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GOING, GOING GONE! - Last week The Beacon reported that the demolition of the Commons was indefinitely. Destruction, however, started this past Monday and it will only be a matter of time before the area is cleared away. The structure of the library can be seen in the background which is one of the reasons why the old Commons is being torn down. Not only was it replaced by the new Student Center but its removal will enhance the appearance of the library.

February 8th, 9th and 10th

Weekend Activities Slated For 'First Olympiad'

Flash! The Winter Olympics will be held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on February 8, 9 and 10.

Student Government's Social Committee, headed by Marla Brodsky, Diane Seech, Dave Blumfield and Tim Ryan, named the theme of 1980's Winter Weekend "Wilkes First Olympiad." The committee is working very diligently and closely together to provide an exciting weekend of athletic and social

The weekend begins February 8th at 6:30 p.m. with the opening ceremonies. A parade including Dean Ralston, majorettes, strutters, a marching band and all the teams, will march through Kirby Park into Ralston Field.

The opening speech welcoming all the countries will be given by Dave Blumfield. The torch runner will enter the field and light the big torch, giving an official start to the At the end of the opening ceremonies a large flock of white doves will be released signifying peace and goodwill among the contestants.

At promptly 8:30 p.m., the games will begin with the first round of the volleyball tournament held in the gym. After these games end, the Senior Class will sponsor a "Class Feud."

Saturday, February 9th, will be a day filled with activities. In the gym will be the semi-finals of the volleyball tournament, while crosscountry skiing, relay races, traying, tug-o-war, and an obstacle course will be run in Kirby Park. There will also be an ice-skating competition held at Coal Street Park with everyone invited to come

and skate free.

Saturday night a Beach Party will be held in the gym, under the directing of Sullivan, Barre, Delaware and Miner Halls. There will be a band, food and refreshments for only \$1.25. If you have the guts enough to actually

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Reaccreditation Moves One Step Closer-

Final Report Issued By MSA

After more than two months since their visit on campus, the Middle States Association Evaluation Team has issued a final report on the reaccreditation of the college as interpreted by the chairman, Dr. Robert Ackerman, Dean at Drew

The report, which Dr. Ackerman says is "... made in good faith, in says is "... made in good faith, in an effort to assist Wilkes College," begins with a two-page annual institutional data summary which includes such topics as faculty, students, cultural facilities, finances and the library to name

After this brief update on the college, the bulk of the report begins with an introduction before proceeding into eight sub-topics; institutional goals and objectives, the student body, the educational program, the faculty, governance, institutional facilities, educational resources and financial resources, all of which were mentioned in the school's self-study report.

In the introduction of the report, Dr. Ackerman states, "The Evaluation Team found Wilkes College to be an interesting and unique institu-tion. The Self-Study Report was obviously the result of much work, self-criticism, and searching." A very important point of introduction is the mention of the 1972 flood which caused much damage to the college. The chairman points out that, "... the current state of the College could be understood only with some knowledge of the flood," and that reference to it will be made throughout the report.

Concerning the institutional goals and objectives of the college, the evaluation team noted that, "The college seems to be properly con-cerned with maintaining and enhancing certain positive characteristics of being a small college, e.g., congeniality and an improved advisory system for the students." It was also pointed out that although there are a number of programs on campus established to reduce attrition. "The team could detect no significant change in the admissions standards ...'

Two other important issues in this section are the discussion of the problems the school is having with balancing vocationalism and liberal arts, and "...an imbalance of attention given to male and varsity sports, such as wrestling, at the expense of female and intramural sports." The evaluation committee recommended that the school continue to work at attaining a balance between the two types of education, while seriously considering the expansion of the present physical education facilities.

Under the topic of the student body, Ackerman notes that the team found some problems in the quality of the academic advisement program, although the present system is adequate. Also under this heading, the chairman stated the lack of written statements concerning student rights, and recommended a written policy "... to remove

occasional confusion." The team stressed as well the clarification on what decisions can be made by the Dean's Council, and what issues must be handled solely by the Ad-ministrator's Staff President's Council. Ackerman finished by suggesting that the college "... develop a philosophical statement" on the ways "... dormitory living can contribute to student maturity.

The MSA Evaluation Team found the educational programs at the college to be excellent, with "The chief strength..." being the faculty. Although impressed with the presence of "superb facilities," the evaluation group did discover space and equipment which was not fully utilized, leaving open the possibility for future development.

In addressing the topic of the faculty, Dr. Ackerman commented that the team was pleased to see a dedicated and hard-working faculty becoming involved in the governance of the institution. It was also suggested that the college "... strive to improve the level of compensation for the faculty" (such as by improving the funds for travel to professional meetings) to increase

Governance at the college was found to be in a state of transition, though there was a general opinion of "... confidence in the institution's leadership" according to most people on campus. High lighting the list of ideas dealing with governance, the team recommended that efforts should be made to develop an '

effective evaluation program" of

teaching.

After visiting various institutional facilities, Dr. Ackerman termed most buildings on campus to be very good. The academic facilities and equipment were described as excellent, with the Sordoni Art Gallery and the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for The Performing Arts giving the college "... an exciting cultural 'edge' ..." One major down+fall of the campus was that, "The condition of the residence halls, including a number of large houses, is not nearly as good as that of the academic buildings." The primary recommendation in this section was that the college "... close the least desirable residence halls as soon as they can be replaced by better structures...

The educational resources on campus were very advantageous according to Chairman Ackerman, with most of them being well-used and successful. The main recommendation in this section was that the new copyright law should be publicized more than it presently is.

In the final topic dealing with financial resources, "The team found Wilkes College to be in sound financial condition. The administration and trustees have established a tradition of good stewardship." The Office of Comptroller was sufficiently staffed, with accounting and auditing procedures in accord with the "... ac-

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Erickson Resigns

As Asst. Professor

Effective this semester, Dr. John Erickson resigned his position as Assistant Professor of Biology, ac-cording to Dr. Lester Turoczi, Chairman of the Biology Department.

Calling Dr. Erickson's move an "alleged resignation," Dr. Gerald Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs refused to comment on the situation further, stating that he made an agreement with Dr. Erickson not to make a public state-

Two courses, Biology 302 and Biology 312, originally scheduled to be taught by Dr. Erickson during this semester were cancelled. Dr. Hartdagen would not clarify whether or not the courses were cancelled because of Dr. Erickson's move, stating, "One of them probably would have been cancelled anyway due to underenrollment." According to Dr. Turoczi, the

courses were cancelled because of an underenrollment, explaining that the department looks for "... a slide factor of 7," as a minimum number. The two courses had a total enrollment of 15.

Although he had no further com-ment, Dr. Hartdagen stated that Dr. Erickson might wish to make a statement. The Beacon tried to reach Dr. Erickson for a statement, but he was unavailable for comment at presstime.

Patti Sparlow

Six Western University Scandals Seen Non-Existent On Campus

Due to the recent uncovery of fraudulent academic credits transferred to the records of student-athletes at six western universities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in cooperation with the National Collegiate Athletic Association has announced nation-wide inquiry concerning this matter, according to an article in the January issue of the New York Times.

The article states that the athletes from the University of New Mexico, the University of Utah, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Arizona State University and San Jose State in California received credit for a summer course which many of them admittedly did little or no work for, with some of them not even attending

An FBI agent working on the case told the Times that, "The problem is not limited to a few schools. The problem runs wide and deep, and a lot of other institutions are vulnerable." The article goes on to state that, " According to Federal officials, possible mail and wire fraud, bribery, and conspiracy violations are being examined by the grand jury. They said the indictment of coaches and college officials responsible for preparing and transmitting fraudulent credits and transcripts 'is likely.' "

Apparently large universities are not the only ones under investigation by the FBI for smaller colleges like Pacific Christian College in Fulerton, California, and Compton Community College in Compton,

community-type schools presently being questioned by the NCAA and Federal officials.

With the nation-wide investigation of institutions participating athletics (especially Division one) surely to reach the east coast, there is a slight possibility that Wilkes may be questioned about the credit records of its student-athletes. When asked to comment on this issue, various school officials unanimously expressed extreme confidence is the legality of studentathlete records.

Bishop, Ruthe Recorder. although not very familiar with any of the fraudulent credit incidents out west, said that to her knowledge there has never been any type of credit scandal on campus. Dr. Gerald Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs, also gave the school a vote of confidence when he answered the possibility of FBI intervention on campus with. would invite them to investigate

Arthur Hoover, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said that he did not know of any such incident ever occuring at Wilkes and that he hopes it never does happen. Hoover added, "We have a good system of checks and balances. I don't think such a scandal could happen here. I have great confidence in the institu-



In accordance with the story in the New York Times, Bill Walsh, head coach of the San Francisco 49ers and former football coach at Stanford University said, "Any college athlete who wants to can find a course for credit that requires no assignments and no attendance. Commenting on this statement, Dean Hoover laughingly said, "Not at Wilkes. Even in Phys. Ed you still have to go to class!"

Although the chances of a federal

inquiry occuring at Wilkes is highly unlikely, the college appears to be ready and willing for any type of investigation the FBI and-or NCAA may initiate, with the possible uncovering of wrong doings being totally unexpected.

Peter Steve

Open Letter To The Freshmen Class

What happened to all that spirit we possessed in the first few weeks of the fall semester? It seemed that the class of '83 was going to turn this school upside down with our enthusiasm. Presently, this is not the case. The Freshman Class of 1983 is the largest class ever to attend Wilkes College, but the attendance at class meetings does not in any way reflect this fact. We have had two class meetings since the election of class officers, and attendance at both meeting has been extremely poor; so poor in fact that we had to literally "drag" people off the streets so that Executive Council could vote on pertinent matters! The fact is, Executive Council cannot vote on proposed functions without a specific quarum of people, as designated by the Class Constitution. The quarum for

the class happens to be 12, but Executive Council only consists of 10 members! When no one shows up for the meeting, we cannot vote on matters which pertain to and benefit YOU

We feel more class involvement is necessary for our class to be successful and run efficiently. The class constitution provides Executive Council without the option to appoint freshman students to serve on executive council. These selected members will have a vote at all class and Executive Council meetings, and will have the same privileges as an executive member. These appointed members will be selected by Executive Council on a merit basis. WE are looking for 3 students who we feel will be most beneficial to the class.

So, come on! We need your ideas, your proposals, and most importantly, your support. YOU elected us to be the leaders of the class, to be the "doers"; but we can't do anything without you to back us. One half hour is all it will take. Surely, that is not asking too much. We realize everyone cannot make the meetings, and we don't expect everyone to be there. But please, make an effort. Applications for Executive Council can be picked up in the Library, S.U.B., or in the Book Store after January 24.

The next Freshman Class meeting will be held January 29, at 11:30 a.m. in the CPA. Hope to see you there.

> Class of 1983 Executive Council (C.F.)

NOTICE

Applications for the position of Resident Assistant for the upcoming academic year are now available in the Housing Office. THE DEADLINE FOR THE RETURN OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM IS FEBRUARY 4.

Student Collapses In Caf After Sustaining Injury

Keith Sands, a freshman biology major, collapsed in the cafeteria this past Saturday evening and was admitted to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital for treatment and observation concerning a head injury he sustained in his room late Friday

Sands was apparently fooling around in his room with some of his friends when he fell and hit his head on a light switch. After being examined by Chris Woolverton of the college's Emergency Alert Team and other medical personnel, the fresman biology major was advised to get some rest.

Saturday when Sands went to the cafeteria for dinner, he became dizzy and complained of an overall weakness in his body before he passed out. He was taken to Nesbitt Hospital where he was admitted for various tests and x-rays by the Wilkes-Barre city ambulance, who reportedly arrived on the scene very efficiently.

When contacted, Nesbitt Hospital listed Sands as fair and resting comfortably. Woolverton reported that when he spoke to Sands on Sunday evening, the freshman was feeling much better, and was reading some of the books his friends brough over for him earlier in the day. He went on to mention that if Sands continues to feel better, his doctors reportedly will release him in a day or two.

Florida Trip Running Smoothly; Final Payment Due This Month

Government's coordinator of the Florida trip, everything is running smoothly, and 74 people will by tak-ing the trip scheduled from March 1 to March 8.

Galli explained that the final payment is due by the end of the month and so far there have been no problems with payments. In fact, many people have been making payments ahead of time. He noted that anyone interested in going can still do so if they pay for the trip in one lump sum.

Everyone who is going on the trip is asked to see Galli at the SG office on the second floor of Weckesser Hall today or tomorrow in the afternoon to sign contracts and finalize arrangements with Student Government.

There are three plans from which to choose. All three offer air transportation from Philadelphia. Plans A and C include unlimited use of a car, and plans B and C include accomodations at a hotel on the beach. Galli noted that plan C, "The Tradewinds Deluxe Hotal Deluxe Package," has increased by \$10.

Bus transportation will be

available to Philadelphia at a cost of \$15. Bus tickets can be purchased through the SG office the week before the trip.

According to the travel agent other schools have booked over 1000

people for the trip and Galli noted that five other schools will be going at the same time with approximately 1000-1500 people.

Galli commented that once in Florida, everyone is on their own

He pointed out that the response to the trip was not as great as he had anticipated. He reasoned that lack of money may have prevented some people from going and the fact that this is the first time SG is doing this may have made some people apprehensive.

Galli said, "Hopefully next year we can get a lot more people go-He added that the feedback from this year's trip will help to get people interested in future trips. He hopes that by working through a travel agent, SG can possible offer several trips in future years at de-

Galli concluded, everything works out well since it is the first time I ever did anything

Louis Czachor

NOTICE

Hey! Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Junior Class Surprise, January 25, 1980. Come find out what the surprise is! More details coming!

NOTICE THETA DELTA RHO SORORI-TY will hold its annual dinner-February 8th at the Woodlands An Inn (formerly the Treadway). The music will be provided by Phoenix; sit-down dinner will be served with open bar. Tickets will go on sale next week.



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College In "Very Good Shape" Free Skating Party States Blumfield At SG Meeting

Student Government president Dave Blumfield gave a report at Monday night's meeting dealing with the activities of the Administrators Staff which previously had been known as The President's Council. According to Blumfield, the staff has received the final report from the Middle States Association of College and Universities explaining that the college is in "very good shape" as Blumfield put it. Blumfield added, "we (Wilkes) will be here ten years from now - a lot of other schools will not be here ten years from now." Blumfield also noted that the Administrators' Staff is planning to start a long range planning committee which will be composed of administrators, faculty, and students, and they will be responsible for making plans and setting goals for the college for future

Chris Woolverton resigned from his position as co-chairman of SG's Academic Committee leaving Ana Nunez as the only chairman of the committee. Blumfield announced that another chairman is needed. and the position can by filled by any member of the student body Anyone interested should see Dave Blumfield or Ana Nunez. Nunez explained that the committee is still waiting for the results of an investigation into teacher evaluations by the Teacher Recognition and Effectiveness Committee (TREC). When the results of TREC are available, the Academic Committee will decide if the teacher evaluations should be continued.

Nunez also reported that the Academic Standards Committee of the faculty is considering a proposal to change the deadline for course withdrawal without the consent of the instructor from the end of the tenth week to the end of the fourth week. The committee is also

changes withdrawals and audits. Blumfield noted that once the Academic Standards Committee decides what to do. SG will decide what if any response will be necessary.

In fund requests, the computer club requested \$125 to help pay for a trip to IBM in New York next Tuesday. Blumfield closed the meeting and reopened it so that voting could be done at the same meeting. After some discussion by the SG representatives, a motion to grant the money was passed unanimously. The art club also made a fund request of \$250 to pay for workshops which will be voted upon next week. The workshops will be in subjects not normally offered through the art department and the art department will pay for all materials that will be needed.

Janet Croft reported that the film committee's showing of "SlapShot" last Friday was "a huge success" The film was shown to 400 people and there was a \$96 profit. The next film will be "Frenzie". It will be shown on Friday, February 1 in SLC 101.

Blumfield noted that tickets for the Steve Forbert Concert will probably be on sale next week. Tickets will probably cost \$6.00 before the concert and \$7.00 at the door. Blumfield also pointed out that radio stations will be promoting the concert soon, and WCLH will be playing Forbert's album.

Bill Lewis, Commuter Council President, announced that plans are being made for two parties: a Valentine's Day party will be held in the gym on Friday, February 15, and a St. Patrick's Day Party will be held in the Hotel Sterling.

Dave Samsel noted that audition dates for the Red Cross Variety Show to be presented in April will be announced soon. Diane Seech of the social committee discussed Winter Weekend events with the members of SG

Blumfield said he is hopeful that the used bookstore can be moved to the Student Center Office by the end of the week

Blumfield announced that his evaluation of all SG representatives and committee chairpersons should be completed by next Monday, and the results will be on file in the SG

Mrs. Doris Barker, SG advisor offered congratulations to all the students selected to Who's Who, and asked that the SG representatives be more inquisitive at meetings.

Louis Czachor

NOTICE

Wilkes First Olympiad will be held February 8, 9 and 10.

Get your applications now in the library, bookstore, or Student Government office. Deadline for application is February 1.

Sponsored By CC At LS Skate-A-Rama

Bill Miller, Social Committee chairperson announced at the Monday meeting of Commuter Council that plans are underway for the upcoming CC-IDC Valentine's Day Party and St. Patrick's Day Par-ties. The chairpersons of the Valen-tine's Day Party are Andy Haryluk and Dina Campbell, with the St. Patrick's Day Party chaired by Joe Rubbico and Sue Schwab.

The Valentine's Day Party will be catered by Poly-Care Food Service and the top 40's group, "Chance" will perform. Tickets will go on sale in February. No definite plans have been made for the St. Patrick's Day

It was also announced Monday night that there will be a Roller Skating Party this coming Tuesday, January 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the L.S. Skate-A-Rama in Nanticoke. Admission will be free, but there will be a \$.75 charge for skate rentals. Transportation to and from

the activity will be provided by a bus that Commuter Council will charter. The bus will depart and return students in front of the Stark Learning Center. Additional information about "Wilkes Night" at L.S. Skate-A-Rama can be obtained by calling or stopping by the Commuter Council Office on the second floor of Weckesser Hall.

Also mentioned at the meeting were plans to organize a study group to analyze and report on commuter involvement here at Wilkes. Many sociology reports have been given on this subject and it is hoped that the student body will benefit

from these findings.

An eulogy to the Commons concluded the CC meeting. In recognition of the old Commons, a red brick from it was taken to be forever preserved in the Commuter Council's Office.

Darlene Schaffer

Dorm Parking Stickers Issued By IDC; Committee Reports Given Sunday Night

At Sunday night's IDC meeting, committee reports were given. IDC President Mike Stapleton reported that the list of dorm students receiving parking stickers for this semester has been posted. Those received a sticker last semester and have also been allowed a sticker this semester will use last semester's sticker temporarily. New stickers will be given to those whose applications have been approved this semester but were not in the fall. All cars without stickers will be ticketed, including those who have stickers from last semester that were not approved for the spring semester.

It was also reported that the next Food Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 22. Food Coimmittee Chairman

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Williams stressed that students use the suggestion box on the travvevor whenever possible when registering a complaint. If the complaint concerns a particular meal, the suggestion should be dated and the time fo the meal should be stated. IDC Vice President Mike Sibilia suggested that the fruit juices available at breakfast should also be available at all meals. This suggestion was met with agreement by several IDC members.

Paul Adams, Housing Director, reported that William Denion, formerly Supervisor of Food Services at Wilkes, has been appointed supervisor over ten colleges using the M.W. Wood Food Services. A new supervisor at Wilkes will be appointed this semester.

The Co-Ed Housing Committee is now preparing a proposal to be brought before the Student Life Committee in February. This proposal is an attempt to initiate a policy of Co-Ed Housing at Wilkes. From the Student Life Committee, the proposal will probably be presented before Dean's Council, where it will be decided upon. Stapleton stated tyhat co-ed housing would simply be "an alternative lifestyle" on campus and would not be forced on anyone. The policy will involve two dorms, which have not been decided upon yet. Pickering Hall will not be involved.

Under other committee reports, Stapleton announced that Maintenance Committee chairperson is needed. It was also reported that the IDC-CC Social Committee is currently working on two CC-IDC parties in the next two months. Andy Haryluck and Dina Cmapbell are the chairpersons for for the Valentine's Day Party on February 15. Joe Rubbico has been appointed chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 14.

Stapleton also announced that a committee is needed to define the rules and functions of the three IDC committees: Maintenance and Food. No written guidelines exist at the present time. The committee which will be formed will define the rules and these rules will become part of the IDC

constitution.

formation.

Under new business, it was announced that a town meeting concerning the raising of the dike was held on Monday night, Jan. 21 in the C.P.A. It was also reported that the following dorms have had perfect attendance for the IDC meetings last semester: Dirksen House, Miner Hall and the Hotel Women.

Jean Reiter, Associate Housing Director, stated that R.A. applications for next year will be available on Tuesday, January 22 in the Housing Office. The applications are due February 4.

NOTICE WCLH-FM is now accepting ap-

plications for positions at the station. Anyone interested in applying

can visit the station on the third

floor of Darte Hall, or contact WCLH at extension 360 for more in-

Mary Kay Pogar

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Do Or Die

Student Government will soon decide the fate of the teacher-course evaluation project. It is either a do or die decision on their part and we hope that whatever they decide, that it will be for the right reason.

The history of the teacher evaluation is long and boring. The Beacon has covered the issue since day one and have given it our full support. Even though in its few attempts to has failed, sometimes miserably, we always felt that given time the project would mature and become very effective.

To Student Government the project hs been a royal pain in the neck. The time put into it has not been worth the result so far. We understand the negative outlook some SG members have toward the evaluation but no one said it was going to be easy.

It is our suggestion that Student Government give it one more try. This involves either hiring a consultant to find a way to implement the evaluation and compile the data into readable form or FULLY investigate the problem themselves. It has to be a total commitment on their part otherwise they will never find the correct answer.

If after a commendable effort is made and it is found that the evaluation process in worthless then it shold be dropped. A commendable effort, however, is one that involve developing a questionnaire that meets the students needs and can also be used to feed into a computer to compile the data.

As many classes as posible must be evaluated with high percentage of attendance in each. The results must be made available before registration and in presented in a style that is easy to understand.

The work behind the project cannot be passed off to the **To Serve College** SG Academic Committee Chairman alone. It should be shared among all SG members. It is a lot of work but if it benefits the college which we believe it will, then it certainly is worth it.

Guest Editorial..... Respect Others

Acts of aggression and violence against individuals and nations threaten the peace of our world. Our concern and prayers are not only for the swift and safe return of the hostages held by the militants in Iran, but for a return to reason and principle in resolving the world's problems.

In these times of political unrest and upheaval, I wish to assure our foreign-born students of Wilkes College's continued commitment to respect the rights of the individual and to maintain a free and open society. It is my fervent hope that all of us recognize the danger to ourselves and others in behaving irrationally or in seeking to blame the irresponsible acts of a lawless few on those not involved in

Let us not look for scapegoats. Let us reaffirm our faith in the goals of the College, as stated in "An Educated Man," to seek truth ... to be aware of the diversity of ideas and beliefs ... to respect the religious convictions of all men .. to participate constructively in the social, economic, cultural, and political life of the community ... to communicate ideas in a manner that assures understanding, for understanding unites men in their search for truth.

Robert S. Capin, President

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Reader Questions Fairness Of Judicial Council Decisions

After the article in THE BEACON last week concerning the Judicial Council's decision, there's a question running amongst the students. Why did the person committing the worse offense get the lighter punishment? I understand that the school wants to do away with cheating, but what does this example set by the school mean? We're not allowed to cheat in class, but we're safe so long as we break into the professor's office?

The persons cheating in the computer science class get a semester suspension. The person breaking into the philosophy department merely isn't allowed to get caught doing it again. If need be, the school may borrow my ruler to slap the latter's knuckles.

Why are the punishments so unequal? Various students gave comments. 1. The student had good grades. A lot of us have good grades, and they weren't gotten by cheating. Many students have really poor grades, but at least it's an honest effort. 2. The student had a lot to lose future-wise. All the students have a lot to lose.

Trustee Honored And Students

To the Editor:

Early this year you wrote that you weren't sure that students should consider it an honor to attend Wilkes. As a member of your trustees, I'd like you and all your colleagues to know that I consider it an honor to serve you and your college in any way I can.

In December you carried news of vandalism and cheating, now ripe and rampant in all U.S.A. centres of education — except perhaps the solid South. Compliments to the South and to their academic honor systems.

Please recognize that any honor system rubs on to other aspects of college life — social, athletic, personal, religious, etc. etc. Perhaps you'll pardon my persistence on this subject, but I believe it is crucial to American ideals and behavior. And an honor system is crucial to Wilkes' future progress and development.

Since the administration drags heels on this basic fundament. I suggest you students demand an honor system and make it work The it will be an honor to attend

Edward W. Bixby, M.D.

NOTICE

Starting on January 30th the Co-Op Office will be open on Wednesday nights until 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The Financial Aid Office will be closed today. Anyone having questions can visit the office on Friday, when regular hours will be resum-

on cheating that the first people caught were going to be examples. Somehow a curve ball came into the game, and only two of the three students got what they deserved. The third one showed the example to the students that you can get out of anything even if caught redhanded. What makes the difference? I wonder. 3. "It's typical." No comment necessary. Every Wilkes student understands this.

As THE BEACON says, when the decision is made not to suspend a student, it can't be changed.

students, whoever they are, can't be let in this semester. The example they're supposed to set is ruined. Why punish them when the school itself ruined the point they're intending to make.

I have one final question. Since there's no longer a need for locks, stealing is condoned, and no longer a need for security, even when they catch someone it doesn't matter, can't we save money in these areas to put towards a new gym.

Name Withheld **Upon Request**

SG Used Bookstore Should Open Sooner

As the semester is rapidly maturing, students should be getting adjusted to their new classes. Since we are already in the second week of the spring semester, I hope that this adjustment is almost complete. I, however, am finding it hard to adjust with my classes

As a paying Wilkes College student, I am just managing to pay my tuition bills on time which leaves me very little spending money while at school. Much of this money is either saved by buying books for classes at reduced prices through the used bookstore or selling my books at the same worthwhile needed establishment. Many students, like myself, missed out very much in this 1980 spring semester because the used bookstore was opened too late with little publicity. It does not take a genious to realize

without a book is virtually impossible for the average student. I think the oversight on the person(s) responsible for the late opening of the used bookstore is a very critical one and should not go unnoticed.

The purpose of this letter is not to

belittle any individual but to give constructive criticism. It might benefit the entire student population if the used bookstore in the future would be open during the first days into the new semester and even if possible, to open it a couple of days prior to the start of the semester.

The used bookstore is a tremendous asset that should not be neglected.

Respectfully, **Bookless Student**

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Martin Luthur King's Birthday Observed; Maggie Says Student Comments On Racial Prejudice

Last Tuesday, I had the opportunity to attend services commemoratign the birth of the greatest nonviolent, spiritual leader this nation has ever known. Dr. Martin Luther King was a man who selflessly devoted his time, resources, energy and love to advancing the cause of Peace and Brotherhood. I would like to congratulate and thank Bethel A.M.E. Church, The Courtdale United Methodist Church and The Church of Christ Unitign for sponsoring this service. Though an assassin's bullet silenced his voice, it is the moral duty of every man and woman to perpetuate his dream.

Dr. King sought to "help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights understandign brotherhood." He realized that race relations were, and still are, the greatest bit of unfinished business facing this nation. He believed that 'injustice anywhere is a threat to

There are far to many idiots in this world. And having made that statement, I have the unhappy burden of proving it.

When I turn on my radio, when I hear that Americans are being held hostage in the Iranian embassy, I ay that we have been lied to: Hitler is not dead; when I turn on my radio, when I hear that Jews have been insulted, mistreated, and persecuted, I say that we have been lied to: Hitler is not dead; when I turn on my radio, when I hear that Blacks have been lynched in America, I say that we have been lied to: Hitler is not dead; when, finally, I turn on my radio and hear that in Africa forced labor has been inaugerated and legalized, I say that we have certainly been lied to: Hitler is not dead.

As a Black, I am particularly wary of anyone who abuses the Jews, because I know he is talking about me. An anti-Semite is inevitably anti-Black. Frantz Fanon

asserts that "it is Utopian to try to ascertain in what ways one kind of inhuman behavior differs from another kind of inhuman behavior." He asks, "Is there any inhuman truth any difference between one racism and another?'

Unfortunately, we have done far to little towards fulfilling Dr. King's dream. As students and young peowe represent the single greatest energy source this country has ever had. We can no longer passively accept the injustice which has gone before us. I say to all my black, white, brown and yellow brothers that we have all got to work together to make a better world for us and our children to live in. For it is only by working together that we can ever hope to achieve a relation of true equal integration. Keep the faith.

> Respectfully yours, David A. Clanton

What's Happening

The Junior Class will show the film "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the gym Friday night at 11 p.m. Admission will by \$1.50.

The Sordoni Art Gallery will feature the exhibit "Old Masters' Prints" on loan from the Lycoming County Historical Society and Museum from January 12 through February 4. The show includes works of Picasso, Renoir, Durer, Rembrandt, Chagall, Lautrec, Homer, Sloan and others Gallery hours for the show are daily and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Thursday even ings 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours are invited and all admission is without charge.

Marilyn Marsh, a senior fine arts major, currently is giving her senior art exhibit in the Conyngham Gallery. Gallery Hours for the show are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 3 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

On January 26, Professor James Chaney, Kutztown State College will have a one man show in the Conyngham Gallery. Chaney, who is a member of the art faculty at Kutztown, will show ceramics at the Gallery until Feb.

The Manuscript Society will present the film "La Strada" by Mark Fellini on January 25th. "LaStrada" shows the break with the neo-realistic tradition in filmmaking and is one of the most powerful conceived and poetically realized films of Fellini. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

WCLH 90.7 FM Spring Program Guide

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Protection You Might Need

Are you medically insured in the event of an accident or illness? If the answer to this question is anything other than yes, you're taking a mighty big chance.

Accidents can happen to anyone and at anytime as evidenced by the recent mishap suffered by our Student Government president.

Usually, most students are at least partially covered by policies held by their parents. In this case, it is advisable for the student to know certain facts such as; the name of the insurance company, the policy number and the extent of coverage. Some hospitals require this information before they can treat a patient even in an emergency situation so, it is best to have this information in wallet for quick reference.

The students who should be concerned about this subject are those about to graduate, especially if their plans include moving away from home after schoo. In this case, it is not always possible to stay covered by the parents policy.

This is where Blue Cross and Blue

Shield can step in and help. These programs were established in order to help people meet the expenses of hospital and doctor care.

hospital and doctor care.

A brief description of the benefits offered by the Blue Cross-Blue Shield programs are as follows. Under the Blue Cross hospitalization plan, 60 days of hospital care per contract year is offered with the subscriber paying the hospital only \$5 a day. This includes semi-private accomodations with room, meals, general nursing care, Intensive Care Unit and many others. All medically necessary hospital services are covered in full when provided in member hospitals.

Other areas of coverage in the Blue Cross plan include: oral surgery, transplants, Red Cross blood charges, outpatient accident care, home health care and alcoholism rehabilitation.

There are many benefits in the Blue Shield Medical-Surgical plan. In non-surgical cases such as pneumonia, diabetes, etc., Blue Shield pays for doctor's care according to the schedule of up to \$30 for the first day and up to \$10 each

additional day. The amounts paid out depend on the amount of time, skill and effort expended by the doctor.

Various amounts are paid out for surgical cases depending on the surgery being performed. In the event that surgery is required to treat fractures or dislocations due to an injury the total amount paid for each admission will not exceed \$360.

Blue Shield also offers a plan where doctors will accept Blue Shield's payment as Payment-In-Full for covered services when your total amount income is \$4,000 or less.

In both Blue Cross and Blue Shield programs there are many restrictions and conditions that must be met in order to receive benefits. For those interested in looking at the complete package contact the Blue Cross-Blue Shield nearest to your residence.

Today, even in ordinary sickness, hospital and doctors bills can amount to many hundreds; even thousands of dollars. Don't be caught without protection.

This is no spoof

Greetings Everyone!!!

The Great Spirit has found his way back to the Wilkes campus nestled in this quiet town of Wilkes-Barre in the beautiful snow covered Northeast rolling hills. (WHY GOLLY GEE — Did I say SNOW-COVERED????) Well exxxccuuuuuussee me! What do you think of this snow drought that is affecting this area? Awfully bad, HUH? How does old man winter expect us to have a Winter Carnival without any snow??? Grass (the green stuff still around) just doesn't cut it when you're trying to woosh down the dikes on your tobbogan! We may even have to cancel our annual snowball fight with our rival Monarchs up the street! Oh wonderful spirit of the white stuf, dump a few feet on us!!!

So how'd everybody enjoy the semester break? Tooo short seems to be the common complaint. My gosh some people are never satisfied! Well you can look at it this way, there's only 12½ more weeks until NEXT semester break! At least that one will be longer. Anybody do anything interesting for those three weeks past? The general consenus that the spirit got was that everyone worked their butts off to pay for those outrageous books for those stupendous classes. Well, just remember as Mom says, "The money is going to build up your brain. What there is of it."

Has everyone settled into their new schedules yet? Don't tell me that you're still trying to get into those closed classes? Did everyone finally figure out that thsoe accelerated B.A. classes don't start for a few weeks yet? I guess so. There's not as many confused faces around. By the way, what's wrong with sixty people in a bowling class???

Remember now, we're all going to really work at it this semester. No

Remember now, we're all going to really work at it this semester. No more letting everything go to the 13th week of school!! We're going to keep up with the work this time. (Too bad you're already two weeks behind in assignments!!!!)

The Great Spirit will return soon! Watch for me!

- Movie Review -

Electric Horseman

The Electric Horseman is a cheerful comedy bringing to light warm, romantic, and old-fashioned values on the screen.

This is Robert Redford's first film since All The President's Men and definitely reveals another facet to his career. Redford is the five-times world champion rodeo cowboy, Sonny Steele, who has been put out to pasture selling "Ranch Breakfast Cereal" by parading around in a cowboy suit that lights up like a Christmas tree. Sonny gets disgusted at the time of a corporate convention in Las Vegas where he spots his costar — a prize stallion in a flashing saddle surrounded by chorus girls, tranquilized to remain docile along with being pumped full of steroids. He identifies with the horse and does his part by riding him across Caesar's Place stage, off the ramp and down the neon strip, thus kidnapping the corporations \$12-million symbol.

Enter Jan Fonda as a highpowered New York TV journalist, who pursues Redford looking for a scoop. Facing arrest for aiding the felon, Fonda has no other choice but to take off with the horse-napper as he plans to nurse the stallion back to health and then set him free in the Utah mountains. They are pursued by cops, motorcycles, helicopters, as they take off in horse campers, on horseback and finally on foot hating each other every step of the way. Praise floods in for Sonny's nobility, honor and courage. The mismatched fugitives hike across the plains of the American West leading the stallion to freedom and falling in love.

Country music star Willie Nelson makes an interesting acting debut as Sonny's manager and sings most of the film's soundtrack as well. More of the footage that was devoted to the scenic American West should have been devoted to him and Valerie Perrine who played Sonny's wife.

The Electric Horseman is indeed a not to be missed film.

Junior Class Surprise

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Experience Helps Prepare For Many Careers

"How about a game of rolf ball?" is probably the first question you will be asked as you enter the Debate Union Room on the third floor of Kirby Hall. Rolf ball includes a felt material resemblance of a dart board and three ping-pong type balls which stick to the felt. That is, if you hit the board. Unfortunately, even with a large handicap, it is about as difficult to beat any of the members at a game of rolf ball as it is to win a debate against them.

'It's a lot of fun, but at the same time there is a lot of work," states Dr. Bradford Kinney, Director of Forensics and team coach. debate a student learns skills which can help him or her in almost any field. In fact, one former member of the team is in law school, two are doctors and four more are in medical school." Presently the team includes Business Ad-Accounting, ministration. Phychology, English, Biology and Communications Studies majors.

President of the debate team and four year team veteran, Davida Roberts, cannot find one negative aspect about being a debater. "It has changed my perspective so much," she explains. "You are able to accept more, you learn how to deal with people, and you learn to budget your time effectively." The



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FORENSIC UNIT - Shown are the 1979-80 debate and speech team. Seated from left to right: Patti Sparlow, Colleen Gries, Michele Fidrych and Karen Orlando. Standing: Jon Pliskin, Daryl Lewis, Dr.

Bradford L. Kinney, advisor and coach, Davida Roberts, Norm Witko and Darlene Schaffer. Absent from the picture is Greg Price.

national champion in After Dinner Speaking, Davida also belongs to Pi Kappa Delta, the National Honorary Forensics Society. "I don't see communications and literature as opposing forces. In fact, I see them as complementing each other. When I aproach a speech, I do it from a literary perspective and when I approach literature I assume a rhetorical viewpoint," comments the English with concentrations speech and literature.

In addition to her affiliation with forensics, Davida works in the Admission Office as a student aid two days a week. Her plans for the future include graduate and Ph.D. work in speech and communica-She would like to teach speech and coach forensics on the college level.

Other members of the team see it

as a very rewarding experience. Sophomore member. Darlene Schaffer, believes the best thing about being a debater is seeing someone else from the team win, "especially a new member,' she quickly adds. "The entire team is always behind you," she continues.
"We argue with each other sometimes, but when it comes right

down to it, the loyalty is there. This

Other members echo Darlene's words. Almost every member belongs to other organizations or clubs on campus, but "home" is on the third floor of Kirby Hall. Two junior class officers, Colleen Gries and Norm Witko are active members of the team. Dubbed the "unofficial class sheet-painter," Norm can often be seen in the debate room with a paint brush in hand, advertising the latest junior class meeting or activity on a white muslin sheet.

A rather talkative group of peoamong discussions members include topics from Monty Python to the possibility of President Carter's re-election. Many times these "jam session," as the team calls them, spark ideas for speeches for competition.

They are really a great bunch of kids. See, now I'm always calling them 'kids.' When they first thought up 'Kinney's Kids,' I was embarrassed. But really, that 's the way it is, we are one big family," explains Dr. Kinney. "Now other schools even know us as Kinney's Kids."

Looking around the debate room, Dr. Kinney smiles. His pride in the team is evident. "The kids painted the room themselves this past summer. The curtains and carpet are also theirs," he states. "For the rest of the supplies we either had to beg or borrow

The team, which is only four trophies short of the 300 mark, recently made two trophy cases themselves, with the school paying for the supplies. "Some of our trophies are in the lobby of the Center of the Performing Arts, some are in Dr. Andy Shaw's office, some are in my office and the rest are scattered," says Dr. Kinney. Dr. Andrew Shaw, Dean of Management, obtained two more trophy cases for the team. "He has been sympathetic and one of our boosters," states Dr. Kinney. Chairman of the Department of Languages and Literature, Dr. Thomas Kaska, is also sympathetic, he adds.

"We get a lot of lip service from many people, but no real support," continues Dr. Kinney. Last Christmas, the team decorated the tree at United Penn Bank in Wilkes-Barre to earn money for the national tournament in St. Louis. "We earned enough to get one member to nationals. Since Dr. Kinney, Jon Pliskin, Colleen Gries and myself

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Cliff and Monarch Notes

were going, we scraped up the rest of the money elsewhere," states Davida Roberts. The team placed tenth in the nation in individual events at St. Louis.

When the team goes on trips to attend tournaments, the budget allows for \$15 per day per person including meals, lodging and transportation. "This isn't easy to stretch," says Dr. Kinney. Moreover, the students receive no financial assistance or scholarships for being on the team. "Anyone who would stay up all hours of the night has to really love what they're doing. And believe me, the kids have spent many all-nighters in this room working," says Dr. Kinney. He adds that the only real problem they have is funds.

The team brings publicity to the school. After five and one-half years of building the squad, this year we have received more invitations to tournaments than we could ever attend. The first year I was here, we only received four invitations," states Dr. Kinney.

Last semester the team traveled over 2,000 miles, received 14 trophies and entered the Philip Morris Marketing and Communications Competition. This semester the team will enter the National Discussion Contest, the National Individual Events Competition, and travel to between 10 and 12 high schools to perform demonstration debates and speeches, besides entering the usual amount of tour-naments. "The next few tournaments should bring our trophies to over 300," states Dr. Kinney con-

After entering the debate room, and losing a game of rolf ball to the experienced debators, the next request made of you will probably be "Let's debate!" Be prepared to lose

Patti Sparlow

Reaccreditation

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cepted principles described in the Audit Guide for Colleges and Universities." The team discovered that the college is already planning to cope with future financial pressures such as "...shifting enrollment trends, inflation, and competition from other institutions." Ackerman concluded the topic by saying, "The team is most impressed by a spirit of community and harmony between the financial management priorities and the institution's educational mission.

When asked to comment on the report, Dr. Gerald Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs said, "We feel it is an excellent report. There is nothing in the report we had to refute or disagree with." Hartdagen added that the college must now start looking into how they will address the evaluation team's recommendations to aid the future improvement of the institu-

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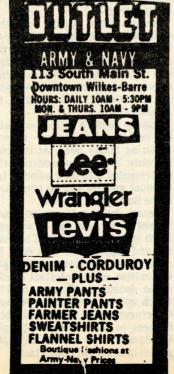
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Graduate Studies Program Offers Many Degrees

In a little over 12 weeks it will be graduation time for seniors. But, what will happen after graduation? For those seniors interested in postgraduate studies, it is possible to continue the education process right here at Wilkes.



Mr. John Meyers

GRADUATE **ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Graduate assistantships available on a limited basis for students in most departments with graduate programs. The only graduate department using assistants this year is the Commerce and Finance department, which is also the department with the largest number of graduate students.

The assistantships include a \$2500 stipend and complete tuition for one year including the summer. John Meyers, Director of the Division of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies, explained jobs for the assistants include running labs, proctoring tests or correcting papers, depending on the individual department.

Students interested in a graduate assistantship should discuss it with their department chairperson and then make a written application to John Meyers in the Graduate Office by February 15.

After reviewing applications, John Meyers and the deans will decide which students will be selected as assistants.

GRADUATE **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The graduate division offers degrees in several areas and as Meyers put it, "MBA (Master of Business Administration) is the hottest department.

Meyers explained that courses in the MBA program are offered at night making it possible to admit many working people who found out that they needed the degree to advance in their business

In addition to the MBA, Master of Science degrees are offered in Mathematics and Physics, and Master of Science in Education degrees are offered in Biology, Chemistry, Education, English, History, Mathematics, Physics, **Elementary Education and Special** Education. The programs are approved by the Pennsylvania State Department of Education.

A Reading Specialist program is

Temple University. Interested students can get more information by contacting Dr. Eugene Ham-mer, Chairman of the Education Department.

TUITION AND **ADMISSIONS**

Students interested in applying for admission to the graduate program should see their department chairperson as well as John Meyers in the Office of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies, located on the second floor of Parrish Hall.

The graduate program has a rolling admissions policy and students can begin in the fall, spring or summer term.

Tuition is \$95 per credit at present, but Wilkes graduates can take any graduate course at a \$10 discount and any undergraduate course at half price.

ADMISSIONS TESTS Students planning to take any admissions tests for graduate schools are advised to apply for them well enough in advance of the test date. For more information visit the Continuing Education Office.

Tests and dates are:

The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) will be given on February 2, April 19 and June 28

The Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) will be given on February 9 and May 10.

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) will be given on February 23, April 26 and June 14.

The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) will be given on March 15 and July 12.

The Optemetry College Admis-

sions Test (OCAT) will be given on

The Dental College Admissions Test (DAT) will be given on April

Louis Czachor

Various Topics Discussed At All-College Assembly

Student Government president Dave Blumfield explained some of SG's activities to a crowd of less than 300 students at the all-college assembly on Tuesday.

Before the assembly began, a

tape of some Steve Forbert music was played. Blumfield announced to the assembly that a concert featuring Forbert has beed scheduled for Sunday, February 24. Tickets should be on sale next week at a cost of \$6.00 if purchased in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Blumfield explained that Forbert is an "up-and-coming star" who has made albums and is selling out con-

certs all over the country.

Blumfield added that SG is doing 'very good budget wise" this year and the concert will not hurt the budget.

Plans for Winter Weekend, which will have the theme "the First Wilkes Olympiad" were announced. Blumfield stated that a donation will be sent to the United States

Olympic Team from the teams participating in the Winter Weekend events. He also pointed out that whatever is contributed by the teams will be matched by SG.

Dave Blumfieds also reported that the stereo should be installed in the Student Center by the end of the semester.

President Capin commented that during the winter months when students are busy with schoolwork and other things, there is a tendency to become discouraged, but students should look forward to the springtime. Capin noted that he is pleased to talk about our athletic teams" and that the best thing we can do is to be there for their games and meets. He continued by saying that the wrestling and basketball teams have done extremely good this year. He asked for support for all of the teams: wrestling, basketball, swimming, and ice hockey.

John Reese introduced the

wrestling team and Ron Righter in-troduced the men's basketball team. Righter commented that the "game against King's is most crucial." He explained "It's a very very important game and up to this point it has been a very very good

Blumfield suggested that the students act like ladies and gentlemen at all sporting events. He also asked that when students cheer that they cheer in unity.

Dean Ralston commented that "it doesn't matter whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game that counts," and then he finished the assembly by leading the students in the famous Ralston

Louis Czachor

New Location Of Theater Office; Kirby Hall 107 Chosen As Site

Don't be surprised if you enter the Center for the Performing Arts later this semester and find that Dorothy Carrol is not in her familiar office. The theater department has made plans to set up their base of operations in Kirby 107 sometime later in the semester.

The decision to set up the theater department in Kirby came about as a result of several factors. First, two of the theater arts instructors, Jay Siegfried and Dr. Leonard Powlick, have their offices on the second floor of Kirby. Also, Dr. Thomas Kaska, Chairman of the Language and Literature Department (which now incorporates the

theater department) is located in Kirby Hall. Thus, the department feels that having the office located in room 107 will made it easier for Ms. Carrol to coordinate the efforts of the faculty and staff of the department.

Secondly, the move will leave Dorothy Carrol's old office to be filled by a new person. Tentatively this person will be responsible for keeping the CPA in top physical condition. He will be responsible for seeing to it that all systems and equipment in the facility are ready for use at all times. As of the present his duties are scheduled to include building maintenance and coor-

tor of Cultural Affairs The college recently began the search for this new person for the CPA. Therefore, the theater depart-

dinating the crews to run the

special events and lectures, scheduled by Alfred S. Groh, Direc-

ment will not set up the new office in Kirby until the position is filled. However, everything is ready to set up the office at any time.

There is also a tentative plan to utilize part of Kirby 107 as a theater arts classroom. Instructor Klaus Holm and Dorothy Carrol believe this is a very reasonable idea as there is a lack of classrooms for the theater arts classes. Dr. Kaska states that there are several options open for the best utilization of the new office space by the theater department. All of these options are being considered.

Those concerned with the move agree that it is strategic and sensi-

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Computer Club Sponsors Trip To New York

The Computer Club is sponsoring a trip to the IBM facility in New York on Tuesday, January 29. Although members of the computer club are being given first preference in obtaining bus seats, a limited number of seats are available and these are open to the college in general.

Cost of the trip is between \$2.00 and \$3.00. Reservations can be made immediately in the Math-Computer Science office, SLC 416.

The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. At IBM, there will be a tour of the facilities, lectures and demonstra-tions of the newest equipment including computers and robots.

The bus will stop for lunch and should return to the college by 4:00

Computer Club president Gregg Cook noted that previous groups that have taken the tour have enjoyed it.

Louis Czachor

Winter Weekend

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wear a bathing suit or shorts, a rebate of \$.25 will be given. A real motivator!!!

Sunday, the finals of the volleyball tournament and tug-owar will be completed at the gym. Also to be held in the gym Sunday will be a contest of "All Anything Goes" in which the winner will win an all expense paid vacation in Atlantic City.

Sunday night, a coffeehouse will be held in the Student Center featuring Marty Bear. At the coffeehouse, the winning countries will be presented with their awards. Individual awards will be presented at the finish of each event

Teams for the Olympiad must consist of 10 men and 10 women. Each team must represent a country and supply their own flag. In order to help the National Olympic Committee, each contestant is asked to donate a minimum of \$.50 which will be matched by Student Government. The money will then be sent to the National Olympic Headquarters to aid the Olympic games to be held at Lake Placid.







Women's **Sports**

At its 75th convention last week in New Orleans, the NCAA decided to conduct championships for women at the Division II and III levels in five sports: basketball, tennis, swimming, field hockey and volleyball. The action, which will take effect in the 1981-82 season, greatly distressed the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, which was meeting con-currently in Washington. The AIAW, which has governed women's sports since its creation in 1971, said it was considering legal action against the NCAA. AIAW delegates accused the NCAA of plotting a takeover of women's athletics, a fear that was hardly dispelled by NCAA secretary James Frank who said, "I don't think there's any question it would be favorable for an individual institution to have a single organization governing men's and women's athletics to deal with." THE BEACON agrees with him.

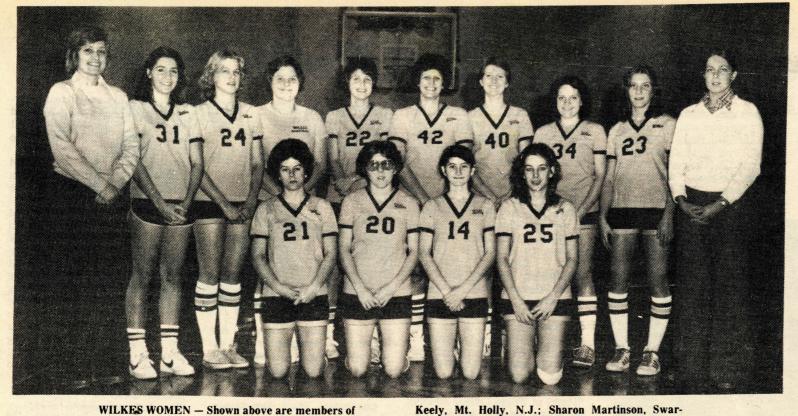
It makes little sense for collegiate sports to operate under often conflicting sets of rules for men and women — or, for that matter, to hold separate conventions. It may even be that Frank's organization, which is older and richer than the AIAW, is the logical one to do the unifying. But any claim the NCAA might have to leadership in female athletics is considerably diminished by the fact that it has been notably unsympathetic to women's sports, consistently resisting efforts to apply Title IX (the law outstanding sex discrimination in federally assisted schools) to athletes. Having lost that battle, however, the NCAA now indicates that it sees the handwriting on the wall. One can only hope that Frank faithfuly reflects revised NCAA thinking when he says that in the light of Title IX, women should "participate fully in intercollegiate

All that aside, there is something troubling about the fact that the NCAA move in women's sports occurs at a time of growing concern about its administration of MEN'S sports. Continued revelations of recruiting abuses, the spreading academic-transcript scandal and the shocking influence exercised by booster clubs lend urgency to the old question of whether institutions of higher learning belong to the business of big-time entertainment, which college sports have long become. Colleges and universities must decide who shall govern them and their sports.

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CONGRATS - Best Wishes go out to wrestling coach John Reese who earned his 275th win last week

PLAY BY PLAY - Anyone interested in doing play-by-play for Wilkes basketball broadcasts over WCLH is asked to contact the station or sports director Gary Mack.



WILKES WOMEN - Shown above are members of the 1980 Wilkes women's basketball team, first row kneeling: Mary Jean Farrell, Wilkes-Barre; Diane Kendig, Wilkes-Barre; Linda Woods, Hackettstown, N.J.; and Arnette Uguccioni, Archbald.

Jo Frail, Wilkes-Barre; Lynn Yedlock, Ashley: Elaine Kerchusky, Folcroft; Diane Hall, Ephrata; Joanne Gismondi, Elmhurst, N.Y.; and assistant Standing are head coach Nancy Roberts; Stacey

Women Cagers Keep On Winning, Kendig Leads Nation In Scoring

Coach Nancy Roberts is making a bonafide run at the Beacon's annual "Coach of the Year" award as her team currently shows a 9-4 record going into Monday's game with King's College at home.

The ladies, which had a 2-1 week last week to bring their slate to 9-4

before meeting the Lady Monarchs, are slated to meet Delaware Valley in Doylestown on Saturday before traveling to meet Susquehanna Jan. 30, Muhlenberg, Feb. 1 and Bloomsburg State College Feb. 4. Wilkes will host the tough Lady

Royals of Coach Mike Strong and Scranton University Feb. 6 at 6:15 prior to the men's game at the South Franklin Street Gymnasium.

In a 87-77 loss to a great Franklin & Marshall team, the ladies were led by junior sensation Diane Kendig who pumped in 39 points. Kendig continues to lead the nation in scoring and is a bonafide All-American candidate. Karen Kay led the F&M attach with 19 points while team-mate Sue Bowen netted 15 tallies. Aiding the Wilkes cause was a pair of former Meyers High School standouts Mary Jo Frail and Mary Jean Farrell. Frail hit for ten while Farrell scored 12 points in a losing

The girls traveled to Reading to meet an always tough Albright College team and returned home with a 66-63 win. Wilkes fought off a 29-17 halftime deficit and behind Kendig's 23 points took a 52-51 lead with just five minutes remaining to play and held on for the win.

Also aiding the win were Lynn Yedlock with 18 tallies and Mary Jean Farrell with 14. Yedlock also enjoyed a fine game on the boards

thmore, Pa.; Ellen Van Riper, Denville, N.J.; Mary

as the team's leading rebounder.

The teams scored equally from the field as both pumped in 29 field goals, but the Wilkes women, shooting 72 percent on eight of 11 free throws, won the game at the charity stripe. Albright made only five of ten from the line.

This past Sunday, the Colonelettes returned home to meet Upsala College of East Orange, N.J. The

ladies hammered the New Jersey school 74-68 as Kendig was again the high scorer with 33 points.

Also hitting double figures for Roberts' team were Lynn Yedlock with 15, Joanne Gismondi with 12 and Frail with ten points.

"We're really coming together now," says captain Kendig. "We should be ready for when Scranton comes to town.

Bob Waskiewicz

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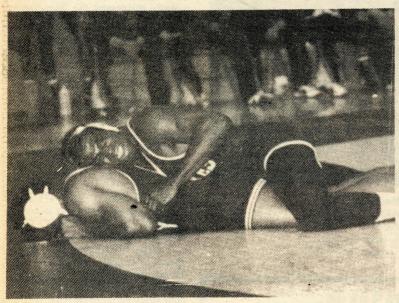
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Wrestlers Rolling, But Polls Say NO!

"Amateur Wrestling News" is out, "National Mat News" is out, and so is the Wilkes College wrestling team. Out of the rankings that is! Why? In the last issue of Amateur Wrestling News our Colonels were considered the 19th best team Nationwide. But the most re-

"I don't understand it. We wrestled very well and won convincingly in our last four meets. The signficant wins over Syracuse (33-14) and Tennessee (25-14) should have kept us in the rankings," noted Coach John Reese. "Evidently they (Amateur Wrestling and National



BART COOK IN ACTION

cent release has North Carolina in our position and undeserving Tem-ple University in the number 20

Mat News) thought our sixth placefinish in the 'Wilkes Open' wasn't good enough," added the 27 year

MODEL ATHLETE: RRYANBILLIG

Bryan Billig, Wilkes College's tough 134-pound wrestler is one fo those "model athletes" who sets his goals high and attains them through hard work and dedication.

He's not a so-called "natural", although Colonel wrestling fans think winning comes easy for the junior from New Tripoli, Pennsylvania. Bryan does make it Look easy, but he developed that ability and confidence with arduous practices and drilling. "I just give 100 percent in practices and in a match and always hope to learn something new everyday" commented Billig.

Bryan also notes he is improving constantly and credits 27-year coach John G. Reese and his work-out partners. Billig was a top college recruit and many have broken the line-up at many "good wrestling schools", but it didn't just happen. His credentials at Northwest Lehigh High School included a District and Regional championship and three letters in track.

That looks attractive to a college scout. However, many district and regional champs choose to go to a "good wrestling school" with NCAA Division I caliber and get lost in the crowd. But Billig survived that stiff competition and hsa been wearing the varsity stripes since the first meet of his freshman year. O.J. Costello, of the Wilkes-Barre recreation board and well-known mat authority said "Bryan was going to do it". Whatever "it was, Billig has probably done it. Unless "It" was an NCAA placefinish and Bryan could be the third wrestler in Wilkes history to turn that trick. John Carr (167) and Joe Weindl (160) won third and fifth places respectively in

In his first big college dual, Billig decked Lehigh's EIWA runner-up Steve Bastianelli in an atmosphere of pressure at Grace Hall. It was obvious that Billig would be successful in the years to come based on that performance. He went on to post a 20-10 overall slate that year and 14-6 in duals. He also placed sixth in the EIWA event.

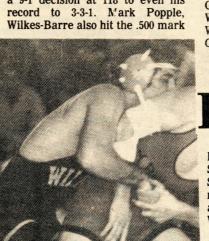
Bryan improved on that finish in last year's tourney, garnering the runnerup trophy when he lost a heartbreaker to East Stroudburg's Greg Shoemaker in overtime. In a dual meet last winter Billig defeated NCAA Division I Champ Kenny Mallory of Montclair St. It was the highlight of Billig's sophomore season and the highlight for many Wilkes fans also. He did everything but throw Mallory out of the gym that night and won by a disqualification.

In his most recent performances Bryan won first place in the Wilkes Open and also copped the Outstanding honors. Bryan raised his record to 8-2 after the Rutgers match and his career keeps improving everyday. Bryan didn't win a State Championship in high school, but Colonel opponents better beware, because his sights are set at the Nationals.

Iowa, as usual, was ranked at the top with Eastern rival Lehigh University receiving a welldeserved second in the January 14th poll. Cal Poly was in the third spot, while Iowa St., Oklahoma St., Wisconsin, Arizona St., Oklahoma, Minnesota and Kentucky rounded off the "Top 10." Penn St. University, who the Colonels will face on February 5 was rated 11th and followed by Clarion St. (Wilkes Open Champs), Oregon, Open Champs), Oregon, Bloomsburg, Auburn, LSU, Col-orado, Oregon St., N.C. and Temple respectively.

The Blue and Gold only wrestled one match last week and took a 36-6 victory over Rutgers University at New Brunswick. The triumph raised the Colonels to 8-2 overall and extended John Reese's career coaching record to 275-60-8. The "Pope" of Wilkes College athletics has guided the small Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) school into battle with the "Big Guys." The mentor has led Wilkes teams to three undefeated seasons, 14 MAC Championships, and a runner-up finish in last year's EIWA tournament. Reese will be out to defeat his Alma Mater when Wilkes hosts Penn St. U.

In Saturday's tilt Eddie Johnson, a junior from Chelmsford, Mass., got the ball rolling for Wilkes, with a 9-1 decision at 118 to even his record to 3-3-1. Mark Popple,



MARK DENSBERGER

at 3-3 with a forfeit at 126. Colonels tough 134 pounder Bryan Billig trouned Lou Trygar 7-4 in the to raise his record to equal the team's slate at 8-2. Billig's opponent wrestled defensively to prevent the pin and scored his only four points near the end of the match. Many matmen who wrestle Bryan know his capabilities and try to stay away from him.

In the 142 pound match-up yearling Lenny Nelson, Richland, N.J., came through with an impressive 16-6 victory to raise his record to 3-1. Nelson filled in for Steve DeGiso three weeks ago and has looked awesome. He's a little too small for 142, but when Billig drops to 126, Nelson might get the opportunity to compete in the lighter class.

Sophomore George Cherrie, Fleetwood, saw his record go to 1-1-1, losing a 5-3 verdict to highly-regarded Tony Surage in the 150 fray. Cherrie was upset-minded entering the final minutes as he led



but Surage escaped and registered a takedown for a 3-2 advantage. Cherrie then escaped to tie the score at three, but Surage gained control with the final takedown to win.

Co-captains Mark Densberger, Danville and Bart Cook, Neptune, N.J., carry 8-1 and 5-1 records respectively. Densberger triumphed 14-2 against his Rutgers adversary, while Cook didn't wrestle. was ill and rested for the meet, but is expected back this week. Pete Creamer, a freshman from Bellmore, N.Y., won 13-6 in the 177 bout to up his slate to 4-2.

The Blue and Gold forces will play host to Lycoming College Saturday evening at 8 p.m. at our Gymnasium. Wilkes handed the Warriors a 27-12 setback at Williamsport last winter and our **SWIM TEAM**

will then lead his matmen to S.U.N.Y. at Binghamton in an attempt to raise their dual series slate to 10-0. The Colonels hammered the Colonials 30-10 last year. Looking ahead the Wilkesmen take the road for a triangular meet with Connecticut and Southern Connecticut February 2, before returning home with PENN STATE February

Dan Miner, a junior from Chambersburg, wrestled the Rutger's team's best grappler in Doug Oliver and lost a 10-4 decision. Oliver remained unbeaten while Miner fell to 5-3-2.

Junior Rick Smith, Walden, Vt., won a forfeit to lift his record to 7-1-1 at 190 and Bob Matzelle, a senior from Lindenhurst, wrestled to a 9-4 victory to stretch his record to 7-1.

Bob Gaetano

LOSES ANOTHER The Wilkes College swim team lost to Swarthmore College last Saturday by a score of 59-45 in Swarthmore. The team's record now stands at 1-2 with a meet against Lycoming College in Williamsport yesterday.

With the absence of 3 swimmers Wilkes lost its flexibility in placing its swimmers strategically in the 12 events. Also four races that Swarthmore won should have been victories for Wilkes which would have put the win in the Colonels's hands.

Despite the loss Peggy Butchkavitz and Reed Bello, both freshmen, had outstanding days. Butchkavitz swam the butterfly leg in the winning 400 medly relay, took first place in the 200 fly, second in the 200 breaststroke, and third in the 200 individual medly. Swimming in events that she usually does not, Butchkavitz proved herself to

be a tough competitor.

Again Reed Bello took two first places in the required and optional diving events. Bello, an excellent diver, follows in the steps of Paul Niedzwiecki and Cindy Glawe both top divers for Wilkes and MAC medalists in years gone by.

Butchkavitz and Bello's combined efforts equaled 19 out of the 45 points Wilkes scored overall. Not bad at all.

In the four freestyle events; the 50, 100, 200, and 500; Wilkes should have won each of these but did not. Tri-captain Jim Edwards was touched out in the 100 and 200 freestyle by a matter of inches settling for two second-place finishes

Freshman Dave Gergen had an off day and placed third in the 50 and 500 freestyle events. Swarthmore's winning times in those events could have been beaten by Gergen if he were swimming up to

At one point Wilkes was winning the meet by a score of 27-25 after the sixth event but then fell behind never to regain the lead.

In other events Enrico Ratti placed third in the 200 freestyle race and Frank Gardner grabbed a second place in the required diving

John Moffatt went from third place to second in the 200 backstroke by beating out Swar-thmore swimmer in the last lap of

Perry Lichtinger, who rejoined the team after wrestling last semester finished second behind Bello in the optional diving event.

Other swimmers who went to Swarthmore for the meet were Rob Doty who swam breaststroke leg in the 400 medly relay, Pat Slowey, Alan Shaw, and Meggan Caverly.

The next meet is this Saturday against Western Maryland at home

in the King's College pool.

ADDED EXTRAS ... The traffic
on the road was bumper to bumper .. John Moffatt and Meggan Caverly got romantic on the way home under a perfect setting. Eight Moons shined over route No. 76 that

Jim Edwards

Cagers Drop Three In A Row

For a while, at least, the "right-er way" has been derailed. The Wilkes men's basketball team, heading into a five-straight Middle Atlantic Conference-game part of the schedule (four on the road) have failed in the first two at press time.

After picking up a non-conference win over Moravian last Monday, the Colonels suffered road losses to Albright 74-67 in Reading and last Saturday were defeated 78-66 by the "high-flying" Royals of Scranton University.

On Monday, the Blue and Gold were expected to travel to Elizabethtown for another league show-down before returning home yesterday to meet traditional rival King's. This Saturday the Blue and Gold travel to Delaware Valley for still another MAC game in Doylestown (the hometown of Wilkes' coaches Righter and Justice). Next Monday, Wilkes will host Division II power Philadelphia Textile before traveling to Susquehanna on the 30th.

Going into Monday's game with E-town, Wilkes was 7-5 overall but 3-3 in the MAC. Scranton, with an overall losing record, is atop the MAC with a 4-1 slate with King's second at 2-2. Monday and yesterday's games might not have been only crucial, but critical with the way Scranton is playing.

Against Moravian in Bethlehem the Colonels came away with a 76-69 win. Leading the way was senior captain Kendall McNeil with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Also netting double figures for Wilkes were Mike McCarrie with 14 and Kevin Walker with ten. Wilkes had its best shooting day as a team against the Greyhounds ripping the nets at a .72 per cent clip (31 for 42). But, as always Wilkes was not so awesome on the free-throw line hitting only 14 of 24. Anyway it was a win, and wel'll take it.

Then on Wednesday, the Blue and Gold traveled to Reading and meet his holiness Will Renken and the Albright College Lions. Renken, who will find some way to get his team in the MAC playoffs this year, handed Wilkes a 74-67 loss. Wilkes was led offensively by junior guard Mike McCarrie's 26 points on 13 field goals. Also hitting twin figures were McNeil with 12 and Kevin Walker and Tony Madden with 11 apiece. Madden pulled down 13 boards in the game while Walker added eight rebounds. Ron Morel led the team with eight assists. Wilkes was 28 of 64 from the field against Albright, who Ron righter says could go undefeated the rest of the way.

The game with Scranton was supposed to be on TV, but wasn't. Because Wilkes-Barre couldn't pick up the signal, the game was not telecast. That's a big mistake with all the advertising and everything. Somebody goofed and somebody will have to pay for that. Maybe it's a blessing in disguise that no one will see the early part of the second half. At least Righter does not want to see it.

Wilkes led throughout the first half at "Duh U" and held a five-point margin at the half. Then in the second period, the Royals outscored Wilkes in the first seven minutes 18-2. And that was all she wrote. Irv "I in the Sky" Johnson

had his greatest game of his All-American career Saturday scoring 27 points and pulling down 20 rebounds while completely controlling teh tempo of the game. Johnson's a great player and there's no doubt about that. But the guy's a hot-dog! He lets you believe that he's Mr. Cool and nothing bothers him, but what happened when Tony Madden committed his

Walker was the only other Colonel in double figures with 13 tallies.

Leading scorer Kendall McNeil was held to just four points, while fighting a bout with the flu. Mc-Cue's seven assists lead the team.

TIP-INS: ... highest point-total by a Colonel this year is 26 points done by McCarrie three times ... Artie Meigh, the Blue and Gold's leading field-goal shooter, is off the

Security! It's always needed by everybody everywhere. And we think it's need most at the Wilkes Gym. In a recent men's basketball game against Kean College, a near-riot broke out but was luckily contained by the two officials on hand.

We think some type of security is needed for athletic events and concerts at the gym. At King's, they have a system whereby students are assigned as security to handle any wrong doings. We could easily accomplish this by hiring some football players to act as security.

5th foul hitting Johnson late in game on a lay-up by Irv. Johnson threw the ball at Madden when he had his back turned. And he can't dribble for anything.

dribble for anything.

Mike McCarrie was Wilkes' only consistent form of offense against Scranton scoring 26 points for the second straight game. He was nominated for All-ECAC weekly honors for those performances. J.J.

team due to academic difficulties ... McCarrie is the team's top scorer with 153 points in ten games for a 15.3 average ... Righter spends his free time playing in a Scranton open league with Valley Sportsmen, captained by John "I want to shoot" Leighton ... Leighton's brother Brian the Whale recently hit a half-courter in a game for Hoban ... Wilkes has won three road games this year, they only won



Top Assist Man Pat McCue

Bowling Results

Poky's Veterans Club I

Mother Brothers

The Wilkes College Mixed League opened its spring 1980 season last Friday with fourteen teams and a new three division set-up. Only two teams were able to sweep a series though; Bud's Compressor & Supply nailed Good News with Doug Williams (217-606) leading the way and Paul Kanner's 189-472 led the Avengers over the EE's 3-0.

The first semester champs — Poky's — were among those beginning the campaign with two wins. Also in that category were the Aristocrats (Jim Moran 197-505), Assorted Nuts (Lisa Hughes 181-473), the Veterans Club I (Jim Caulson 212-569) and the Whippets.

STANDINGS: Atlantic Division

Bud's Compressor & Supply

Assorted Nuts 2-1 **Aristocrats** 2-1 The Pack 1-2 Good News 0-3 **Pacific Division Avengers** 3-0 Whippets 2-1 BS'ers 1-2 Veterans Club II Pin Patter: This semester the

Midwest Division

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Pin Patter: This semester the play-offs will feature the three division winners plus one wild-card team. We could still accomodate a few more bowlers, if interested call David Williams at 823-2406.

ONE all of last season ... Madden leads in rebounding with 82 followed by Walker's 75 ... McCarrie is the Colonels' top MAC scorer with an

18.0 average and the Father Judge grad is hitting .565 from the field in MAC games.

Eddie White III



Last week we mentioned how local media overlooks the area's colleges when it comes to sports coverage. In the last few days we have received various reaction from the article and most has been from people who agreed with us.

Although there are many aspects of the local media which does not give college sports the ink it needs, we must recognize those elements of the media which does. WBRE, led by veteran sportscaster Joe Gries, has made a great step in the last year and a half to help give college sports a boost in the area. WBRE has founded the Metro Intercollegiate Conference (MIC) involving King's, Wilkes and Scranton University.

Last year, Scranton won the team trophy with more victories over the

Last year, Scranton won the team trophy with more victories over the other two schools in selected sports. King's finished second and the Colonels placed third. But, no matter who wins the team trophy, here is WBRE helping college sports. Included in their added coverage of different sports, WBRE has televised local college basketball games the last few years.

This has been tremendous for the local schools. People who have never seen Wilkes basketball before, now know who they are by watching the Wilkes-King's games the last two seasons.

From an undisclosed source, one of the area's media outlets which was invited to the Colonel Classic media conference, said "it wasn't called." The outlet was, however, invited through the mail and was in fact called the afternoon of the conference as a reminder. Maybe our little mention last week his caused a stir among the media.

The Wilkes basketball program, which seems to have falled off the "right" track for at least three games, suffered a severe blow last week with the announcement that leading field goal shooter Artie Meigh, a senior from Richmond Hill, N.Y., was academically ineligible for the rest of the year. It's a tough loss for the team, for Artie and for the school. The team loses a great shooter, or "zone buster" as Ron Righter calls him, Artie loses a chance at getting a degree at Wilkes and the school loses the hope of getting Wilkes on the map through basketball — at least for now.

But, the Meigh situation reminds us of what we are here for — an education. And school is first and athletics come second. But still, most schools are staying alive because of the success of their sports. Scranton University's national championship in basketball did more for enrollment than any advertising could do. It's a fact that a lot of officials refuse to recognize, but athletics is a vital part to a college or university surviving. At Wilkes, we have to win — win big, so we can bring in students. It's like that everywhere folks!

We have taken in some local high school games in the area and believe that Jim Beddall of Seton Catholic and Coughlin's John Quinn deserve the "Coach of teh Year" awards, Both are great basketball men who have taken their teams to great heights this season. Quinn is one of the "Big Four" in sports at Coughlin along with great coaches Joe Moran, Bob Corba and Bana Balum.

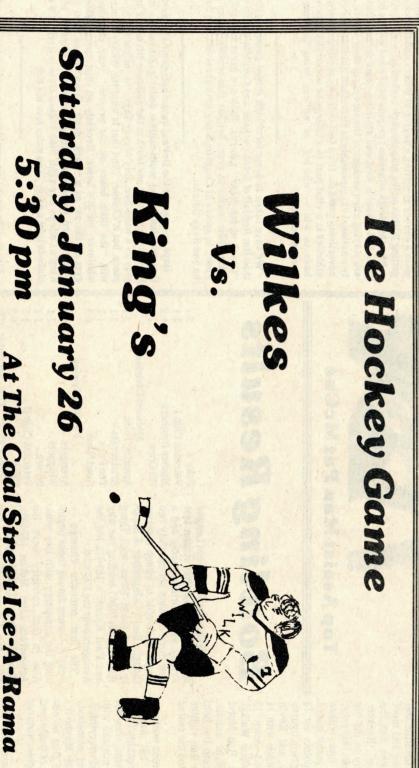
Hope you caught the DePaul basketball game this past Sunday. it shows that you don't need multi-million dollar gymnasiums to win in athletics. Here is the number one team in the nation in Division I basketball and they play in a band-box, Ray Meyer says, "it might not be the nicest looking place, but it's home." And that is what the Wilkes Gym is. Call it what you will, "the little house on the prairie," "the chamber of horrors." or whatever, but it's home. Recently an idiot sports-caster referred to our gym on the air as a "dark, dank, damp" place. But, the greatest quote we've heard came from the grand wizard himself, big Ed Donohue of King's College who said, "the Wilkes Gym is dark, it's so dark it's a nice place to take a date." You gotta love big Ed.

Finally this week, we would like to make special mention and send out best wishes to Wilkes athletic director and wrestling coach John Reese, who knotched his 275th career win over the weekend. That's 275 wins in 27 years of coaching. Reese is a bonafide hall-of-famer and a legend. Congrats coach!

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