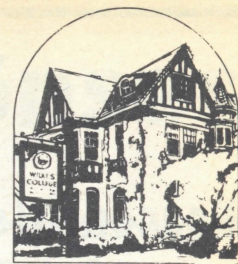




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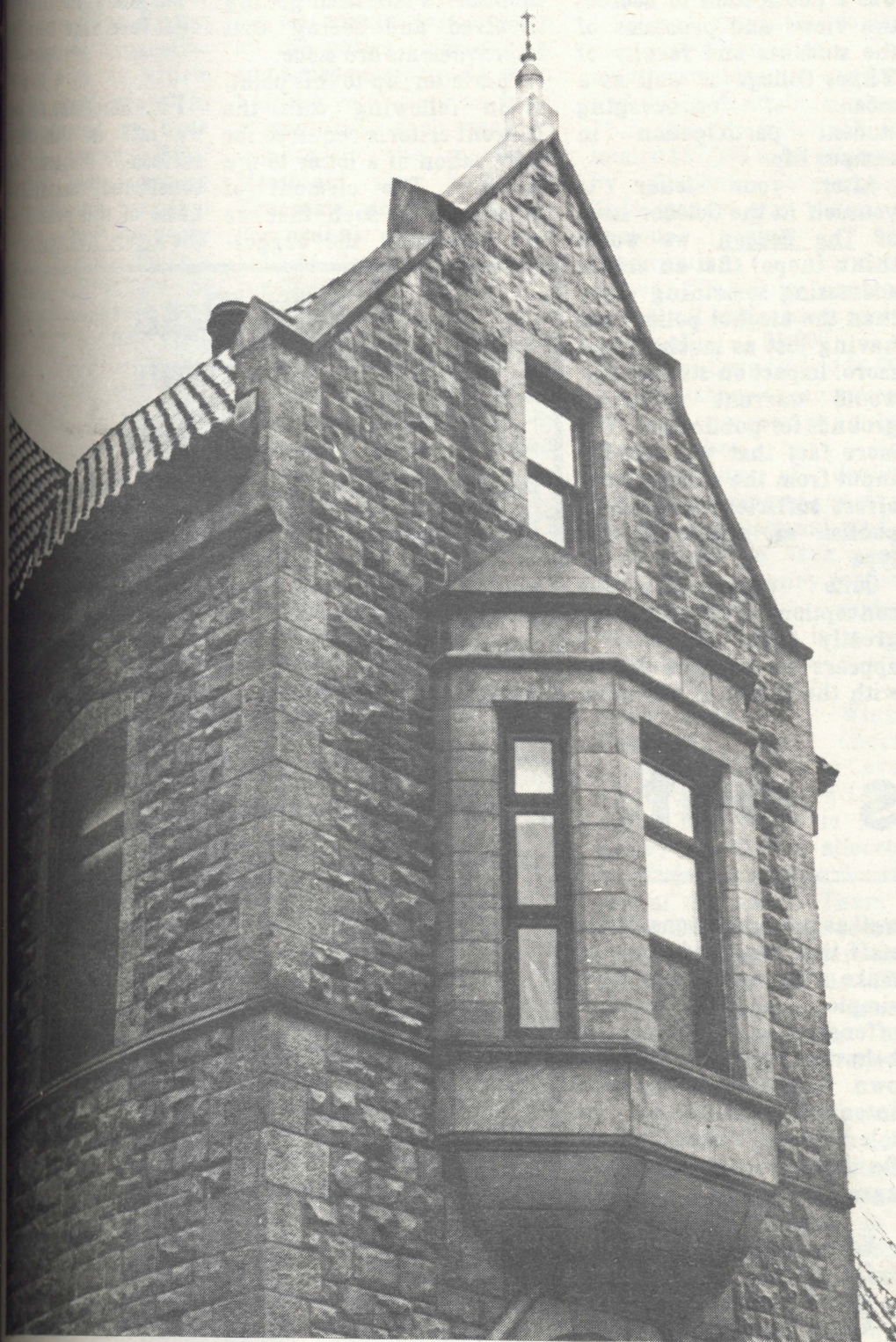


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Kirby Hall: the facts and legends



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Manuscript holds coffee house

by Michele James

On Thursday, November 14, the Manuscript Society held a non-traditional coffee house.

The Manuscript has sponsored many poetry readings in the past, but for the first time people with musical talents were invited and encouraged to participate.

"We tried to coordinate an event that would utilize people with musical talents," Sandy Long, editor of the Manuscript and event coordinator, said.

"In the past, only poetry was read," stated Long. "If we introduced the music element into it, we could get even more people involved."

Bernie Mertz, an alumni of Wilkes and a regular at Manuscript functions said that introducing music was great because "it broke down prevailing attitudes of and between the majors and their identities. Now they can identify with each other, together."

Approximately 40 people attended the coffee house held at Mostly Books, located on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The proprietors say that they have held a lot of private parties at the store, but this was the first time they hosted a college event.

"It seemed like everyone had a good time," said the proprietor. "As long as they are as well behaved as they were tonight, we'll probably do it again."

A regular at Manuscript events for the past five years, Gene Collins said that it was definitely "worth

coming 20 miles for." Mr. Collins is from Drums, PA.

Ormond Long, father of student Sandy Long, was coaxed into the limelight by his daughter and the audience.

"My wife said if I got up here and did this she'd kill me," said Long.

But he did anyway and entertained the audience with a humorous song titled "The Love Bug Itch."

"If you're bitten by the love bug, you don't know where to scratch," he said. "At least if you're bitten by a mosquito, you know where to scratch."

Dr. Pat Heaman, Manuscript advisor, said, "It went over very well. Sandy's idea was terrific."

The coffee house was attended by students from various departments, faculty, alumni, and people from the community.

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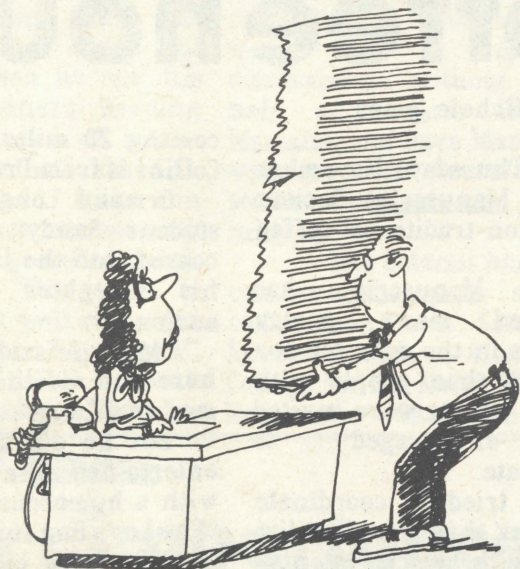
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Meyers speaks out

Dear Editor:

I applaud your efforts to point out problems on the campus because I honestly believe that is one of the positive services that a student newspaper is uniquely qualified to provide. I appreciate your willingness to take stands on controversial issues; that is why I shared one of your recent editorials with a college-bound student and his parents when they posed questions about the alcohol policy on our campus. I agree with your condemnation of the kinds of behavior you described in your most recent editorial--

but I must object to the statement that you attribute to me in that same editorial as well as to the general connection you seem to be drawing between the admissions process and social behavior after students arrive on campus.

I know that your on-campus readers will realize that I did not make that statement, and I am confident that your general readership will recognize that no Dean of Admissions would make that kind of statement. I am concerned, however, that you have offended the great majority of students on the campus, as

well as the Admissions Office staff that recruited them, to make what appears to be a simple enough point: offensive and threatening behavior by a few, by your own admission (no pun intended), should not be tolerated at Wilkes College. On that point, once again, I agree!

Yours for a better Wilkes College,
John F. Meyers
Acting Dean of Admissions

P.S. Please note that your effort to generate some response from your readers has brought another letter!

Readers question Beacon's purpose

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to either your hypocrisy as Editor-in-Chief or the inefficiency of your staff. The blatant disregard of a request to publish an article which has more relevance to the reader and supporters of your publication than do the vast majority of your features, makes us question the actual purpose of The Beacon's existence. It was our belief that The Beacon was a publication to address the views and problems of the students and faculty of Wilkes College as well as a means of encouraging student participation in campus life.

After your letter to yourself in the October issue of The Beacon, we would think (hope) that an article addressing something other than the alcohol policy, and having just as much, if not more, impact on student life, would warrant sufficient grounds for publication. The mere fact that you ask for input from the student body offers sufficient grounds to publish an article of this type.

Quite obviously, our conception of input differs greatly from yours. It appears to us that letters with the intent to put down

the people and organizations currently active on this campus have priority over many more important issues. The vast majority of the letters you publish offer blame but no suggestion as a means to improve the situations at hand. Sarcasm used improperly (as many do) often does more damage than it does good. We are under the impression from reading these letters that their writers are more interested in hearing themselves talk than getting involved and seeing that improvements are made.

This letter, up to this point, is in following with the current criteria required for publication of a letter to the Editor. The element of difference is such that we are defending the sugges-

tions for improvement contained in the unpublished article. We believe this article presents a means to get the entire student body involved in the realization of its desires regarding campus life.

It is our hope that your article, which by now we are sure you can identify, was published in the upcoming issue of The Beacon, especially if this letter is not.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas White
Joe Ferdinand

P.S. Since the one we lack in this letter is sarcasm, we have considered changing the name of this publication to the River City Enquirer.

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'No hoopla' letter sparks responses

Dear Editor:

In regard to the anonymous student who bothered to get his/her letter straight as well as the entire Wilkes College administration, faculty, and student body, we would like to set the record straight.

There exists a newly formed Student Programming Board which is actively planning a variety of activities for the next semester. We, as members of the board, have made an attempt in the past two consecutive weeks to have an article about the Board printed in *The Beacon* and we have been duly ignored. Why? We have been asking ourselves the same pertinent question. We can only speculate the reason for this ignorance and failure of acknowledgement.

Had the article been printed, "Name Withheld" *Beacon* article "W.C. - No Hoopla", page 3, 11/14/85) would have had a better understanding of the truth. To find this an extremely narrow-minded attempt on the part of "Name Withheld" to attack a subject which he obviously knows very little about.

Instead of attacking the issue so rudely, as did "Name Withheld," we wish to offer a

solution to the apparent problem. The Programming Board is open to all students. It is a group of students who have already acknowledged the lack of activities on campus. However, unlike you, "Name Withheld," the members of the Board are better utilizing their resources to do something about it and counteract this void.

We cannot emphasize enough the need for students to become actively involved. We encourage participation by the entire student body and welcome all to join us in helping you. Give an hour of your time each week by coming to the meetings. Meetings are held on Thursdays at noon in the Conference Room of the Student Center (located on the 2nd floor).

We sincerely hope this letter hasn't offended anyone. This is simply our attempt to state the facts and encourage participation by anyone who is interested. Your input CAN have an effect and make a difference. Get involved. HELP US, HELP YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Adams
Cynthia Rhoades
Joe Ferdinand
Douglas White

To the Editor:

Your letter entitled "WC - No Hoopla" has definitely prompted a response from the young individual recently hired "to develop new and fun activities." While I agree with the anonymous writer that campus activities are not what they should be, I don't feel that s/he has all the facts.

Student activities depend on many variables. Two major variables are funding and the students themselves. This year's activity fee totaled \$87,500 to be allocated by Student Government. This money was given to various clubs and organizations. Examples include \$24,000 to *Amnicola* so that all students receive a yearbook, \$6,000 to Commuter Council and \$6,000 to IRHC (these organizations do some programming but they also have the responsibility of dealing with the issues and concerns of their populations), and at least \$2,000 to each class. Where is the money just for programming student activities? There is money allocated for the special weekends such as Homecoming, Winter Weekend, and Cherry Blossom. There is even money allocated for a Casino Night, but where is there money specifically allocated for student activities for the rest of the year? There is none. The closest we come is \$5,000 for the Concert and Lecture Series at the CPA, \$1,750 to Student Center Board to maintain the Student Center, and \$3,500 for the SG Film Series.

Compare this with other colleges that have Programming or Activity Boards made up of students whose main purpose is to program a constant schedule of dances, movies, mini concerts, novelty acts, etc. Albright College has 1350 students with an activity fee of \$100 per student and allocates \$25,000 to the

Programming Board. King's College has about \$14,000 allocated to their Programming Board. Lafayette has \$23,000 for their Programming Board. Muhlenburg has 1500 students and allocates \$15,000 to a Programming organization. Moravian has 1200 students and a Programming budget of \$30,000. The rest of the money allocated goes to various clubs and organizations.

So what is being done to remedy the situation at Wilkes? Student Government and I are forming a Programming Board to bring live entertainment to campus on a regular basis. This will relieve some of the programming pressure on Student Government and allow them to be an issue oriented, policy making organization. Signs have been placed on campus advertising for the Board, and two weeks ago an article was submitted to *The Beacon*. The article has yet to appear (Perhaps it will make it this week). Just in case it doesn't make it, let me tell you about

the Board. It is made up of volunteer students who are interested in bringing activities to campus. Anyone may join and is encouraged to join. The Board is not restricted to Student Government members. At the present time, funding is tight because there is no programming money, but with good student involvement and proper funding the Board should grow strong and be able to provide continuity to student activities programming. Good programming depends on good planning-- planning a term ahead of time, and this is what a Programming Board does.

In closing, I invite the anonymous writer (and every student) to make yourself known, get your feet off your desk, and get your rear in gear. Come to a Programming Board meeting every Thursday at noon in the second floor Student Center conference room. Help make a difference.

Sincerely,
Amy Wiedemer
Director, Student Activities

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SG report: Amnicola budget controversy continues

by Mark Snyder

The major topic of discussion at Monday night's Student Government meeting was the Amnicola's budget.

Three representatives from the Amnicola attended the meeting to discuss the continuing budget controversy.

Mr. Richard Fuller, advisor to the Amnicola, stated that the Amnicola budget is lower this year than it was last year.

Eric Chase, Student Government President, asked if the Amnicola staff could raise money by selling ads.

Fuller replied that last year they could only raise \$850 from ads. Fuller explained that selling ads in this area isn't very easy. "There are a limited number of businesses, and so many people asking them for money," Fuller said.

"What about a fund raiser?" Chase asked.

Fuller explained that the Amnicola staff had sold refreshments as a fund raiser at the George Carlin show, but the effort was not successful.

Furthermore, Fuller added, "The yearbook staff should not be involved with

fund raising because The Beacon doesn't do it, and neither does the Manuscript."

Much discussion ensued. Fuller told SG members that the Amnicola staff was also planning to have a velour cover on the 1986 yearbook. This would raise the cost of the Amnicola \$2 per yearbook.

Chase stated that since at least 1700 yearbooks have to be ordered, this would raise the cost \$3,400. That would bring the total cost of the 1986 Amnicola to \$27,830.

The activity fee was also discussed at the meeting. Members of SG debated raising the fee.

John Hayward, sophomore representative, remarked, "This raise is a long time overdue."

Most SG members agreed that the amount of an increase should be \$25, which would raise the activity fee to \$75 per year.

Chase promised that no action on the matter would be taken until students have a chance to comment.

Student Government meetings are held on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Weckesser Hall. All students are encouraged to attend.

Where your activity fee goes

Current fee \$50.00

Enrolled students 1,750

Total SG budget \$87,500

Organization	Budget	% of Total Budget	Amount From each Activity Fee
Student Government fund	\$6,000	6.8%	\$3.43
Special Projects	\$4,000	4.6%	\$2.29
Various Clubs	\$2,250	2.6%	\$1.29
I.C.C.F.	\$2,000	2.3%	\$1.14
Student Government Films	\$3,500	4.0%	\$2.00
All College Weekends	\$11,800	13.5%	\$6.75
Human Services	\$300	0.3%	\$.17
Commuter Council	\$6,000	6.8%	\$3.43
I.R.H.C.	\$6,000	6.8%	\$3.43
Student Center Board	\$1,750	2.0%	\$1.00
Amnicola	\$24,000	27.4%	\$13.71
Senior Class	\$3,000	3.4%	\$1.71
Junior Class	\$2,000	2.3%	\$1.14
Sophomore Class	\$2,000	2.3%	\$1.14
Freshman Class	\$2,000	2.3%	\$1.14
Circle K	\$200	0.2%	\$.11
First Aid Team	\$700	0.8%	\$.40
Calendars	\$2,500	2.9%	\$1.43
Concert and Lecture	\$5,000	5.7%	\$2.85
Buffer	\$2,500	2.9%	\$1.43
	\$87,500	99.9%	\$49.99

Proposed Budget With Activity Fee Increase

Proposed fee \$75.00

Enrolled Students 1,700

Total Budget \$127,500

Increase \$40,000

Where would the increase go?

1. \$17,000 would go for activities.
2. \$8,500 more would go to the Amnicola.
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Polish pianist appears

by Alex Kassay

Pianist Wladimir Jan Kochanski appeared in concert on Monday night at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Kochanski appeared as a member of the Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series. His recital was also part of a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception in Wilkes-Barre.

A large portion of the audience was of Polish background. Kochanski enthusiastically enjoyed this, because he was able to speak Polish at times and still be understood by much of his audience.

Kochanski is originally from Poland and is a graduate of the Julliard

School of Music. He has appeared on major television programs such as Good Morning America, The 700 Club, and Hour Magazine.

Kochanski has a style different from that of most classical pianists in that he deviates from the usual formality of the recital hall. Many times he adds pieces to his program which were not planned or expected by the audience.

Kochanski opened his program with his rendition of our National Anthem. He then went on to play Chopin's Ballade in A flat. Other pieces on his program included Beethoven's Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Schubert's Impromptu in A flat, Paderewski's "Cracovienne Fantastique" and Kochanski's own arrangement of six

introduced Beethoven's Sonata. In short, he mentioned that Beethoven was becoming deaf and that his music reflected this by becoming bitter and angered. He then reminded the audience to listen for this in the Sonata, as well as for the peace that Beethoven finally achieved.

Kochanski is a noted humanitarian. This is reflected in his attitude toward his audience and in his approach to classical music.

Polish folk songs.

Kochanski makes the pieces he plays understandable to the non-musician by talking about the composer and how the piece was written.

A good example of this was seen in the way he

Concert season opens

by Cliff Bialkin

It's concert season again at Wilkes College, as you may be able to tell from hearing the various musical ensembles polishing their repertoires.

The concert season kicked off on November 12 with a performance by the Wilkes College Percussion Ensemble.

The program was divided into two halves. The first half included works by John Cage and other avant-garde composers. The second part of the program included non-standard works such as Scott Joplin's "Rags" and a piece by Tchaikovsky.

On Wednesday, November 13, the Wilkes College Jazz Ensemble gave its first performance of the year.

The program included two totally different styles of music. In the first half of the show, the Band played contemporary jazz works which are not well known.

The second half of the program consisted of tunes

by Glenn Miller, one of the most popular jazz artists of the '40's.

On Tuesday, November 19, the Cap and Bell Singers performed in Gies Hall. Their program consisted of Broadway show tunes from the years 1900 to 1920.

There were many different songs, the majority of them including soloists.

Tonight, Thursday, November 21, the Wilkes College Wind Ensemble will perform in the CPA.

The Ensemble will be playing many major works, including "Theme and Variations" by Arnold Schoenberg. This piece is considered extremely difficult and is not attempted by most college ensembles and is even disregarded by some professional ensembles.

The Wind Ensemble will also be performing works by Verdi, Hanson, and Ives.

The group is made up of 60 playing members. They include music and non-music majors, faculty, and friends.

DNA lecture given

by Mark Snyder

Last Wednesday evening, November 13, Thomas R. Barfknecht, Ph.D., presented a lecture entitled "DNA Repair and Genetic Toxicology" on campus.

Dr. Barfknecht explained that DNA repair is essential in genetic toxicology. He discussed the role of genetic damage in cancer and presented results from studies he has done on DNA

damaging compounds.

Dr. Barfknecht has an impressive educational background. He received his undergraduate degree at Fresno State and his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. He completed further studies and work at Stanford University of Medicine and at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Barfknecht did his research

training at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is now employed as the senior genetic toxicologist at Pharmakon Research International, Inc., located in Waverly, Pa.

The lecture was presented by the Biology Department. It was one of two presented each semester. All lectures are open to the campus free of charge.

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Wilkes College will present its annual tax clinic on Friday, November 22, in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for Performing Arts.

The clinic is being presented by Wilkes College in conjunction with the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The clinic will feature a lecture by James I. Scheiner, Secretary of Revenue for the State of Pennsylvania, entitled "Pennsylvania Tax Update."

The annual tax clinic has been offered by the College and the N.C.P.I.C.P.A. for over thirty years.

Accountants, bankers, lawyers, and other interested

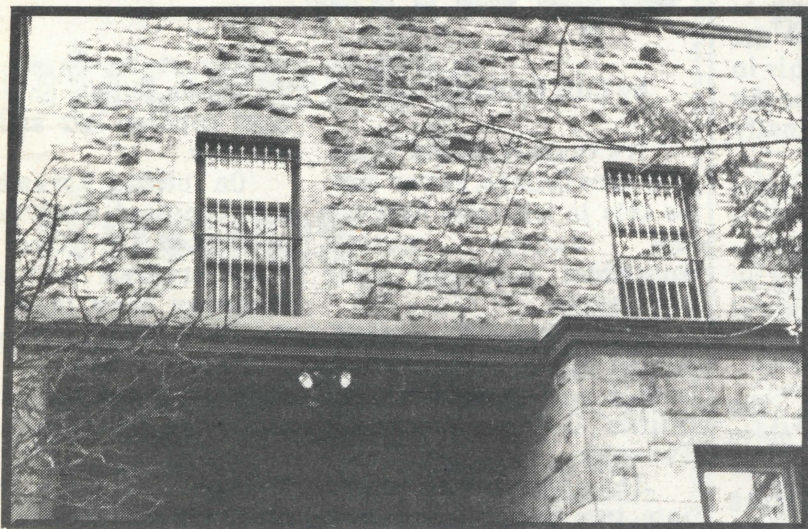
individuals have attended the clinic to keep abreast of changes in the U.S. tax structure.

In addition to up-to-date information, participants also receive eight hours of continuing professional education units.

Instruction will be given on corporate liquidations, employee fringe benefits, taxation of corporations, President Reagan's tax proposal, and a variety of other topics.

Interested parties may contact the Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education at 824-4651, ext. 225, for more information.

Kirby Hall: right out of the history books

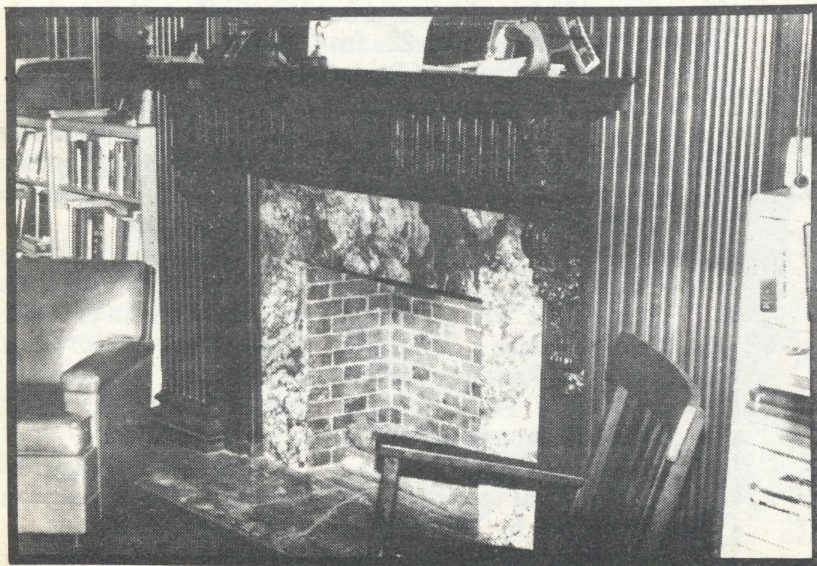


The iron bars of Alcatraz? Not quite, but they are surrounded by an interesting legend.

Fred Morgan Kirby, an American merchant and banker, was originally from Brownsville, N.Y. He eventually moved to Wilkes-Barre, where he opened his first five-and-ten cent store under the name of Woolworth and Kirby (For those interested history buffs, the name F. M. Kirby can still be seen above the familiar "Woolworth's" sign at the store on South Main Street).

An example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture, Kirby Hall has a large center hall with the principle rooms arranged along the sides. When the College acquired the building, some of the furnishings and much of the grandeur were retained from the years the Kirby family resided there. At the time of the building's dedication, the College newspaper (the Bucknell Beacon) reported that the walls of the main hall on the first floor were covered with scarlet brocade.

Although the building sustained an estimated \$200,000 worth of damage during the 1972 flood, most of the original beauty of the structure remains, including several large marble fireplaces, an ornate grandfather clock, and a huge wine cellar.



Large marble and oak fireplaces adorn several of the rooms and hallways of Kirby Hall.

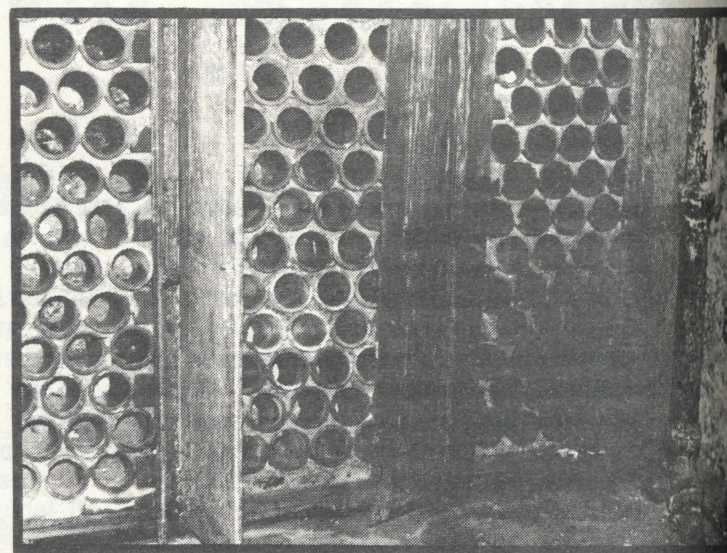
(Second in a series)

by Dan Duttlinger

One of the most interesting and prominent of the historic buildings on the Wilkes College campus is Kirby Hall. Prior to 1970, Kirby was placed on the Pennsylvania Register of Historical Buildings.

Currently, the structure houses the Language and Literature Department, the Academic Support Center, the Writing Lab, the Language Lab, and one seminar room. The carriage house (no longer in existence) on the Kirby property served as the College cafeteria at one time, and later as the snack bar.

Constructed in 1873-1874, Kirby Hall was designed by noted American architect Frederick Clark Withers. In 1941, the building was donated to Wilkes (at that time Bucknell Junior College) by Allan P. Kirby in honor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan Kirby.



It has been many years since this wine cellar, located in Kirby Hall, has been put to use.

Like many of the historic buildings at Wilkes, Kirby Hall has its legends. For example, legend has it that the bars which may be seen on some of the second floor windows were supposedly installed to prevent Kirby's "disturbed" daughter from jumping out. The small room adjacent to the daughter's bedroom belonged to her nurse.

By now you may be asking yourself, "Is Kirby haunted?" Although no one has a definite answer to that question, the "ghost of Kirby" is an easy way to explain those "unexplained" noises which are sometimes heard in the building, as a veteran Speech and Debate Union member will tell you. The Debate Union room used to be located on the third floor of Kirby Hall, and it was not uncommon for these "noises" to be heard during late-night practice sessions.

The ghost of Kirby may only be a legend, but one thing is fact. Kirby Hall is rich in historic value and is certainly one of the most interesting and beautiful structures on campus.

by Beth D

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books Career Services employee is 'special,' 'loyal,' and 'dedicated'

by Beth Danzeisen

"Special," "loyal," and "dedicated." These are just a few of the words chosen by Gene Domzalski and Sue Brizak of the Career Services Office to describe a very special fellow employee and friend. They are referring to Regina Meschini, who has served as secretary in the Office of Career Services for the past 22 years.

Regina works closely with students, companies, and industries in an effort to help students make difficult career choices. In addition to her secretarial work, Regina works with company recruiting departments, sets up interviews, assists with testing in cooperation with Ross Hall, and works on credentials requests for prospective employers.

Gene Domzalski, director of Career Services, describes Regina as "never having a bad day. She's cordial, hospitable, has a good attitude, and never talks about herself." He goes on to say that "she's a private person, but gets her job done. She's devoted to the College and does an excellent job."

Born in the Browntown section of Pittston and having grown up in Exeter,

Regina now resides in West Pittston with her sister. Regina graduated from Exeter High School (now Wyoming Area) and attended Marywood College, where she studied organ and Gregorian chant for several years. Her first love is the organ. Presently, she is the church organist at St. Anthony's Church in Exeter-West Pittston, a position she has held for the past 45 years.

When not scheduling interviews or doing secretarial work here at Wilkes, Regina says she still keeps very busy. Cooking, baking, crocheting, working outdoors, and reading are among her many interests.

Regina is also fluent in Italian and spends some of her time corresponding with her relatives in Italy. Both of her parents immigrated to the United States from northern Italy in 1912. Regina is one of five children, and she recalls how her parents raised her as an American. "But we still keep up Italian traditions like Italian foods or doing special Italian things on holidays," Regina comments.

Before coming to Wilkes, Regina worked as a supervisor in the production department of Rex Shoe



Regina Meschini has been an employee of the Career Services Office for the past 22 years.

photo by Mary Ellen Moreland

Company, Inc., for 14 years. She applied for a job at Wilkes because she wanted to do something different. In 1964, she took the job as secretary in what was then called the Placement and Guidance Office, predecessor to Career Services. She has remained in that position for 22 years.

When asked if she enjoys her job, Regina stated, "Yes, because it's very busy and I

get to work with a lot of different people. . . . I don't get bored doing the same things all day."

What are her future plans? "I enjoy working, and I am in good health," says Regina, "so I plan to continue working." She adds, "If and when I retire, I would like to take a trip to Italy to visit my relatives and spend some time in the town where my parents were

born."

Regina is certainly a very special woman here at Wilkes, as most people who have ever worked with her will tell you. In the words of Gene Domzalski, "Regina is an outstanding example of the number of loyal and dedicated clerical staff who, day to day, serve the College and its students in an unselfish and professional manner."

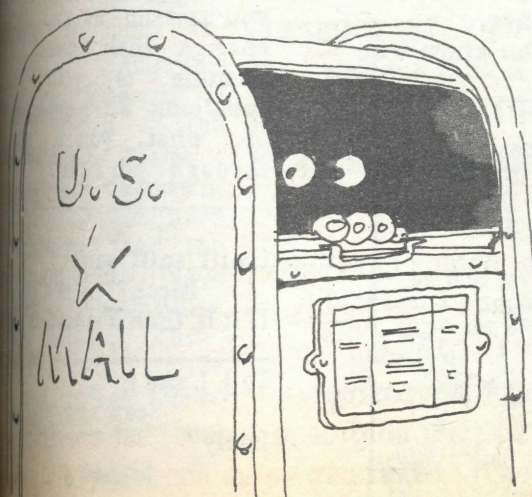
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Don't waste your time chasing after things that you know you'll never be able to have. Set realistic goals for the upcoming weekend and you won't be disappointed.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Watch out for Cancer and Pisces individuals who come around asking for advice. They will most likely have ulterior motives.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 22): This weekend proves to be restful at best. Unfortunately, you will have a minimum of excitement, but it will be a terrific chance to catch up on some sleep.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Look forward to a short but very enjoyable journey this weekend. The stars tell me that you will run into an old friend, so be on the lookout. When you least expect it, expect it!

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Emphasis for the next few days will be on business and finance. Try to get your finances in order and to straighten out any loose ends before they become too tangled.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): Socially, this weekend will be fantastic. Odds are you'll meet lots of people, make many new friends, and generally be a real social butterfly. Live it up!

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): Virgo, Leo, and Sagittarius individuals will be knocking at your door for the next few days. Give them what they want and they can make your life much easier.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): Expect to have your willpower tested over the weekend, especially on Sunday. Keep your defenses up and stick to your guns. You are much stronger than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21): You seem to be rolling in good luck. Keep your eyes open and don't pass up any opportunity to take chances, especially where relationships are concerned.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): A close friend may need some cheering up over the weekend. Let him know that you care, and be sure to show him a good time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Final exams are just around the corner. If I were you, I would start wrapping up any unfinished work. Finals will prove to be much harder than you think.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20): Life will be like a bowl of cherries for the next couple of days. Enjoy it, since it won't last long.

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To a certain sweater in the cast of Vanya (Skeeter):

Your performance was wonderful, too! In fact, I was hypnotized!

Love, Potsie

T. Charles,

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Ruth,

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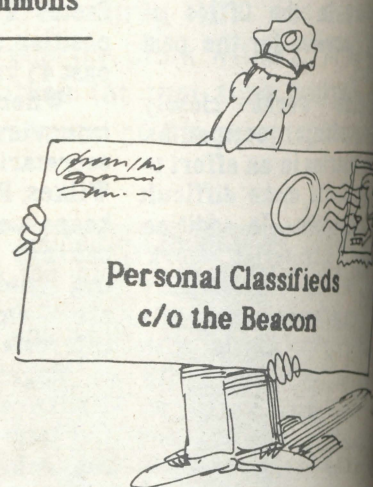
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To you-know-who:

I've got the you-know-what all ready to go. Come up and see me sometime!

Love,

you-know-who

Dear Ann Honey,

When are we going to lunch? I would like different kinds of soup. Thanks for all your help.

Love, Bri

Cloyd,

So you want to be a doctor? You'd better clean up your act... or at least your kitchen!

One who has heard

Dear Smella,

Hope you forgive me. Have a nice Thanksgiving and don't eat all the turkey you big CATAWAMPUS!

Love, Skeeter

A different pe
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home

by Ellen Campbell

On Monday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m., the student group for non-traditional students will hold its special meeting in the Evans Alumni House.

President Christa Breiseth will meet with the group to listen to concerns of returning students. Dr. Pat Heaman will also be present to discuss writing skills and describe the services of the writing lab.

All students who consider themselves "non-traditional" in terms of age, occupation, or marital status are welcome to attend.

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Programming

by Renee Strucke

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function of the committee will be to plan and program special events on campus during weekends when no college activities are scheduled. Board members already responsible for

many of this semester's Student Government activities, such as films, and they have begun to program activities for the spring

semester. Activities include Amy Wiedemer is acting as advisor to the group and Sandie Adams is acting as general chairman. Several subcommittees have been established, and the

following students have been named subcommittee members: Doug White, Don Zelek, coffee and student talent; and Vetovitz, concerts and

concerts; Joe

(sniff, sniff, sniff)...

Bacon?? or is it just a pig? If it is, then it must be a pig.

To J. J. and J:

Seen any pigs lately?

Signed, J

A different perspective

Support group helps students 'feel more at home' at college

by Ellen Campbell

On Monday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m., the support group for non-traditional students will hold its second meeting in the Annette Cross Alumni House.

President Christopher Christy will meet with the group to listen to the concerns of returning adult students. Dr. Patricia Chaman will also be present to discuss writing skills and describe the services of the writing lab.

All students who consider themselves "non-traditional" in terms of age, occupation, marital status are welcome to attend.

The popularity of support groups is widespread. There

seems to be a support group for every imaginable human condition. There are groups for parents without partners, parents of children with various exceptionalities, patients with numerous diseases and debilitating conditions, displaced homemakers, persons coping with divorce, and many more.

People have a need to make meaning out of life and the challenges it sometimes offers. One way to create meaning is to reach out to others with similar experiences. It is affirming to share like situations and compare solutions to problems. Support groups help people to make sense out of sometimes senseless situations.

The new support group

for non-traditional students at Wilkes has not been formed to sustain people in the throes of tragedy. The intent of this group is to lend encouragement and direction to a non-typical student. Returning to college as an adult brings with it a different set of complexities than those that face the typical student of eighteen, and it is helpful to chat with someone else facing similar situations, to share information, and sometimes even to vent a bit of frustration. The support group can provide the time, the place, and the people to help the non-traditional student feel more at home and more a part of the College.

If you are feeling "non-traditional," please join us!

Programming Board takes charge of activities

by Renee Strucke

The Student Programming Board has recently been established as a committee of Wilkes College Student Government. The function of the committee will be to plan and program social events on campus during weekends when no college activities are scheduled. Board members are already responsible for many of this semester's SG activities, such as films, and they have begun to program activities for the spring semester.

Student Activities Director Amy Wiedemer is acting as advisor to the group, and Sandie Adams is acting as general chairman. Several subcommittees have been established, and the following students have been named subcommittee members: Doug White, Don Zelek, coffee and student talent; Yelovitz, concerts and concerts; Joe

Ferdinand, novelty acts and presentations; and Renee Strucke, publicity.

Although the committee is growing, many more students are needed. Participation is open to all Wilkes College students and no elections are necessary. Meetings are held every Thursday at noon in the second floor meeting room of the Conyngham Student

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by Bill Kern

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by Tom Allardyc

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Surprise Mooseheads

Nads take intramural crown

by Bill Kern

While much national focus was on the Chicago Bears-Dallas Cowboys matchup, the local interest was centered on the Wilkes Intramural Flag Football Championship. A few stout-hearted men took part in this clash of titans on a swampy Ralston Field. The Nads disposed of Rapid Fire 21-0 in their semi-final game, and the Mooseheads took care of the Warriors 13-0. The much awaited game between the Nads and the Mooseheads would decide the bragging rights for the Wilkes College campus.

The Mooseheads drew first blood as Eric Reidinger went to Ed Rossbauer with a long touchdown pass. However, the Nads came right back

with a score of their own, with Dennis Domerstad hitting Ed Mann streaking up the sideline. The extra point failed, and the Mooseheads led 7-6.

On the following play from scrimmage, Reidinger found Rossbauer again for another Moosehead score. The Nads retaliated again as Domerstad led the Nads to paydirt. Mixing the pass and the run on the drive, the Nads surged upfield. The drive culminated when a scrambling Domerstad found Vinnie DelSantoro open in the end zone. The first half came to a close with the Nads trailing 13-12.

After an early interception, the Mooseheads extended their lead to 19-12, with Reidinger hitting Frank Bohar for the touchdown. However, it was

all downhill from there for the Mooseheads, as the Nads came storming back. Domerstad skirted around the left end to pull the Nads to within one. The extra point failed, and the score was now 19-18.

The tension mounted as the teams exchanged offensive series. The turning point occurred when Domerstad hit Ed Mann in a fourth and long situation with under two minutes remaining in the game. Two plays later, the Nads went ahead to stay as Domerstad found a wide open Joe Botto in the end zone for the winning touchdown. The conversion was good, and the Nads went ahead 25-19.

However, the game was far from being over, as the Mooseheads got the ball back with 1:28 remaining. The

Mooseheads moved the ball downfield for a first down with 50 ticks left on the clock. The Nads held tough, and the game hinged on a fourth-down-and-three play. Reidinger called his own number, and it appeared he would have the first down when out of nowhere Joe Botto snatched Reidinger's flag and therefore clinched the championship for the Nads.

Joe Botto was voted MVP for the championship game for his stellar play. Along with the game winning TD and game-saving tackle, Botto knocked down several passes as well as handled the kicking duties.

Other players turning in fine performances were Bill Buzza and Jeff Meyer, who handled the offensive and defensive lines. Pat Walsh

was outstanding at linebacker; he also contributed big plays from his fullback position. Also contributing from the backfield was Dave Sinkavage. Nelson Cantor, Scott Hippensteel, and Mike "Toast" Trudel all added big plays defensively for the champion Nads.

The Nads were at a disadvantage before the game started, as they were missing their fine fullback/linebacker Craig Covell and spiritual leader Rob Habeeb.

Also missing from the Nads line-up were wide receiver Jeff Kyker and lineman Bill Kern.

The Nads finished the season 8-1. The champions rolled up 230 points on the season while yielding only 52.

Colonels basketball

Men's preview

by Tom Allardyce

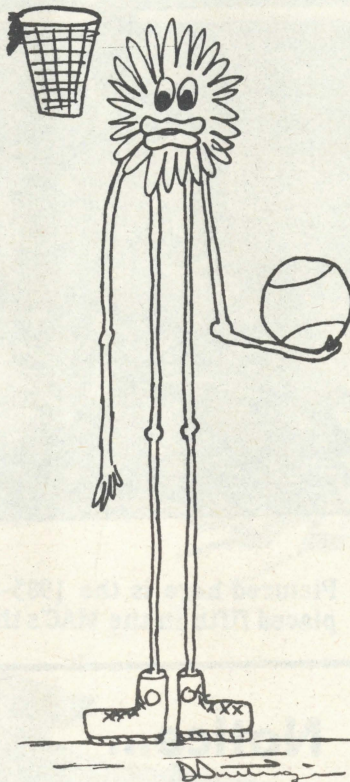
On November 23rd, the Wilkes College basketball team will open its season with a new coach for the third time in four years. Ron Rainey, former University of Delaware head coach, has replaced Bart Bellairs as head coach of the men's basketball team.

Four starters are returning from last year's team. They include Ken Yakobitis, who averaged 10.2 points per game, Dave Zapatocky, 10.4 ppg, Jeff Steeber, 9.6 ppg, and Marc Graves, 11.2 ppg. Last from last year's team is Eric Jacobs, who transferred to the University of Scranton during the summer.

However, this year's team will see the return of two

veteran players in Mark Aguilar and Tom Allardyce. Rounding out the roster are Jeff Churba, Scott Jacoby, Shawn Miller, Ed Gallagher, Frank DeFebice, Pat Boyd, Scott Hauck, and Dave Piavis.

Coach Rainey feels that improvement is needed on defense and also in the rebounding department. He sees that this year's team is offensively sound and in good physical condition and that it is just a matter of jelling from a defensive standpoint. Coach Rainey thinks his team is playing hard and smart and that the Colonels are working as a team. His goal is to get off to a good start. The rest of the season will depend on how the team handles its first few contests.



Women's preview

by Diana Smith

The 1985 Wilkes College women's basketball team has been busy preparing for its season opener on November 23 when the Lady Colonels travel to Delaware Valley.

Coach Nancy Roberts said, "Everyone is working super hard. The attitudes are good. We're all looking forward to the season opener."

Adding leadership as well as talent is returning senior and captain Michelle Zawoiski. "We have the ability to win more games this year. We have all-around talent, each player specializing in their own area of play. The greatest factor will be how the freshmen perform in game situations."

Coach Roberts also added that this year's team will have a new look from previous years. "We're going to be a more exciting team. We'll fast break and run our opponents down."

Looking ahead, the Lady Colonels are facing a season in the hardest division of the MAC. Three teams were ranked nationally last year: Susquehanna, Elizabethtown, and Messiah. Roberts notes, "It will be a tough season for us."

The Lady Colonels' season promises to be an exciting one, with the team exhibiting a strong offense and a hustling defense. An excellent addition to this year's program is new assistant coach Ellen Bush.

Wrestling Reminder:

The Wilkes Colonels Wrestling Team will start off their season Saturday night at 8:00 PM against the Wilkes Alumni. Sunday afternoon they will host Cornell University in the first dual meet of the season. Come over to the gym and watch your favorite wrestler in action. The cost is free with your Wilkes College I.D.. Don't forget to come!!

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Bad conditions take toll

Weather hinders Colonel harriers

by Mike Keohane

When they ran at the Regionals in Allentown, the Colonel harriers realized that hell would have to freeze over for them to qualify for the Division III Nationals. Well, if Allentown College is anywhere near hell, then it came very close to freezing over this past Saturday, November 16. And after the race was over, the harriers actually looked and

felt as if they ran through hell and back. "These were the worst conditions we've ever run in," commented Coach Bill Kavashay. "I was glad no one came out of the race with any serious injuries."

The mud, freezing rain, slush, snow, and extremely good competition kept any of the harriers from placing in the top 40 in the 167-man field. Overall, the harriers finished 16th out of the 29

school competing--a performance which was not expected after last week's fine MAC showing.

Finishing first for the harriers in a "soggy" time of 28:24 was co-captain Mike Keohane in 44th place. In the last race of his college career, co-captain George Hockenbury finished second for the Colonels and 35th overall in a drenched time of 28:35. Bringing in an ice-cold third place was sophomore Tom Urso in 91st

place with a time of 29:42. Shivering in with a time of 29:47 was junior Neil Williams in 94th place. Also in the last race of his college career was senior Tom Morpeth who finished in frosty 118th place with a time of 30:37. In sixth place for the harriers and 153th overall with a time of 34:39 was junior Mike Lins. Freshman John Anderson had a time of 35:16 for a muddy 157th place finish.

Finally, the harriers bid farewell to one of the school's all-time best cross-country runners George Hockenbury, who not only proved his excellence on the field but off as well. The team will also lose Tom Morpeth, without whose leadership and strong ability the harriers would not have been able to finish up as high as they did in the MAC's. Good-bye and good luck!

Colonels lose in swamp

by Bill Buzza

The Wilkes College football team ended its season on a sour note last Saturday with a tough 11-6 loss at the hands of Delaware Valley. The loss spoiled the Colonels' chances for a .500 season.

In a driving rain and poor field conditions, the Aggies of Delaware Valley took their first possession ninety yards on fifteen plays to paydirt. John Wilson took the ball the last six yards to give the Aggies a lead they would never relinquish. John Sukeena's kick made the score 7-0.

Wilkes did not roll over, however, as the Colonels took the ensuing kickoff and drove sixty-seven yards in five plays. The touchdown came when Randy Rice hooked up with wide receiver Ron Ulichney on a nineteen yard pass play. The poor field conditions took their toll as a bad snap from center thwarted the Colonels' extra point attempt. As the teams headed for the locker room, the score read 7-6.

When the whistle blew to start the second half, both teams came out to terrible field conditions. Because of this, neither team could mount much offense.

Defense was going to be the deciding factor in the game.

As the fourth quarter rolled around, the Aggies' defense was ready to rise to the occasion. In a fourth down situation, Wilkes punter Pete Lasher was tackled on his own one-yard line. Delaware Valley took over and seemed ready to put the game out of reach.

The Colonels dodged a bullet, though, when the Aggie quarterback fumbled on the first snap from center and the Colonels' Mike Honeywell recovered. But the Wilkes offense could not produce, as the Aggies' defense and the elements rose to stop the Colonels.

With a fourth down on the Colonels' own five yard line, Colonel mentor Bill Unsworth decided to take the safety. Delaware Valley upped the score to 9-6 when Wilkes punter Pete Lasher downed the ball in his own end zone.

The Aggies took the kickoff and drove all the way to the one yard line. Once again, the Colonels' defense rose to the occasion and stuffed the Aggies. However, on the second play from scrimmage, Colonel quarterback Randy Rice was sacked in his own end zone for a safety to set the final score at 11-6.



Pictured here is the 1985-86 edition of the Wilkes College Cross Country Team, who placed fifth in the MAC's this year.

Notice...

Don't forget! The Wilkes College Intramural Floor Hockey league starts very soon. Those interested should get their teams ready now.

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