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## Heart Specialist Presenting Lecture

by Mary Kay Pogar

The Sigma Xi Club of Wilkes College will present a lecture by the Director of the Coronary Care Unit of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital at its meeting February 24 in SLC 1 at 8 p.m. Dr. Nicholas Ruggiero, who is well known as a cardiologist, will deliver the lecture, which will include discussion of new pacemakers and catheterization, with which the doctor has had some experience. Dr. Ruggiero has also invited a pacemaker specialist of Wilkes-Barre General, Mark Dillman, to give more details on advancements in this area.

A past president of the Northeastern PA Chapter of the American Heart Association, Dr.

Ruggiero often addresses audiences on behalf of this association, and has been involved in several panel discussions representing the heart association.

The doctor is a graduate of King's College and of Jefferson Medical College, where he also took a fellowship in cardiology. He has done research in the areas of cardiology, hypertension, and myocardial infarction.

Dr. Ruggiero is speaking at the invitation of the college's chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, an honor society which encourages original investigation in pure and applied science. Full membership is by appoint-

ment and is open to any student, graduate, faculty or research staff member who has shown noteworthy achievement as an original investigator in any field of science.

Students may be honored by being elected as associate members if they show an aptitude for research expected to lead to fulfillment of the requirements for full membership.

Officers of the Wilkes College Sigma Xi Club include Dr. Robert Ogen, professor of biology, as president, and Dr. Francis Donahoe, professor of physics, as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Howard Swain, professor of chemistry, is the president-elect.

## New Computer System In Parrish To Enhance Finance Operations

by Donna Nitka

Last July, a new computer system was installed in the Finance Office. This new system, which will eventually handle all of the college's financial records, is scheduled to begin operation in June.

According to Comptroller Joseph Chisarick, the new system is "very sophisticated." He stated that he "anticipates using this (system) for the entire budgetary process." This will include everything from projecting budgets and carrying out transactions to keeping student finance records and payroll accounts. The system will also allow financial accounts to be updated as information concerning them is received. Entries into class and club accounts will be made on a daily basis, instead of the monthly basis that is currently in use.

The new system is a Hewlett

Packard interactive on-line system, a smaller version of the computer system that is used by the students. Terminals are or will be installed in the Comptroller's, Business, Personnel and Financial Aid offices, the library and the bookstore. This will allow anyone ordering items or paying bills to enter his own information and conduct his own business transactions. Chisarick stressed that although each office has access to financial records and can look at information from other offices, the offices will not have the power to alter any information. The computer is located in the computer center in Stark Learning Center and is connected by the college's internal telephone lines.

Chisarick stated that the system currently used by the Finance Office, consisting of NCR Posting Machines, is "semi-automatic and does not have the capacity to give the kind of financial reports need-

ed." He noted that the machines, which were acquired after the Agnes flood in 1972, are "slow and cumbersome to operate" and that they frequently break down. Another disadvantage of the current system is the lack of detail in the financial reports. A chart of accounts produced by the present machines is usually 25-26 typed pages, or 400-450 line items. The new system will expand reports to 1200 line items, thus giving more detailed financial reports that can be generated whenever needed.

A committee comprised of administrators and faculty members has been working toward the acquisition of the new system for the past 3-4 years. The committee reviewed the needs of the college and determined that the new system was needed. Chisarick noted that it is a "long-term investment that will pay off in the next few years."



A LEGEND IS HONORED- President Robert S. Capin presents Wrestling Coach John Reese with a plaque in commemoration of Reese's 300 wrestling victory. *The Beacon* salutes this outstanding coach, and looks forward to his next 300 victories!

### NOTICE

Applications for *Manuscript* editorships are due today, February 19 at noon. All applications should include a brief resume, a list of relevant coursework, and a short discussion of applicant's reasons for desiring the position. The following positions are available:  
Editor...<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scholarship  
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Art Editor...<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scholarship  
Applications may be submitted to the *Manuscript Society*, Kirby Hall, second floor.

## Clerks Plan To Conduct New Series At Wilkes

by Cheryl Kashuba

On Tuesday, February 9, the first of a series of lectures honoring Judge Max Rosenn was held in the CPA. Inaugural speaker was two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Anthony Lewis.

Two years ago, former law clerks of Judge Rosenn, a member of the Wilkes College Board of Trustees since 1970, approached President Capin with the idea of honoring the Judge's ten-year position as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals. Money was appropriated from the clerks and others, and the lecture series was begun. The funds are being kept in the Wilkes College Endowment, and future lectures will be held

exclusively at the College.

The Judge's career activities include membership in the American, Federal, and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, service as a consultant for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Procedural Rules, membership in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and service on the Council of American Society of Law and Medicine.

Judge Rosenn is also an active member of the community. He is a former Secretary of Public Welfare for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is currently a trustee of the Wyoming Valley Hospital and NPW Medical Center of

Northeastern Pennsylvania, Incorporated. He is a lifetime member of the Jewish Community Center, where he is a trustee, and is a lifetime member of the Wyoming Valley Jewish Committee.

Judge Rosenn served as chairman of the Flood Recovery Task Force for Wyoming Valley following the flood of 1972.

Although no dates have been set for future lectures, at least one will be held every year. As funds increase, it is probable that the amount of lectures held per year will also increase. Each lecture will deal with one of Judge Rosenn's many interests, including religion, arts, and literature.

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Editor's Note: The following column was published in the February 11 issue of the *The New York Times*. The author, Anthony Lewis, spoke at Wilkes on February 9. We agree with Mr. Lewis' opinions, and feel it is important that the entire campus read his column.

#### ABROAD AT HOME

## Depleting Our Capital

By Anthony Lewis

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 10 — It did not generate big headlines at first, but around the country one idea in President Reagan's budget is arousing a new kind of concern and resistance. That is the proposal to cut back drastically — in many cases to eliminate — federally insured loans and other help for college and graduate school students.

The impact of the Reagan proposal would be serious at the big universities. It would be devastating at the thousands of smaller private colleges that play such an important role in American education. There is an example here in the old industrial-mining area of northeast Pennsylvania that tells the story.

Wilkes College is a non-denominational college that occupies some wonderful old Victorian mansions and good modern buildings in Wilkes-Barre. It has 2,100 full-time students, who pay \$4,200 a year for tuition and \$2,100 more for board and room if they live in a dormitory. More than 1,100 of those students now have federally insured loans.

"Many of them could not come without the Federal loans," says Dr. Robert S. Capin, president of the college. "They would postpone college, or try to come part-time. But part-time jobs are scarce nowadays — that's another problem."

The college has balanced its budget for years, but a big drop in the student body would sharply change the picture. Dr. Capin said it would be hard to cope with "the loss of even 100 students — and that's a modest estimate of what could happen."

President Reagan's Secretary of Education, T. H. Bell, defended the budget proposal by saying the Federal Government could no longer afford "posh student aid." But no one looking at the facts here on the ground could believe that either the present loans or their recipients are "posh."

Wilkes was founded in 1933, as a junior college, in part to educate the families of miners. It became a regular four-year school in 1947. The students now come not only from this area but from New Jersey and New York. And 75 percent of them get financial aid, through Federal or Pennsylvania programs

or modest amounts the college has available for scholarships.

Last year President Reagan proposed, and Congress passed, legislation to limit the Federal loan program to students who really need the help. That was a wise change. The previous system, where someone from the wealthiest family could get a loan and have Washington pay the interest while he was in college, could not be justified either economically or morally.

But this year's budget proposals are very different, removing various kinds of support from students who are not able to pay their own way. The budget would eliminate 625,000 loans for graduate students and several hundred thousand — no definite figure is available — for undergraduates. It would also make drastic reductions in other Federal aid for higher education, eliminating as many as 2.4 million awards to needy students.

Many colleges and universities, small and large, are criticizing the Reagan proposals. This is one issue on which students and administrators, faculty and parents are likely to agree. The resistance could become politically significant.

Of course there is an element of selfishness in the criticism, whether from the colleges or the families that may be affected. But over the last 25 years Federal student loans and other aid programs for higher education have become important to American society, and there is no visible way for states or private institutions to replace them. The aid is especially important in one respect that might have been expected to appeal to the Reagan philosophy: in increasing social mobility.

Education is a crucial way for individuals to escape from a background of poverty. Federal loans now enable a young man or woman without family resources to become a professional — a lawyer, a teacher. It is the modern task, in our mass society, to realize the American dream.

Smashing the graduate schools seems a particular folly in that light. And many of them would be smashed if the Federal loan program is simply cut out for them as the budget suggests.

For the Reagan Administration to make such proposals is peculiar in another sense. The central theme of the President's domestic policy is that the United States must become more productive, modernize its economy, compete more vigorously in the world. Are we going to do that while reducing our people's opportunity for education?

Matching Japan in the new high technology is not going to be done by physical investment alone. It requires development of America's human capital. It requires education that can cope with the sophisticated requirements not only of microchips but of human communications.

Looking at the world, there is no reason to believe that ignorance is going to make the United States thrive.

# Drastic Financial Aid Cuts Warrant Student Action

Editorial space in the *Beacon* is usually reserved for commenting on issues concerning Wilkes College. However, in light of recent developments in our nation's capital, we feel we must take this time to comment on these developments which pertain not only to Wilkes but to colleges and universities across the nation. We feel that by letting this development pass unnoticed and without comment, we would be doing a grave disservice to the student body.

This development is, of course, President Reagan's proposed budget cuts — more specifically, his cuts in financial aid to college and graduate school students.

Recent estimations show drastic reductions in the amount of financial aid awarded to colleges and universities for 1983. Some estimations show the possibility of eliminating as many as 2.4 million financial aid awards.

According to figures released by the Coalition of Independent College and University Students (COPUS), these proposals would cut presently available student aid by as much as 60%. Reports also indicate that the proposal will bring an end to the National Direct Student Loan (NSDL), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG).

We simply cannot condone these ridiculous cuts! We in America are not frozen in a caste system that allows for a rich, well-educated upper class and poor uneducated masses. We believe this is exactly what will happen should President Reagan's cuts be passed by our Congress. America was founded on the premise of equality for all — not just for those who could afford it. We feel that President Reagan's proposals go against the basic principles upon which the United States was founded.

We also believe that any person in the United States

should have the opportunity to attend college if he so desires. Our government has the responsibility of aiding those people who cannot afford to attend college through their own means. As citizens of a country where each voice supposedly counts, we have the responsibility to make our views and opinions heard.

In a recent issue of *The New York Times* (Feb. 11), a quote appeared from President Reagan's Secretary of Education, T. H. Bell. He stated that the Federal Government could no longer afford "posh student aid." One need only look at the present facts and statistics to see that neither the students receiving aid nor the amount of aid they are receiving is "posh." We, as students, can only condemn this totally assinine comment.

Students, faculty members and administrators throughout our nation must begin to act now. We have a responsibility to future generations — to insure they have an "equal" chance of getting a higher education. We must make our voices heard — as one UNITED

voice. We cannot sit back and let our President continue in his attempt to create a society in which only the wealthy are able to afford a college education. Exactly where is it written that only the wealthy be allowed to become doctors, lawyers, journalists or scientists?

We must begin an attempt to communicate our feelings to the President and the Congress. This college is organizing, along with two other area colleges, a massive lobbying campaign. COPUS is organizing a trip to Washington, and scheduling meetings with Congressmen and Senators. COPUS members are also conducting a grass roots lobbying campaign, and are supplying written outlines, paper, envelopes and postage. The only thing we have to do is write the letters.

The student body of this campus has been apathetic toward major issues for too long. We must come forward and act now! After all, if you don't care about the future, no one will. The present Federal Administration certainly does not!

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## Food Committee Chairperson Responds To Guest Editorial

To the Editor

In relation to the guest editorial printed in the February 5, 1982 issue of *The Beacon*, I am going to try and make clear some misconceptions that have arisen from the result of the printing of this editorial.

The meal board plan that is offered today to the students here at Wilkes College is the most economical one as far as the students are concerned. The meal plan includes the missed factor, which is put into effect because the school is aware that students do in fact miss meals. If the missed meal factor was not offered, the price rate that the student would have to pay would more than double. Keeping these things in mind the students here at Wilkes College are paying less for their plan than students are paying in other comparable local schools.

The cafeteria serves on the average seven hundred meals in a two hour period. This means that 5.83 meals are being served per minute on the line. The maximum amount of time that a person would spend waiting (SIC) in line for a meal would be ten minutes, even during a heavily congested line. For example: If a student lived in the Hotel Sterling it would take him ten minutes to walk from the Hotel to the cafeteria, and if when he got to the cafeteria he found a line consisting of sixty people waiting to be served, the maximum amount of time that he would have to wait in line would be ten minutes.

A student has available to him a various selection of food items that he might choose from to make a balanced meal. It is up to the student's own personal choice whether he is going to have a carbohydrate free meal or whether he is going to pick various foods from those that are offered him for a high carbohydrate meal. There are three entree choices, there is a selection of vegetables and desserts that a student may pick from. At lunch and dinner there is almost always available to the student jello and fruit. In addition to the food served on the line, the cafeteria offers to the student a salad bar which offers various vegetables, yogurt and cottage cheese and not to mention crackers. With all of these things offered on the salad bar a student can make a very

nice "Dieters Delight." The salad bar in the cafeteria balances out the protein and the carbohydrate food group quite nicely.

I hope that this article has cleared up any misconceptions that the student may have concerning the present meal plan. If any one has any complaints or suggestions you can place them in the suggestion box at the trayvour or you may bring them to the Food Committee Meetings which meet on the second and fourth Monday of every month at the East Wing of the Cafeteria at 3:00 p.m. You can also bring your your complaints to me and I will try to the best of my capabilities to comply to them.

Thank-you,

Mary Kutz  
Food Committee Chairperson

"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Get Psyched For Winter Weekend!

To the Editor:

Hi again!

Well, there's just one more week until WinterWeekend. Pray for snow! If you still have a team application to turn in, get it in to the S.G. office in the Student Center before this Friday, Feb. 19th. No applications will be accepted after Friday (no exceptions).

Now, here's some news: Rule sheets for all of the events will be around campus on Monday, Feb. 22nd. Get your team together and decide who's going to participate in each event. Anything you want to know about any event will be in the rule packet, so don't forget to pick one up!

Also, the roster for the volleyball games on Friday evening, Feb. 26th, will be posted on Thursday, the 25th, in the gym. Make sure you stop in and check the estimated time your team will be playing Friday evening!

Don't forget that the bus leaves for skiing at Elk Mountain at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 24th. Get your tickets early. As nother added extra to start the weekend

off right, there will be a FREE Roller Skating Party Thursday nite, Feb. 25th. Watch the bulletin boards for more details!

Speaking of parties, get your team together and head for the Student Center party Friday nite, Feb. 26th. At the party, each team will receive a time schedule of Saturday's events. Make sure you come and get one, they're important! Anyway, we've got something sneaky up our sleeve for this Student Center party and we know you wouldn't want to miss it!

We also would like to reminded you that the "Beach Party" is Saturday nite, Feb. 27th, in the gym, featuring the "Herman James Band". Two tickets to Florida over Spring Break will be given away as door prizes! Beat that! And last but not least, we've

got a special movie for 'ya Sunday nite, Feb. 28th. We're not going to tell you the name but, as a hint, it stars Jack Nicholson and Shelly Duvall and it's a real chiller thriller!

So, remember, get psyched and get a team, because "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"! (Another hint for the movie!) Watch for more in next weeks Beacon; we'll be providing a time schedule for the entire weekend.

Hang in there!  
The WinterWeekend  
Committee

R.A. Fessenden broadcast the first radio program from his experimental radio station at Brant Rock, Mass., on Christmas Eve of 1906. The program consisted of two musical selections, a poem and a short talk.

Sunday Independent

## SCB To Give Away Trip To Florida

To the Editor:

The Student Center Board, in conjunction with Student Government, will be sponsoring the dance in the gymnasium during WinterWeekend. At this dance, the Student Center Board will be giving away an all expense paid trip for two to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The lucky winners will stay at the Fort Lauderdale Biltmore, which is located on the beach in the heart of Fort Lauderdale.

The following is a list of the contest rules and regulations:

1. Both winners must be Wilkes College Students.

2. You need not be in attendance at the party to win, and tickets may be purchased one day in advance.

3. Both winners must be paying

members of the party.

4. You will select the person you would like to accompany you on the trip and sign his or her name on the back of your ticket.

5. One ticket will be drawn with the names of the two winners on it.

6. For all intents and purposes, both individuals on a given ticket will be considered official winners.

7. Both winners must be the same sex.

8. If any of the above rules are broken, the ticket containing the infraction will be disqualified.

9. Final decisions pertaining to the contest rules and regulations will be the responsibility of the Student Center Director.

Thank you,  
Student Center Board

## A Friend Apologizes

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter as an open apology to those friends with whom I've had recent conflicts. Our friendships are almost a decade old; we've been through thick and thin and we've survived. So, why does one night of irrational behavior cause our friendship to crumble? I am sorry that our points of understanding crossed. I never meant them to. After being friends for so long I can and do understand your point of view, so please try to understand mine.

Whether new or old, friends and friendships are valued the same.

To lose a friend is to lose part of one's self. I've always tried to do my best as a friend, and granted, sometimes it didn't always work out as planned, but at least I cared enough to try.

Friends may come and friends may go, but those friends that stay are true friends; the shortest distance between two friends is a smile.

As someone very special once said, "Don't Worry . . . Don't Give Up . . . Have Hope.", I'm hoping that those friends, new and old, understand that I'm sorry for everything. Nothing was planned to happen that way. In fact, nothing was planned at all.

Friendships play an important role in everyday life; they enable people to co-exist in a troubled world. I can't stress enough that friendships mean alot to me and I don't want to lose those that have been building for almost a decade and those that have only begun to build. I hope that this letter appeals to your sense of understanding and you accept my apology.

Sincerely,  
Sal

## Applications Available

Applications are now available for 1982-1983 *Beacon* Editorial and Business Staff positions. The positions open for applicants and the corresponding scholarships are as follows:

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Assistant Feature Editor	¼ scholarship
Assistant Sports Editor	¼ scholarship

Applications and job descriptions for each of the above positions will be available at the *Beacon* office, Parrish Hall, Rm. 27, during regular office hours.

All information on the application must be completed in order to be considered for a staff position. A writing sample must be submitted with each application. Those applying for photographer must submit a sample of their work.

ALL applications must be received by Tuesday, March 16, at 4 p.m. In order to insure the privacy of each applicant, applications must be returned in a sealed envelope addressed to Lisa Gurka, *Beacon* Editor. Only those applications received in a sealed envelope before the designated deadline will be accepted.

Interviews will be held on Thursday evening, March 25. Applicants will be notified by telephone of the exact time and location of their interviews. A selection committee composed of *Beacon* editors, faculty members and administrators will interview each applicant on an individual basis.

Applications may be delivered to the *Beacon* office during regular office hours, or sent through inter-college mail.

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# Student Reflects On Recent Visit To Poland

by Marian Karmilowicz

Spending six weeks in Poland this past summer, participating in a language and culture program through the Kosciuszko Foundation, I learned much about Poland's culture. I also got to see a good part of the country — Gdansk, Warsaw, Krakow, Zakopane, and more.

I enjoyed every moment of my trip, and have memories to last me a lifetime, but my most satisfying times were the evenings I spent in Polish homes. Being of Polish descent, and growing up in a Polish environment, I felt a strong sense of love towards the people who invited me to their homes for delicious meals and conversation. It was in this loving and trusting atmosphere that these Polish families expressed to me their innermost anxieties and concerns about Poland's future.

Invariably, during my visits to these families, they apologized to me for having to wait in a line for two hours to get a taxi, or for the fact that they did not have sugar to offer for my tea. As I came to realize, these Poles apologized for my inconveniences because they knew how I lived in the United States.

Even though Poland is Communist, it is much more liberal than the Soviet Union, and the Poles can enjoy greater freedoms than their Communist neighbors. Poles can listen to Radio Free Europe in their homes, and up until the military crackdown, could communicate with their relatives that live in the United States. They can even visit the United States,

and many Poles do just that; Polish visas are much easier to obtain now as compared to five years ago.

I made the mistake of mentioning to Poles the fact that my father works for the United States Immigration Service; they all wanted to know how they could come here and stay permanently. Most Poles are aware, then, of the "American way of life" — overstocked grocery stores, gas stations at every corner — and it is this awareness that has caused the Poles to be frustrated with their way of life.

Trying to make positive changes in their society, the Poles created the independent trade union, Solidarnosc, in August, 1980. The movement's leader, Lech Walesa, demanded economic and social reform from the Polish government. Up until this time, the Polish government was corrupt, its Communist Party members living off of the sweat of the Polish workers.

A great number of Poles placed their hopes, support, and prayers into the trade union. I could feel their enthusiasm in the streets, and could see it in their faces. Up until December 13, 1981, the Poles really did think that they could change their society, and make it more like the society Americans enjoy.

The Poles are aware of our Polish ethnic jokes, but I learned that they do not take them personally. They do not take them personally because they believe that the jokes are directed more at the society in which the Soviets have placed on them than at they themselves as individuals. Ever since World War II, Poland has been dominated by the Soviet

Union. Polish children must learn fluent Russian — although they refrain from using it.

Because of the economic system thrust upon them, the Poles are subjected to constant shortages of this, or that. I took two suitcases with me to Poland. One was full of clothes, and the other one was full of something we take for granted and is in short supply in Poland — toilet paper. Poles fortunate enough to have U.S. dollars go to a special store called the Pewex where they buy Johnny Walker Scotch, Marlboro cigarettes, Lancome makeup and more — items that they can not buy in regular Polish stores.

This is the reason why the U.S. dollar is worth so much on the

Polish Black Market. While I was in Poland, I was getting 200% profit when I exchanged money. Consequently, the Poles blame their economic and social problems — and idiosyncrasies — on the Soviets, saying "That's Communism for you."

The Poles would much rather be able to say "That's capitalism for you." The Solidarity movement was expressive of the Polish people's need for the better life, or the American way of living. I saw this throughout Poland, and took advantage of it. Selling Levi blue jeans on the Black Market, I made a large profit.

When I walked along the streets, I often saw teenagers wearing teeshirts with 'Charlie',

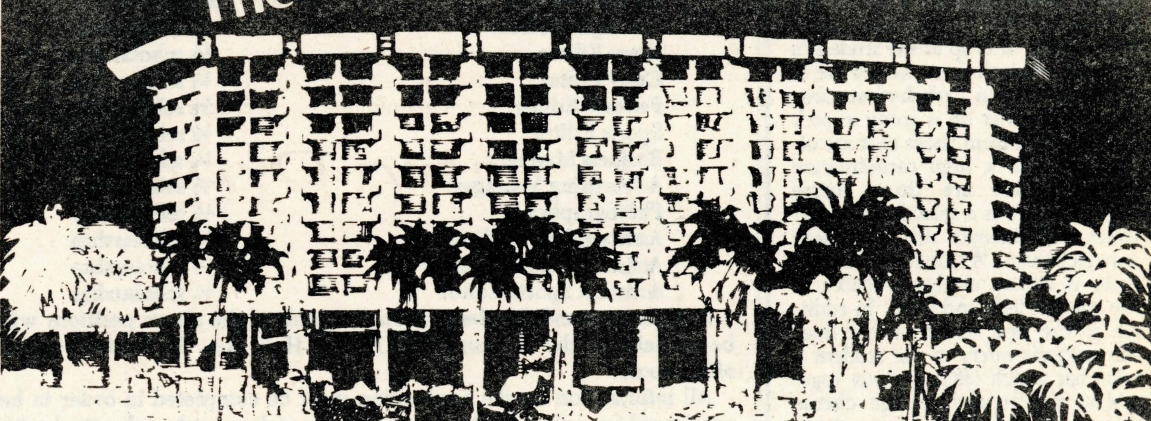
'Princeton,' and Penn State printed on them (I wondered if they knew what, or where, Penn State was!) In the public squares, musicians played American songs, singing the words in English. I thought this funny since most of the people who were listening did not understand English.

Poland is a fantastic country, and its people are too. The Poles are on a quest for freedom, and because we, the United States, represent freedom and all its vast implications, we play a part in their society. Although we might not have been directly involved in Solidarnosc's movement, we were nonetheless involved.

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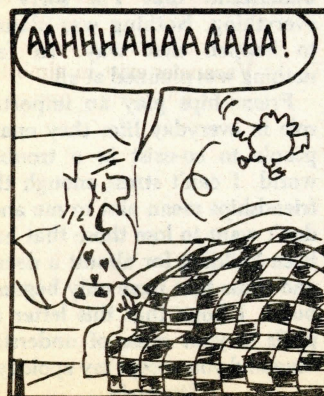
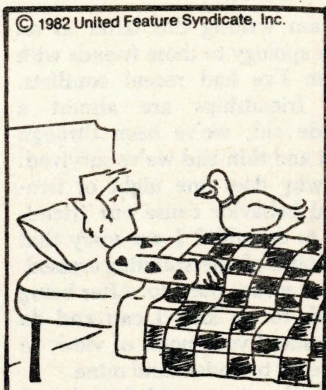
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# Mildred Gittens Shares Her Fond Memories Of Wilkes

by Doug Fahringer

Thirty-eight years ago Mildred Gittens was employed by Wilkes College to play the piano for girl's physical education classes. Today this woman has made her way to the position of Bookstore Manager. But Ms. Gittens is more than just an employee at Wilkes; she is a living encyclopedia of Wilkes history.

From her desk in the bookstore, Ms. Gittens has watched the growth of Wilkes from its beginnings as Bucknell Junior College, when the institution was comprised of only 175 students. Most of these students were girls: it was during World War II, and young men were off to war.

During the 1940's, after the war, older GI's attended Wilkes and the small school began to expand. As the decade went on, the faculty and students developed a wonderful involvement in the life of the campus, according to Ms. Gittens. "It was a beautiful time of nice affairs, because Wilkes was a very close-knit family," said Ms. Gittens. She attributes this faculty/student closeness to the past president of Wilkes, Dr. Eugene S. Farley.

When the 1950's began, the students attending Wilkes were younger. She laughed as she recalled one year when a freshmen class was initiated. The freshmen males and females, attired in beanies and signs, carried an entire shipment of books into the new bookstore,



Ms. Mildred Gittens, Bookstore Manager.

located in the former Hardy Hall, while the band played the Alma Mater.

As the 1960's entered the scene, so did rock music and drugs. Ms. Gittens described the student's of this decade as "totally unpredictable." The once polite and friendly students were resentful and hostile. She regretfully remembers when the bookstore was robbed of many books, worth thousands of dollars, which were burned by the students as a protest.

Ms. Gittens mentioned that the students of the 70's were in a slow process of changing for the better. She has seen this change mainly in

the students of today. Although Wilkes itself is growing, so is the friendly atmosphere on campus. The students are very polite and always smile and say hello to her when they enter the bookstore, which is presently located in the lower level of Pickering Hall. Ms. Gittens, unfortunately handicapped since age three, mentioned that she was pushed aside because of her handicap in the 70's but is frequently assisted today. "It gives me a warm feeling to know people are beginning to care for themselves as well as others," she replied.

Because of her handicap, she

wasn't able to get a job in her younger days. "Back then," Ms. Gittens said, "people just wouldn't give jobs to handicapped persons." She was also told by her doctors that she wouldn't live past 40. In reply to this she said, "Wilkes is my life. It has been such a wonderful opportunity and experience for me." Ms. Gittens' experience at Wilkes shows a vast involvement and a lot of enthusiasm. "For eight years I never missed a wrestling match or a football game," she stated. In fact, in 1947, Ms. Gittens was named an honorary letterman because of her involvement. Along with her love of sports, Ms. Gittens cherishes the memories of the old dances which she chaperoned. She added that these dances were formals with big-name bands. "But once rock-and-roll started," she chuckled, "that was the end of the dances for me."

Along with watching the college grow and change, Ms. Gittens has watched many students struggle through those days of book-buying and mail pick-up. She has watched many students progress through their four years of college to graduation and beyond. In fact,

some of the students at Wilkes now are children of those students she knew years ago.

Ms. Gittens has followed some of those students to the present here at Wilkes. She remembers two especially who come to mind: Art Hoover and Robert Capin.

One of Ms. Gittens' favorite memories is the time when she sang in the chorus on the lawn of Chase Hall for the dedication of Wilkes as a four-year institution. She also recalls how her car, a 1946 Willys coupe, was used to deliver baked goods to the old cafeteria. Her car was also used to transport football uniforms to the field and to deliver *The Beacon* newspapers on Friday mornings. "By the time we did all this, the back end of my car was totally rusted," Ms. Gittens added humorously.

When asked about retirement, Ms. Gittens appeared saddened by the thought. She told of her plans to retire in March 1984. "I love this place and I'd be here 40 more years if I could," she added softly. Finally, Ms. Gittens said, "Wilkes is a beautiful place, a school that students and the community can be proud of. I'm certainly proud to be a part of it!"

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## Theatre Presents '110 In The Shade'

by Suzette Dyanick

On February 26, 27 and 28, the Theatre Department will present the musical "110 in the Shade."

Directed by Jay Siegfried, assistant professor of theatre arts, this popular Broadway musical version of Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker" follows the humorous exploits of a con man's promise to bring rain to a drought-stricken land, for the price of one hundred dollars.

In the process of trying to conjure up rain, Starbuck, the "rainmaker," confronts Lizzie Curry and discovers that her life needs "mending." During the course of the play he convinces her that she is beautiful, and gives her the

courage to fulfill her dreams. However, the problem for Starbuck is that File, the local sheriff, is in love with Lizzie, and he tries to arrest the rainmaker and expose him as a fraud.

The Jones and Schmidt production is being designed here by Klaus Holm, associate professor of theatre arts. Musical direction is by Richard Chapline, professor of music. A full orchestration, coordinated by William Gasbaro, assistant professor of music, will be used to bring to life such ballads as "Simple Little Things" and "Wonderful Music," and such rousing chorus numbers as "Everything Beautiful Happens at Night," and "The Rain Song."

Principles for the play include Frank Kran as File, Gene Wachowski as Jimmy, John Carl Lachman as Noah, Michael Williams as H.C., Beverly Perry as Lizzie, Maureen Stanks as Snookie and Russell Curtis as Starbuck.

Curtain time is at 8 p.m. February 26 and 27, and at 2 p.m. on February 28. Tickets for non-Wilkes students are \$2.50. Wilkes students and faculty with ID may have 2 free tickets.

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The Manuscript Society will present the classic film "Love Me Tonight" on Friday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in SLCL, room 1. Admission is free.

The Student Government Film Committee will present "Brubaker" tonight at 7 and 9 p.m. in the CPA. Admission to the film is \$.25 with Wilkes College ID.

The "Regional Scholastic Art Awards" is currently featuring works of students from area junior and senior high schools. The exhibit is being shown in the Sordani Art Gallery until March 7.

There will be a free showing of the feature film "The Wizard of Oz" on Monday, February 22, at the Osterhout Free Library on So. Franklin St. The film begins at 6:45 p.m. and will be shown in the second floor meeting room.

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# Election Committee Announces SG, CC Rep Application Deadline

by Lisa Gurka

Student Government Election Committee Chairman Ralph Pringle announced at Monday night's meeting that applications for SG and CC Reps are due on Thursday, February 25. Interested students are asked to attend a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, at which time campaign rules will be discussed. Students interested in running are reminded that 50 signatures are needed for SG rep, and 30 signatures are needed for CC rep. ID numbers, and phone numbers, are required along with the signatures.

Al Wirkman, SG Treasurer, asked that all clubs and organizations submit their budget requisition forms to SG no later than March 25. Any club presently funded by SG, or which would like to be included in next year's budget, must submit the requests by this deadline.

A fund request by Robbie Bale of COPUS for the amount of \$350.85 was unanimously passed. The money is needed to pay the dues of the Pennsylvania Independent Student Coalition (PISC), and for full-time lobbyists in Har-

risburg and Washington, D.C. CC President Joe Knox motioned to grant the fund request. He commented, "This is something good on campus that should be supported." SG President Ana Nunez was asked if there was a possibility of including COPUS as a member of the SG Standing Committees and have SG Reps as members of COPUS. She stated that this would be investigated.

Linda Newmark requested funds for a jazz concert, featuring Slam Stewart, which will be scheduled for Monday, March 15. After a discussion concerning this large sum of money and the fact there is a jazz concert scheduled approximately two weeks prior to this one, the motion was defeated. However, Newmark explained that \$800 is needed to pay the band in advance. The remaining \$1200 will be paid to the band on the night of the concert. Keith Sand motioned to grant this request, and also to charge students \$1.50 and the public \$5.00. The motion was passed, 13-6-0.

In new business, Mrs. Janjigan, a volunteer tutor with the YMCA, asked that Wilkes Students become tutors. This tutoring service is

offered to local high school students free of charge since most of them cannot afford to pay for tutors. Tutoring is done on Mondays or Tuesdays between 3 and 7 p.m., with the volunteers tutoring one hour per week. The tutor selects the subject, the age and the grade level of the student. Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Mrs. Janjigan at 823-2191. Nunez asked that students support this "worthwhile project."

Nunez reminded everyone that Monday, March 1, is the second annual National Student Lobby Day in Washington. She urged students to participate. COPUS is sponsoring a bus to Washington, providing students with the chance to attend the Lobby Day and meet with Congressmen and Senators. President Capin and Dean of Academic Affairs Gerald Hartdagen are looking into the possibility of having the day declared as a legal absence for those students who wish to participate.

The SG film this week is "Brubaker," and will be shown in the CPA at 7 and 9 p.m. Admission is \$.25 with a student ID.

## IRHC Officer Nominations Scheduled For March 21

by Donna Nitka

IRHC president Bill Lourie announced that IRHC presidential nominations will be held Sunday, March 21. Nominations for the offices of vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer are tentatively scheduled for that date also. Lourie encouraged the students who are considering running for an office to talk to the student who currently holds that office.

The Council discussed the possibility of limiting the voting in IRHC elections to members of the Council instead of the entire residence hall body. One rep commented that if voting was restricted to IRHC members, the elections would be less of a "popularity contest." Another noted that the reps are more familiar with the active members of the Council than most residence students are. An amendment to the IRHC constitution would have to be approved by Student Government before the election

process could be changed. This topic will be discussed further in upcoming meetings.

Lourie once again requested student feedback concerning hazing. "It is a serious matter," he stated, "a matter we have to have a say in." One student suggested abolishing hazing, while another suggested that it be guided by specific controls. Marge LeBlanc proposed a return to the old method of hazing. Lourie noted that the topic of hazing will be a weekly issue.

The value of passion, like fire, is judged finally by the amount of warmth and light it creates. Fanatics, like forest fires, burn bright but destroy all in their path that is tender and green. To be useful, fire must be confined. To live passionately, we must develop discipline; to love powerfully, we must forge bonds of commitment. Passion is inseparable from compassion.

Sam Keen

## CC Plans Parking Lot Check To Verify Carpool Size

by John Finn

The Commuter Council will soon begin checking all commuter parking lots on campus in order to verify whether or not students with permits have the actual size carpool stated on their permit applications. Thor Foss, chairman of the Parking Committee, said at last Monday evening's council meeting that the check, once begun, will take place from 8-11 a.m., probably Monday thru Friday, and will be conducted by council representatives.

The check is an effort to ensure that commuter parking permits have been fairly distributed. Permits are granted by the council on a point system. Points are awarded for various factors, such as the distance traveled by the commuter to campus each day, his class load, the number of hours spent on campus, and the size of his carpool.

On the permit applications last summer, commuter students were requested to list the names of students who would be in their

carpools, and some listed as many as five.

Thor Foss also told the council that through a computer check of the parking lots on campus, he has found 10 additional spaces for commuters.

The deadline for nominations of council representatives for 1982-83 is next Thursday, Feb. 25. Nominees must have at least 30 signatures of commuters from their own class in order to qualify. Elections will be held March 4.

The bus trip to the 76ers vs. Knicks basketball game, scheduled for last Sunday, Feb. 14, was cancelled the preceding Friday due to lack of interest. But not without a few complications, according to Joe Knox. The council had already booked a Martz bus and had purchased 44 game tickets. They will receive a refund for the bus, according to Knox, but the council was faced with the possibility of losing \$264.00 for the tickets, which were non-refundable.

So, on Sunday, Knox and two other council members went to Philadelphia to sell the tickets at the game themselves. This was not actually "scalping," Knox said, because the tickets were not sold for a profit. In fact, Knox said he sold the block of \$6.00 tickets to a group of scalpers for \$4.00 per ticket.

The total loss to the council for the tickets was estimated at \$88.00. The council also reimbursed Knox \$39.00 for fuel and toll charges for the trip.

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# Wrestlers Down Lycoming 42-0 As College Honors Coach Reese

by Mark James

For wrestling coach John Reese, it was a day to be honored: for wrestler Mark Popple, it was a day to enter the record books; for the wrestling team in general, it was a day to celebrate success.

Last Saturday was "John Reese Day," and to make the tribute complete, the Wilkes grapplers bestowed their respect and appreciation to the coach by sweeping Lycoming 42-0 to raise their record to 18-4 for the year.

For John Reese, it was his 317th career coaching victory. On December 9, the season was just beginning when the Colonels defeated East Stroudsburg State for Reese's 300th career win. At the time, the Colonels held a 2-2 record.

As the season nears its end, coach Reese's personal career coaching slate is 317-72-8. For the Colonels, tomorrow's 2:00 meet at the Wilkes gym will be the last dual meet of the season.

On February 26-27, the Colonels will travel to Lehigh University for this year's EIWA tourney. The NCAA Tourney will be held on March 11-13 at Iowa State.

In the meet against Lycoming, competition was halted after five weight classes for the ceremony in honor of John Reese. Presentations were made to and honors bestowed upon the man who has led Wilkes wrestlers to 26 consecutive winning seasons.

Immediately preceeding the ceremony, Mark Popple chalked up his 19th dual meet victory in a row with a 7-0 win over Lycoming's Mike Cammer. Overall, Popple's record for the season stands at 22-3. Popple, who wrestles out of the 150 pound weight class, has been credited with the most decisions and most victories in Wilkes wrestling history in dual meet competition.

On the previous Wednesday, Popple pinned his opponent in 2:47 during the Colonels' 33-6 triumph over Bucknell.

Lenny Nelson improved his overall record of 19-3-1 with a pin of Lycoming's Chuck Meeth in 5:18 in the 142 pound weight class. Against Bucknell, Nelson scored a 16-6 major decision.

In the 134 pound weight class, Kurt Rowlette pinned his Lycoming opponent in 6:05. Against Bucknell, Rowlette also won by virtue of a pin, this one coming in 2:14.

It was Rowlette's eleventh pin this season. His overall mark now stands at 17-5.

At 126, Doug Billig evened his overall mark to 6-6 with a 14-2 superior decision in the Lycoming contest. In the Bucknell meet, Billig scored another superior decision, this time by a 12-0 score.

Kris Rowlette, a 118 pounder, also had an impressive week with a 12-2 major decision in the Lycoming contest and a 10-3 decision against Bucknell to improve his overall mark to 16-5.

After the ceremony for John Reese, the Colonels continued their sweep of Lycoming in the final five weight classes.

Mark Troutman started it all off with a 3-1 decision. In the Bucknell match, Troutman scored a 6-2 decision. His overall mark is now at 13-7-1.

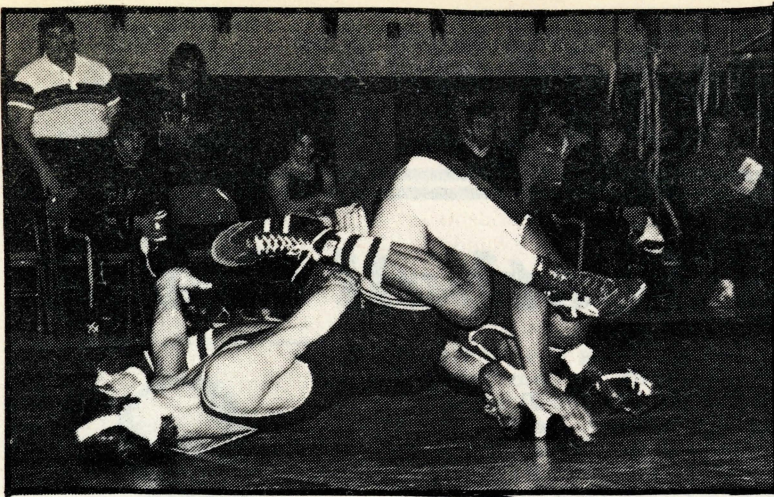
Jim Mulligan has been moved down from 190 to 167 since the

shoulder injury to Mark Correll. He won decisions against both Lycoming and Bucknell to put his overall record at 15-7-2.

At 177, Mike Garvin set his record at 5-3 with a 11-6 decision in the Lycoming match. Against his Bucknell opponent, he was decided 16-9.

Pete Creamer won his 17th decision against only 5 losses in the Lycoming meet with a pin in 1:17. Against Bucknell he won a 5-3 decision. Creamer, who often wrestles at 177, had been wrestling at 190 in the two meets.

In the heavyweight class, Mike Javer scored a 12-8 decision against Lycoming to complete the shutout. Against Bucknell, Javer lost, 8-3.



**Another Pin For Rowlette.** Kurt Rowlette has an uncanny knack for pinning his opponents. In the photo, Rowlette is shown here in late second period action. Lycoming's Greg Scrano was saved by the bell, but Rowlette pinned him in the third period.

## Swimmers Set To Make Big Splash At MAC Meet

by Chris Baron

After a dismal regular season the Wilkes College swim team is looking forward to the MAC Playoffs with renewed optimism.

The overworked, undermanned Colonels dropped their season record to 0-11 Saturday when they lost to Lycoming 81-17 and Western Maryland 71-26 in a triangular meet held at King's College. The double loss brought to a close the second straight winless season for the Wilkes swimmers. Although disheartened by the loss, the team didn't fail to remember tradition when they tossed Head Coach Lewis into the pool.

After his unexpected swim, Coach Lewis gave some insights into the upcoming MAC Playoffs being held at Johns Hopkins University later this month. Lewis commented, "Some of the girls should do very well in the MAC's." However he was quick to add a word of caution with regard to the playoffs, "You never know what

you're going to be up against until you get there . . . the quality at the MAC's has been getting consistently better over the years."

The female members of the team have been competing against all men's squads throughout the season. This stiff competition could give them an edge in the MAC's where they will be competing exclusively with other women. The MacGuire sisters, Megan and Michele, along with Peggy Buchkavitz have shown steady improvement during the year.

Billy Buchkavitz, who recently set a school record in the 1000 freestyle, could also raise some eyebrows at the annual competition.

Whatever the outcome of the MAC's, congratulations are in order. Coach Lewis, Assistant Coach Doty and every member of the team has shown patience and fortitude in the face of insurmountable odds.

## Athlete Of The Week

by Ellen Van Riper

"Another One Bites the Dust" has been the theme song of Mark Popple's season this year. Everytime he steps out on the mat, he finishes off the opponent and carves another notch in his belt. On Feb. 13 Mark ran his streak to 19 in a row with a 7-0 decision over his Lycoming opponent. With that victory, he broke the school record for dual meet victories which was held jointly by Bryan Billig and Mark Densberger. For this stellar achievement, Mark has once again been chosen the Beacon Athlete of the Week.

Win number 18 in the streak came against Bucknell via a pin, and it set the stage for the record breaking performance. As fate would have it, the record would fall on John Reese Day at the Wilkes Gym. A Hollywood script could not have provided a more perfect scene, for both were in a way celebrating success and outstanding achievement and were making their mark upon the annals of Wilkes College athletic history. As Mark said, "It would be nice to know that my name is still here after I am gone."

Of course both Mark and Coach Reese were proud of the record breaking performance, but on this occasion the pupil exhibited more reserve than the teacher. Mark acknowledged the magnitude of his achievement, but he was quick to mention how honored he was to be compared to both Billig and Densberger who were Eastern

Champions.

Incredibly Mark was unaware of his closeness to the record until he read it in a local paper during the past week, and until then he had never thought of it. One would have expected him to be nervous before and during his record-breaking attempt versus Lycoming, but Mark declares that he was not. Before the match he "tried not to think about it," and during the match he "blocked it out" and concentrated on being "cool and relaxed."

Coach Reese was "real pleased" with Mark for two reasons. First of all, he felt the record to be significant and stated that the streak was actually counting the Wilkes Open 22 straight. Secondly, he has perhaps been equally as pleased with the way Mark has "filled the gap" in the 150 lb. class.

As mentioned before in the previous article, Mark has moved up two classes this season, and in the beginning he lost three straight. Coach Reese credits an adjustment period to the bigger opponents and the caliber of these initial foes as reasons for the slow start.

However, since then Mark has been greatly consistent while wrestling some of the best in the business. Coach Reese feels that Mark has a good chance to win at the Easterns which will be held Feb. 26-27 at Lehigh. Hopefully Mark will indeed be victorious, for then he can sing "We Are the Champions."

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## Unsworth Selected As Head Football Coach

by Mark James

There will be a new face on the sidelines next fall when the Wilkes football season begins.

The painstaking process of selecting a new head coach is over and the choice is Bill Unsworth, who worked as an assistant coach at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana.

Unsworth had been an assistant at Franklin for the past five years where he held a variety of responsibilities. As a full time assistant, he worked as the team's offensive line coach.

In addition to being an assistant professor of physical education, Unsworth also served as head wrestling coach and football trainer. Before that Unsworth worked as a defensive line assistant for a year after spending five years as Franklin's head football scout.

How does he feel about being selected as the Wilkes head mentor? "One word: great! I've been an assistant for eleven years. Always in the back of my mind I'd ask, 'Do you want to be a head coach?' This is the first job I've gone after and I'm really surprised I got it."

Aside from his duties as coach, Unsworth will also work as an assistant to the Dean of Admissions in charge of recruiting, but he will be recruiting students in general, not just athletes.

"Obviously, during the course of his visits to various schools," President Capin explained, "he will come in contact with students interested in sports." Capin also noted that the introduction of a new coach to the program may not bring instant success. "Of course we would like to have a winning season, but certainly when a person takes over a program, there's a building process that has to take place."

Athletic Director John Reese noted that the selection of a new coach has already generated a great deal of enthusiasm. "One of the positive things to come

out of it is that several of the players have another year of eligibility and are thinking of coming back and finishing up that year. This to me, is a good start."

Unsworth has already begun planning for next year. He scheduled a meeting with the team for yesterday and is hoping the weight room will be relocated in the classroom in the Weckesser Annex.

At the moment, however, his main responsibilities will be the recruiting of players and the selecting of a coaching staff. He isn't sure who the assistants will be, but he would prefer people from the area.

When the season does get under way and the Blue and Gold jaunts onto the football field, it will be a team of a different color, in a sense.

"In the simplest terms, we're

going to throw the ball, we're going to put it up. People come to football games to see some action. When you throw the football, everyone gets to see it," Unsworth explained. "It's going to be wide open. We'll be using a lot of misdirection plays. Hopefully it'll be exciting."

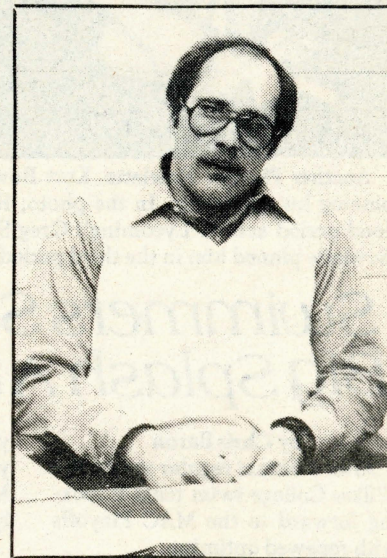
The offense Unsworth will be bringing with him is called the "run and shoot" offense. It is based mainly on the pass and designed to spread out and deepen the defense. There are a variety of formations designed to predicate how the defense lines up, he explained.

"A good defensive back can't get the ball away from a good receiver, not all day," Unsworth said. What we're trying to do with the offense is to put as much pressure on the other team's defense as possible."

Since recruiting is a priority of Unsworth's, he was asked what appeal Division III football has to an athlete. He mentioned that football is "placed in its proper perspective. It's still a sport, it's still a game. It gives the student a chance to go to college, get a good education, and still play football."

The new coach met with some of the players and said he was impressed. "They seem to be very enthused. They want to have a good program," he noted. I told them that you've got to have fun, but you've got to work hard."

Next year, it should be interesting how everything turns out, but one thing seems for sure, as President Capin explained, "The fact that we went out to hire a new coach means that we have a commitment to football."



Bill Unsworth

### Play Juniata Saturday Night

## Cagers Hope For MAC Playoff Berth

by Ellen Van Riper

The men's basketball team split the two games which it played this past week. On Feb. 13 the squad travelled to Madison, NJ and handed Fairleigh Dickinson University a 70-60 defeat. Last Monday they squared off against Bloomsburg at the Wilkes Gym and lost a hard-fought contest 72-67. The past week's action left the Colonels with a 7-5 MAC record and an 11-9 overall record.

The 71-54 loss to Scranton made the conference game against FDU a virtual must win for the Colonels. A victory would strengthen their hold on second place in the MAC Northeast, but a loss would provide a spark to the glimmer of hope held by the third place Monarchs of King's.

The Colonels rose to the occasion and achieved the crucial victory. Leading the way was Paul Scaliti with 19 points, and he was followed by Kevin Walker with 16 points and 9 rebounds, and Greg Hychko with 10 points. The performance by Scaliti had to be especially encouraging to Coach Atherton, for it indicates that Paul is fully recovered from the injury which sidelined him for some previous contests.

The victory over FDU looms largely in the MAC playoff picture. The standings at present are Scranton, Wilkes, and King's in the top three spots. Scranton has clinched first place, so the battle for second is left between Wilkes and King's.

Wilkes is currently second with

a 7-5 record, and the last game for the Colonels is Feb. 20 at home against Juniata. This game in all probability will be THE GAME of the season. It is a conference contest, and a victory will insure the Colonels of at least a tie for second. A loss could possibly leave the Colonels out in the cold come playoff time.

King's has a 6-5 record, and the Monarchs have two conference games left. On Tuesday they travelled to Elizabethtown, and on Saturday the 20th they face FDU at home. Two losses by King's will clinch second place for the Colonels regardless of the game against Juniata. A King's split and a Wilkes loss sets up a 7-6 tie, and a sweep by both teams results in a 8-5 tie. Right now the fate of the

Colonels rests within their own hands.

If a playoff became necessary, it would be played at a neutral site, like maybe Scranton? The winner would then travel to the John Long Center at Scranton for the playoffs on Feb. 26-27. Rumor has it that the Colonels actually WANT another shot at the Monarchs, however, at least make THEM earn it.

### NOTICE

The men's basketball game between Wilkes and Juniata will be broadcast on WCLH, 90.7 F.M. Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sports Director Dom Augustine and company will bring all the action LIVE in this crucial MAC contest.

## Sidelines

by Mark James

Times change. Faces change. Circumstances change, and with these changes, institutions change.

As an institution of higher learning, Wilkes College undergoes changes. The campus itself changes with the construction of a new dormitory, or the destruction of an old one. The "family" changes with the addition of a member, or the departure.

But the topic at hand here is not the college in general, but rather, the college sports programs. This year, especially, the Wilkes sports programs have undergone many



changes.

In football, an era has ended with the resignation of Coach Schmidt, and a new one has begun with the appointment of Bill Unsworth.

A new chapter begins in the coaching career of John Reese as he works his way toward win number 400.

This year saw first year Wilkes coaches in basketball, swimming, cross country and, when the spring season blossoms, baseball.

The question is, what does the future hold? We have success, for

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instance, in the wrestling team. We have losing teams, as in football, soccer, swimming, and women's basketball. And we have mediocre success, as in basketball, cross-country, field hockey, and volleyball. Most importantly, the sports programs for the most part do have promise.

Win or lose, there is an advantage to every sports program. It gives students an opportunity to develop in both mind and body, win or lose. Sports programs give the college exposure in the community.

In this time of change, however, it seems appropriate that more support be given to the sports programs. This is not to say that not enough input has been put into the various programs, and this is not to say that the administration has not done a fine job in investing into Wilkes sports programs. Finally, this is not to say that it is possible to put more support into the programs.

However, the best way to develop better sports programs is through investment . . . money. The facilities at Wilkes are not the best. The gym is too small. The field house could use a few touch-ups. There is no pool. The Wilkes swim team has its home meets at the King's pool.

With better facilities, the sports programs have more appeal. Recruiting comes easier. The teams improve in quality. Exposure in the community becomes more favorable.

When the men's basketball team lost to Scranton twice this year, it wasn't the players whom had lost. It was the college. The University of Scranton has accomplished something Wilkes could not. Their team looked better before the game even began. Their sweats were flashier, and had a name printed on them. The John Long Center is better than the Wilkes gym.

But, what could we expect. Wilkes is a private school that has a lot to offer than sports programs. Perhaps this is why there is only one wrestling scholarship, which is usually divided up between a number of athletes. It makes recruiting tough when the competition has a lot more to offer the best wrestlers.

We have less to work with, but so does the administration. Perhaps this is why we can change, we can improve, but we can't progress. Are there solutions?