out of the classroom head held high. Yes, you can get by being a phony.

Shepherd knows you can get by while being a phony, but he sits at 3 in the morning watching his Preparation H commercials wondering, "There has got to be more to life than this."

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Insisting On Correct Spelling By Students: Is It A Sign Of A Fascist Mentality?

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by Milton Birnbaum

The thousand and one injuries of my innovative, radical colleagues I had borne as best as I could, but when they ventured upon insult, I vowed revenge.

Having been frequently exposed to the phalanx of the Left, I felt a sense of acute guilt every time I read of a ghetto uprising; I was burdened with conscience that somehow my emphasis on clarity, standard spelling, and orthodox grammar had contributed to racial inequality and the waging of a senseless war in Indo-China. I trembled when I made corrections in my students' papers — why contribute further to the accumulated injustices of the world?

I broke out into agonized sweat when I assigned Hawthorne in my American literature course and Dante in my world literature class. What relevance could Hawthorne's preoccupation with Puritan sins and Dante's obsession with Catholic dogma have to students pulsating with passion for the greening — or the bloodying — of America?

I felt ashamed when I queried my students on allegorical possibilities in literature in view of Mao's insistence on purity and simplicity of style. I dreaded assigning term papers; of what value was research in the library when students could spend their time more relevantly occupying administration buildings and giving more power to the people. I even told them that attendance in class was no longer mandatory and

felt a sense of accomplishment that thereby I had somehow contributed to the New World Order.

When a student wrote on a test, "Dante's Inferno shows what a doggy-dog world this has always been," I curbed my initial revulsion at this orthographic chaos and put in the margin of the student's examination booklet, "Interesting observation."

When students handed in their papers late because, they claimed, they were busy organizing or attending teach-ins on vietnam, I tolerated their tardiness and told them to cultivate their gardens.

Touching One's Nose

But when I read one morning in the Springfield (Mass.) Republican that, according to a University of Massachusetts-Amherst professor "who is teaching the whats and whys (sic) of the English language to future English teachers," spelling ability "is only slightly above the ability to touch one's nose with one's tongue," I vowed revenge.

Just the week before this item had appeared in the newspaper, one of my students had written on a world literature test, "Odysseus was screwed, but he wasn't the only one.

All the Greeks were screwed." By talking tactfully to the student, I had ascertained that the student had really meant that Odysseus and the other Greeks were "shrewed." I then proceeded to ask several of my radical, innovative colleagues in various colleges what the sentences "Odysseus was screwed, but he wasn't the only one. All the Greeks were screwed" meant to them. Among the replies I received were the following:

"Odysseus and the other Greeks occasionally engaged in sexual licentiousness."

"Odysseus and the other Greeks were quite often drunk."

"Odysseus and the other Greeks were sometimes mentally confused."

"The student really meant that the Greeks were all screwed up."

Now when I hear that insistence on correct spelling is a sign of a fascist mentality, I secretly smile; when I read of attacks on established curricula and of the importance of making courses exercises in fun and shared relevance, I chuckle.

Who's being screwed in a doggy-dog world?

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