

Professor Refuses To Move.....

Students Unhappy With Crowded Classroom

by Mary Kay Pogar

The number of students in a class varies from one course to another; in one class, there may be three students, while in another there may be 150. In Economics 231, Applied General Statistics, there are 128 students in lecture. This number would not be significant, were it not for the size of the room in which lectures are given. A large number of the students in the statistics course have complained that the room, Parrish 56, is inadequate for a class of that size. As one student remarked, "It's not exactly conducive to learning. It's too crowded."

The counseling deans have noted that the students in the course are unhappy with the situation. The deans further note that while there have been no complaints about Dr. Howard Williams, the professor who teaches the course, or about the material, few are satisfied with the class because it is overcrowded. According to one dean, "This situation is not something to which the students are accustomed."

Considered by many business majors to be one of the most difficult courses in their curriculum, the statistics course consists of three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Lec-

tures are given in Parrish 56, where the tablet armchairs are arranged in rows of chairs 12-13 across and 10 rows long. Dr. Williams uses the blackboard during the lecture, but he insists, "I'd rather that the students listened to what I'm saying rather than trying to see what I'm writing on the board." He also notes that he does not write on the lower half of the board, so that students in the back of the room do not have to strain to see what he has written. Some students maintain, however, that they still cannot see the board.

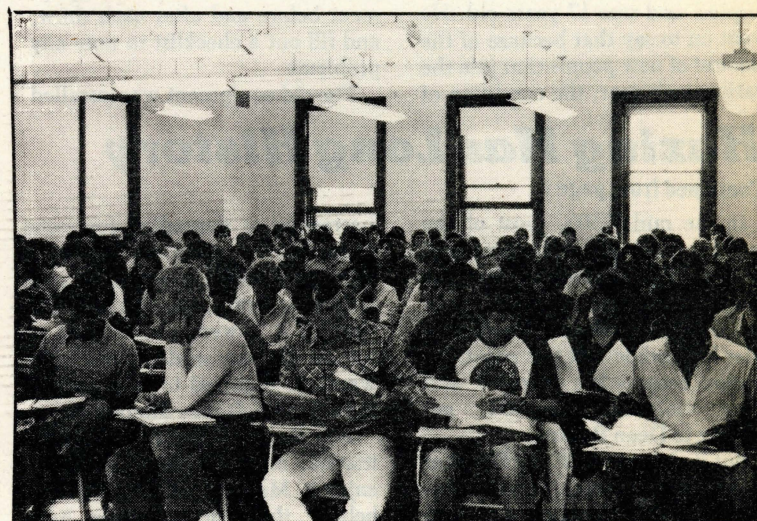
Students in statistics must attend lab two hours every week. In lab, students have the opportunity to gain practical experience by using the calculators and machines available. Last year, there were three lab sections for the class of 90. One extra lab section has been added this year for the 128 students. As a result, the labs are slightly more crowded than they have been in the past. One student remarked to a dean, "Lab is a zoo. There's no individual attention."

Recognizing that Parrish 56 might be inadequate for a class of that size, Doris Barker, Registrar, informed Dr. Williams that room 101 in the Stark Learning Center is available during the time period in which Economics 231 is scheduled.

When asked whether he had considered using room 101 for the class, Dr. Williams stated, "I'm not moving." He feels that "It is not critical to move. There is not an adequate reason for moving the class to 101. It's not that bad." He notes that a few years ago, when he taught the class in Parrish 33, some students had to stand for the first two weeks of class because there were not enough seats.

The statistics professor also pointed out that in almost any classroom the students use the tablet armchairs, so they would have the same area of space on which to write as they would in any other room. The main difference would be in the distance between seats. Dr. Williams states, "What difference does it make if your neighbor is eight inches away or a foot and a half away?"

Dr. Williams is aware of the complaints which some students have made about the class. But he notes that "The drop rate is less than in other years." One of the counseling deans noted that the drop rate for the statistics course is not very high since the students who take the course are juniors or seniors who need the course to graduate, and who can not afford to drop it without jeopardizing their chance to graduate on time,



RUBBING ELBOWS — Students in Economics 231, General Statistics, literally rub elbows in Parrish 56, the lecture room for the course. Nearly 130 students crowd into this room three times a week for a statistics lecture.

since business majors have a "very tight schedule."

Complaints about the crowded conditions in Economics 231 will probably continue throughout the semester. Dr. Williams seems to have no intention of moving the class to 101, so students in the course will have to learn to tolerate the situation. Some have begun to resign themselves to the class and

the room in which it is taught. As one student remarked, "It's not that bad, but it gets kind of hot in there. It would be better if it was in 101."

Beware: Do you dare enter "The Cavern"?

Go down, go down, go down into the darkened depths of the "Cavern."

Annual Campus Event Since Early Years..... 'Hazing' Continues Long Tradition At Wilkes

by Mary Kay Pogar

Anyone who ate dinner in the cafe during the first week of school was treated to the sometimes

amusing sight of new students in bizarre outfits eating their evening meal in an equally bizarre manner. Anyone who lived in or



around a residence hall that week could not ignore the rousing activities associated with the practice of new student initiation.

Drenching the new students with gallons of water, dressing them in as few articles of clothing as possible without being arrested, and instructing them to ask resident hall students of the opposite sex for personal items, are just a few of the activities that have been a part of the initiation program for the past several years. But another dimension has been added in recent years: strong warnings from various members of the administration that freshman initiation, or hazing, as it is frequently called, will be strictly forbidden on the Wilkes campus.

Such warnings are not entirely new. An article in the September 18, 1970 issue of the Beacon reports that hazing would be outlawed on campus since it had failed in its purpose to "bring the freshmen together," but seemed to

perpetuate "reminders of class distinction" instead. In addition, some of the upperclassmen had "compelled freshmen to remove the private property of neighbors in the community." Obviously, hazing has not ceased, even though some of the problems cited in 1970 still occur.

Freshman initiation at Wilkes goes back farther than 1970. Hazing has been part of the social life at Wilkes almost since the school first opened. According to George Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs, initiation had its start about 1946 when Wilkes students, about 70% of whom were WW II veterans, wanted to start school traditions and create school spirit. Student Government enacted the suggestions made by the students and Dean Ralston, and an organized program of initiation began.

During the entire period of initiation, which could last from the middle of September to the first week or more of October,

freshmen were required to wear large identification tags with their name, major and hometown printed on it. They also wore dinks, blue caps that resembled beanies. The men had blue and gold striped ties, while the women carried Wilkes pennants and could wear makeup only on the right side of the face. Upperclassmen could stop a freshman any time during hazing and demand that he or she light a cigarette, recite the alma mater or sing the drinking song.

At the end of the hazing period, the lettermen held a mock tribunal, with one letterman serving as Chief Executioner. At the tribunal, freshmen who had failed to respond correctly to an upperclassman's request during hazing was tried and given a punishment. The punishment was mild; it may have only involved reciting or singing the drinking song in front of the entire assembly.

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WCLH-FM Buys New Equipment

by Lisa Gurka

This past summer, WCLH-FM began broadcasting with its newly purchased equipment, which cost over \$10,000. The new equipment includes an Ampro Broadcast Console, turntables, monitors, and a cart machine.

According to Dr. Bradford L. Kinney, Director of Broadcasting Services, the main reason the station bought the new equipment is because the old equipment was "worn out." Kinney explained that the old equipment was army surplus, and was 17 years old. He went on to say that because of the amount of new people that join the station each year, the condition of

the equipment deteriorated.

Starting this semester, however, steps have been taken to maintain the quality of the equipment. Station Manager Stan Ray will train and test each new member. Each will be required to pass a written test, and demonstrate his ability to work the control board. Before a new member gets his own show, he must be apprenticed. That is, he will be assigned to a full time disc jockey in order to learn how to operate the board. DJs must also check the condition of the equipment before and after each show, and fill out a checklist to note any problems.

The old equipment was installed

in studio B, the production studio.

"With the new equipment, we now have the ability to switch from studio A to B for live news reports from our news department, pretty much like commercial stations do," commented Ray.

WCLH got its start ten years ago. In the beginning it was considered "just an extracurricular activity," commented Kinney, and no one really took it seriously. Under the guidance of Thomas Beck, advisor to the radio station at that time, the station grew and became a corporation.

Kinney stated, "If you look at WCLH today, it's a big business. He have now tied into the academic program." He went on to say that the broadcast production class is producing a 30 to 60 minute show that will possibly be aired over WCLH.

Some of the bad elements, such as the theft of records, have also been eliminated. Ray explained that Music Director Jim Groblesky has instituted a program that enables the staff to check up on the records.

WCLH boasts of offering the widest variety of music, news, features and sports of any college station in this area. The station reaches over a sixty mile radius, and broadcasts seven days a week, 18 hours per day.

"It's not a game," Kinney stated. Ray agreed, commenting that the members of WCLH "don't just learn radio. They learn commitment, responsibility and management." Both Kinney and Ray agree that the station has progressed into



WCLH Station Manager Stan Ray

something the students and the college can be proud of.

WCLH does not only offer local programming. Programs from Switzerland, England, Germany, Canada and India are broadcast over the air. Ray said that these programs are usually only available to people who have short-wave radios. Ray credits Program Director George Saba with making the initial contact in getting some of these programs.

Another new feature of WCLH is the Public Service Department. Until this year, one person was responsible for taking care of the publicity for WCLH, receiving public service announcements and getting them on the air. Kinney felt that this was too much responsibility for one person, and divided the job. Linda Krawetz is the Public Affairs Director and handles the in-house work. Public Relations Director Donna Krappa

takes care of the news releases and publicity.

The Sports Department will again be broadcasting Wilkes football games. WCLH will also feature an interview with Jimmy Cefalo, a former Pittston resident who plays professional football for the Miami Dolphins.

The music programming has also changed. WCLH now plays jazz every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night from 5:30 to 8 p.m. They have also expanded the classical slot and standardized the rock music that is played. Rock can be heard 7 nights a week from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., and all day on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m.

WCLH is located in Darte Hall, third floor. The staff is always open to suggestions and ideas. Members of the station can be reached by calling 824-4651, ext. 249, or 825-7663 during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hazing Has Long History

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In the mid-1950's, most of the veterans and older students had graduated and hazing fell into the hands of younger students, who had come to college immediately after high school. At this point, initiation became less effective, and more violations occurred, according to Dean Ralston.

But it was not until the 60's that freshman requirements were abandoned. In 1968, a policy to protect the freshmen was enforced. According to this policy, a freshman who was forced to do anything degrading could file a complaint with student government against the upperclassmen, or even prosecute the student. After this policy was started, freshman initiation was outlawed, and the practices went underground. The individual residence halls then took over the responsibility of initiating freshmen at the college.

Initiation is still in the hands of residence hall members. Although each group differs in the particular aspects of hazing, some common factors remain. Every residence hall takes its freshmen to the cafe in unusual fashions. Togas are popular articles of clothing for initiation as are nightgowns or pajamas.

Later in the evening, the freshmen continue their initiation by visiting dorms on campus and asking for personal items or singing songs with lyrics that won't be printed here. Some freshmen are required to play Simon Says, others must try to build a body pyramid with baby oil smeared on their backs. Whenever a group of freshmen leave a residence hall, they are showered with several gallons of water from the roof or balcony of the hall.

These activities may seem harmless, but some may prove em-

barrassing or degrading for some students. In addition, there is significant social pressure to participate in initiation, although this year, R.A.'s were encouraged to inform the new students that they were not required to take part in initiation if felt they should not.

Few students choose to avoid initiation; most tolerate it and many enjoy it. Many of the new students believe that the activities help them to meet people and learn about campus life at Wilkes.

Deans Lampe, Ralston and Hoover agree that initiation does not have to be a negative or disappointing experience, as long as the situation can be controlled. However, all three also agree that much of the control is now gone. Housing Directors Paul and Jean Adams support the deans on this point, and believe that initiation, if it is controlled, can be continued. No decision has yet been made concerning the possibility of banning initiation from campus, but Dean Ralston states that the student leaders will get together with the deans to decide if it should be permitted at all. If the student leaders decide to continue initiation, controls will have to be devised or Wilkes may soon see an end to all freshman initiation.



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COPUS Urges Student Action To Curb Financial Aid Reduction

by Doug Fahringer

COPUS members, headed by Executive Director Richard Myers, attended last week's student government meeting asking SG members to write letters to their Representatives in Washington, D.C. in response to the current Senate appropriations cuts. Myers mentioned that federal student assistance programs are in grave danger of being substantially reduced. He, therefore, noted the importance of student action to prevent any further financial aid reduction. All Wilkes students are urged to write to their respective Representatives because they have the final say on this issue. For more information concerning the matter, contact Richard Myers at 824-4651, Ext. 349.

Three fund requests were also made at the meeting. The first reading was made by Chris Lain and Mario Silvestri representing the Human Services Club. They requested \$150 for the Blood Donor Day scheduled for Oct. 29. Another reading for a fund request was made by Bev Rothery for the Biological Society. The organization asked for \$800 from SG to help subsidize a field trip to the Assateague and Chincateague

Islands.

The second reading for a fund request was made by Dave Capin, chairman of the concert committee. The request of \$60 for 10 student security guards' shirts was passed by the organization 17-1-0. Capin also discussed the possibility of jointly sponsoring big name entertainment with "The Station" in Wilkes-Barre.

In other business, SG President Ana Nunez announced that SG is sponsoring an informal Ad-

ministrative Council meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m.-6 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Center. The purpose of the meeting is to have administrators and various student leaders get acquainted with one another. Nunez also informed students of the continental breakfast that is available to all resident students. The cafeteria stops serving hot foods at 8:15 a.m.; however, cereal, doughnuts, coffee, and juice is still served until 8:45 a.m.

IRHC Votes To Endorse Housing Alternatives

by Donna Nitka

During Sunday's meeting, after a unanimous vote of confidence, the Inter-Residence Hall Council passed a motion to endorse housing alternatives. The vote followed an open discussion on the pros and cons of co-ed housing. President Bill Lourie was pleased with the decision and would like to receive the residence hall students' opinions of it.

In other business, associate membership in IRHC was discussed. To be eligible for this type of membership, one must attend five of six consecutive IRHC meetings. Anyone interested in becoming an associate representative should see Bill Lourie.

Committee reports began with Food Committee chairman Bruce Williams reporting that an outline of the committee's activities and a list of the special dinners for the entire school year are available for

inspection in the IRHC office. Williams noted that the next Food Committee meeting will be held Monday, September 28, at 2 p.m. in the cafe.

The Parking Committee stressed the importance of students parking in their assigned lots. It was noted that the number of parking violations is increasing and that if this continues, the committee will look into the possibilities of either towing the violator's car or revoking his parking permit.

The Student Center Board reported that new equipment has been installed in the game room. The Board plans to remodel the game room and rename it "The Cavern." It is anticipated that the grand opening of "The Cavern" will be held in a few weeks. The Board is also in the process of developing a brochure that will inform students of all the things the Center has to offer.



Darlene Maga, Cadet at Wilkes College Air Force ROTC, recently was winner of the logo design contest.

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CC Unsuccessful In Attempt To Reduce Park & Lock Prices

by John Finn

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In two months Knox will again talk to Luther Bracknell, the city's director of public parking facilities, and attempt to lower the price.

An effective solution to most students' parking problems was offered Monday night by Clayton Bloomsburg, the marketing manager for L.C.T.A. His message was simple: ride the bus.

Bloomsburg discussed the advantages of riding the bus, and

shared the statistics of the LCTA's recent surveys on what he called "the Bottom line": saving dollars.

According to the survey, in many cases, depending upon the distance travelled, students can save up to \$90 or \$100 each month by riding the bus to school instead of driving.

The Council also voted unanimously to support housing alternatives proposed by IRHC. Bill Lourie, IRHC president, defined housing alternatives as the "co-habitation of males and females in one building." The alternatives are being considered for the new residence hall now under construction on South River Street.

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Student Action Needed To Save College Financial Aid Programs

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The committee voted to appropriate 2.37 billion dollars towards the Pell Grant Program. However, this is far short of the 2.65 billion dollars that was budgeted for this program. Should this amount be approved by Congress, many students will suffer from the cutback next fall.

For the N.D.S.L. program, the committee voted to appropriate 186 million dollars of the 286 million for which it was originally budgeted. Failure to increase this amount will force thousands of students out of this program. Also, the committee voted to appropriate 215 million dollars for the

S.E.O.G. program, an overwhelming decrease from the 370 million dollars originally budgeted for it. The total amount of which all the federal aid programs were reduced in the subcommittee hearing is 581.8 million dollars.

Should these figures be adopted, many students will be unable to continue in college. Now is the time to let your representatives in Washington know your dissatisfaction with these appropriations. COPUS, the Coalition of Independent College and University Students, is concerned about these cuts and is starting a major letter-writing campaign to representatives. You, as a student, must get involved in this campaign.

Write a letter to your representative. Let him know that these appropriations will be devastating to students. Even if you are a senior, or have no need of financial assistance, remember that 83% of Wilkes students receive some

type of financial aid, and they need your voice to make their stronger. If you are unsure about the format of the letter, stop in at the COPUS office on the second floor of the Student Center. The directors of COPUS have sample letters available which can be used as a guide in writing your own letters.

COPUS also has a list of congressmen and senators, so that if you are not sure who your representative is, COPUS will tell you to whom you should write. Finally, COPUS will even send your letter out for you. Just bring it to the COPUS office and they will take care of it. If you have any further questions about COPUS or the most recent budget cuts in student financial aid, visit the COPUS office, or call them at Ext. 349. Time is running out and your voice is desperately needed.

(Our thanks to COPUS for most of the information in this editorial.)

Columbus Day Great Race Will Utilize Susquehanna Facilities

Many communities use the Susquehanna River for all types of recreational activities. Labor Day is a day of more activity on the river than perhaps any other day of the year. Communities such as Lock Haven, Harrisburg, and Williamsport plan their Labor Day festivities around events on the river in their areas.

In Wilkes-Barre, on Labor Day, the river is not used for any planned activity. However, on October 11, 1981, Columbus Day looks like an exciting day based around the Susquehanna. The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Council, will sponsor the first Annual Columbus Day Great Race.

The Columbus Day Event is actually a triathlon, or relay, featuring running, bicycling, and canoeing activities. Four-person teams

consisting of one runner, one cyclist and two canoeists will compete in the race. The teams are divided into male, female and mixed categories of ages 16-29, and 30 and over. Age groups are determined by the average team age.

A five-mile running race around Kirby Park will start the first leg of the triathlon. After the runner finishes the five-mile jaunt, a wrist band is passed to the cyclist, who will pedal from the park upriver to West Pittston, where the final leg of the Great Race will begin. The canoeists, after receiving the wrist bands, will paddle down the Susquehanna River to the finish line at Kirby Park.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt with the triathlon logo printed on it, as well as trophies being awarded to winning teams in each division.

Many local clubs and groups are serving as aides

or consultants to the "Great Race": The Wyoming Valley Striders, Wyoming Valley Bike Club, Scranton Kayak Club, Murgas Amateur Radio Club and the Susquehanna River Basin Association. Falcone Beverage of Pittston is sponsoring the race.

I urge you to support this event, whether you and your friends or family enter to race or have a fun day together, or even if you come to the river's shores and cheer the canoeists along their way down river. These types of activities involve many people from all communities and will help to make our area a more exciting and fulfilled place to live.

Applications are available at the Susquehanna River Basin Association office at 165 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

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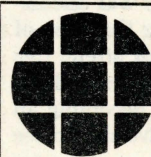
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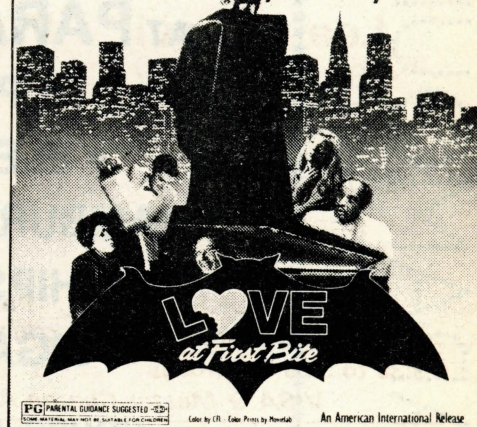
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The Academic Committee reminds everyone that Saturday, Sept. 26, is the final day to withdraw from classes according to the Wilkes College four-year withdrawal policy.

An art exhibit of Wilkes-Barre Architecture will be on display in the Sordoni Art Gallery from Sept. 27-Oct. 25. Hours for the Gallery, located in Stark Learning Center, are Sunday through Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday evenings 6-9 p.m.

SG Social Committee Sponsors New "Fall Frenzy" Weekend

by Doug Fahringer

"Fall Frenzy" Weekend is here at last! The student government Social Committee is sponsoring this new mini-weekend because of the lack of social activities between the major weekends.

Lor Martin, co-chairman of the social committee, said the weekend will open Friday night with the film "Love at First Bite" at 7 & 9 p.m. in the CPA. Admission for students with Wilkes ID is \$.25 and \$.50 without ID.

A "Gangster" theme gym party will then be held on Saturday night from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Prizes

will be awarded to the best male and female "gangsters". Students are reminded that the party will not be B.Y.O.B. This policy will not, however, pertain to all the major gym parties. Entertainment will be provided by the Top 40's band "Leer Brothers" and food will be catered. Tickets for the event will be \$1 and will be on sale in the Student Center and Pickering Hall lobby. Martin mentioned that any help setting up before the party and cleaning up afterwards will be greatly appreciated.

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Student Profile

Chemistry Major Enjoys Writing

by Lisa Cobb

Larsen Orehtsky first impressed me when I learned that he is a Chemistry major who writes poetry. As I interviewed him for this article, he further impressed me with his enthusiasm and in-

He explained that it would be great if he could support himself as a writer but most writers need a separate career to finance themselves. He chose chemistry for two reasons: because he liked chemistry in high school and, more



Larsen Orehtsky

sight. I also sensed a measure of warmth which radiated from him as we talked. I felt immediately comfortable with him as if we were old friends, and I even felt excited as he told me about his adventures during his recent trip to Europe.

Larsen started writing poetry when he was in the seventh grade. When he told me that he always wanted to be a writer I was curious as to why he chose chemistry for his major in college.

importantly, because he knew his father, Dr. Orehtsky of the Engineering Department, could help him. He commented "In a career, the salary is unimportant to me. What is really important is that I'm interested in the job." He said that he is enjoying working this semester as a teacher's assistant in a chemistry lab.

Larsen was fortunate to be Dr. Orehtsky's son when last January the professor received the Fullbright-Hayes Award and he

and his family traveled to Porto, Portugal. The purpose of the award is to better relationships between the Portuguese and Americans. Larsen said that a person gets a different perspective when he lives in a country, as opposed to someone who just passes through. He attended school while he was there, although he took no courses for credit. He belonged to the school's choir and traveled with them when they went on tour to the countryside, staying one night in a building which he says is the closest he'll ever get to a haunted house.

Larsen said he made many friends aside from the Portuguese students. He was surprised at how many Poles were staying in Portugal. He commented that it was very hard to realize that these people were on the opposite side of the political fence. He also met people as he traveled through Europe. His family's trip took him to Switzerland, Italy, the Vatican, Austria, France, and Spain. He has many adventures to share about his travels, including a bullfight and an occasion when Spanish police held him and his father at gunpoint because the police thought they were revolutionaries.

Larsen's trip to Portugal was not only a great experience but also served to motivate him to write again. He had stopped writing while in college but began writing again while in Portugal. He had attempted a short story as a freshman; he worked on a longer story while in Portugal. He has since continued writing and is in the Creative Writing class this semester.

Larsen is carrying 20.5 credits although 3 of those credits are audited. He is a member of Cue 'N Curtain, Intersarsity Fellowship, the Physics, Chemistry, and Engineering clubs, the Wilkes College Choir and the Manuscript Society. He also appeared in one of the four one-act plays written by Dr. O'Neill this past week.

Larsen is an active student with varied interests. He is always willing to share his adventures in Europe as well as any experiences he has had. I could tell that he likes sharing with people. He is certainly an asset to our campus.

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Dr. Virginia Nehring Nursing Dept. Welcomes New Chairperson

by Amy Elias

The Wilkes College Nursing Department welcomed a new Chairman, Dr. Virginia Nehring, this semester. Nehring, who replaced Ruth McHenry, assumed her post July 1st, and comes to the new job experienced in all aspects of health-care, nursing, and nursing education.

Dr. Nehring, after completing her BSN, MSN, and doctoral work from the University of Bridgeport, the Yale University School of Nursing, and Walden University

respectively, has been active in the teaching, clinical, and administrative areas of nursing.

In the past Dr. Nehring taught at the University of Hawaii and in the Yale University graduate program. In 1977 she served as Director of Nursing at the Hawaii Community College, and for the past four years has served as Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Boise State University. Her clinical experience includes work at a number of hospitals.

As one of the two female depart-

ment chairmen on the Wilkes campus, Dr. Nehring's duties will include organizing and coordinating the 35 nursing faculty members and the administrative tasks of the Nursing Department. Nehring is already proud of her newly-adopted staff; she noted that of the nursing faculty, four persons recently submitted papers at national conventions, and one person has a book published and is currently working on another. Dr. Nehring said that she found the members of the nursing faculty not only qualified and capable, but impressively so, and is looking forward to working with them this semester.

Even a highly qualified individual would have difficulty taking over a program which was disorganized or ineptly run; Dr. Nehring credits her predecessor with organizing a quality nursing program and thereby making the transition for her much easier. Nehring's own goals for the program are modest enough: she wants to focus on quality and make the Wilkes program the best School of Nursing to be found.

Dr. Nehring sees her job and the department very much as vehicles to serve not only Wilkes students, but also the community as a whole — through continuing education offerings and other programs. The community can be served in countless ways. Nehring feels that by reaching beyond the boundaries of the college itself she can obtain the maximum amount of

resources for her students, and this is her ultimate goal.

Changes within the department will come slowly and, Dr. Nehring predicted, only after she has become adjusted to the new position and surroundings. One change she would like to initiate concerns ethics courses. Nehring stated that medical ethics courses at Wilkes have traditionally been taught by the Philosophy Department. The courses, she has learned, are always filled and continue to remain popular with students. But Nehring sees the need of a course which deals with practical ethics. "Medical ethics are not what I mean by health-care ethics," she stated. She explained that not all situations which arise in hospitals are dramatic or crisis-proportioned, and that future nurses must be shown the practical sides of the ethics questions. Nehring is positive that such a course will be offered in the future.

Dr. Nehring has published a number of reviews dealing with such varied topics as **Communications and Relationships in Nursing**, **Maternal and Child Health Nursing**, and **the New Hospital Supervisor**. The subject in her field which interest her presently,



The new Nursing Department Chairman, Dr. Virginia Nehring.

however, is ethics, and she is currently writing a book entitled **Ethics in Nursing** which has already attracted the attention of three publishers.

Philharmonic Opens Season With Concert

Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic's gala opening concerts, Friday, Sept. 25 at 8:30 at the Masonic Temple, Scranton, and Saturday, Sept. 26 at 8:30 at the Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, mark the beginning of the orchestra's second decade and its first season under the baton of Hugh Wolff. Festive receptions, hosted by the Philharmonic Women's Leagues at the Scranton Club and at First Eastern Bank in downtown Wilkes-Barre, will follow the performances in celebration of the occasion.

Ruth Laredo, the glamorous and gifted musician who has been called "the world's pre-eminent woman pianist," and "America's first lady of the piano," will be the featured guest artist in a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4, the immortal composer's most popular work for piano and orchestra. Also on the program are the brassy and majestic "Pictures at an Exhibition," written by Modest Mussorsky for piano and transcribed later by Maurice Ravel for full orchestra. Mr. Wolff recently conducted "Pictures at an Exhibition" for the special Labor Day performance of

the National Symphony on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, for a cheering crowd of 75,000.

Tickets for the fabulous opening concerts of the Philharmonic's "Season of Celebration" are available through the Philharmonic hotline, 654-4788 or 342-0920, and at the following outlets: Spruce Record Shop and Paperback Booksmith, Scranton; Gallery of Sound stores and Book and Record Mart, Wilkes-Barre; B&C Music Studio, Pittston; and Dempsey's, Tunkhannock. Concert hall box offices will open two hours before the performance, but reservations are advised due to the popularity of the program.

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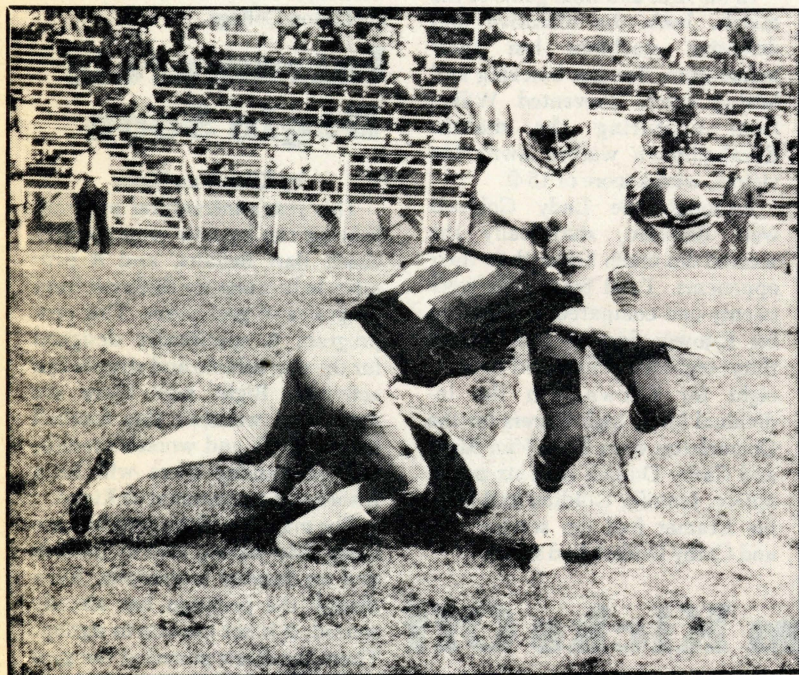
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Vikings Plunder Colonels In Opener



GETTING TOUGH: Colonel linebacker Pat Walsh delivers a crushing tackle to Upsala's Ellis Smith in last Saturday's contest.

by Mark James

Last week Ralston Field was invaded by the Vikings — the Upsala Vikings, that is. In Wilkes' very first possession, the Vikes plundered through the Wilkes line, blocking and recovering a punt in the Colonel endzone. By the time their attack was over, Upsala had walked away with a 41 to 19 victory, their second win.

For the Colonels, it was opening day. Upsala got the ball first, but didn't go anywhere after Mike Gould intercepted his first of two passes. Wilkes took over control of the pigskin and went nowhere. Then the punt was blocked; the tide had turned to Upsala, and Wilkes failed to score in the first half.

"Something like that turns the emotional tide," coach Schmidt explained. "You have highs and you have lows." The Colonels were unable to score, and found themselves behind at halftime, 17-0.

When the second half began, it was the Colonels turn to get high, at least momentarily. The Colonels charged onto the field and back into the game.

Both teams failed to mount a serious threat in the first sets of downs. Wilkes fumbled the ball away first, but Upsala could not capitalize on the play. The Colonels got the ball back, but Upsala intercepted, and it looked like Upsala was going to continue their conquest.

With a second and four from midfield, the Wilkes defense introduced itself to the Upsala quarterback. On a passing play, the Colonels managed to break into the backfield and pressure the Viking quarterback. He got rid of the ball in time, but Pat Walsh was there to haul in the errant throw and romp 53 yards for Wilkes first touchdown.

The emotional tide coach Schmidt had talked about began to turn in the Colonels' favor. With the score now 17-7, Wilkes kicked off to the Vikings and on the return, produced a fumble. With the offense deep in Viking territory, there was no way Wilkes couldn't score, and in a couple plays Todd Horn crossed the goal line from two yards out. Suddenly, it was a ballgame. Wilkes missed the extra point attempt. The score: Upsala 17 — Wilkes 13.

For the rest of the game, The Colonels would never get closer. Upsala scored three more touchdowns before Wilkes managed to score their last touchdown of the game. After a pass interference play gave Wilkes good field position, quarterback Jerry Goss went to the big man, Tony Madden, who made an over-the-shoulder grab from 22 yards out to finish the scoring for the Colonels. An attempt for a two point conversion failed.

The Colonels lost. Now what? "Work harder," Coach Schmidt answered. "See where our major

deficiencies are and try to correct them."

It was a tough loss to a team that had already beaten powerhouse Trenton State last week. Upsala is a much improved team and both victories were very impressive.

Next week, Wilkes will take on Lycoming in Williamsport. The Warriors have 31 lettermen returning from last year's very successful 9 and 1 season. Last week, Lycoming lost a close one to Susquehanna, the Colonels third rival this year.

FIELD GOALS: All three quarterbacks did get some playing time for Wilkes. Jerry Goss was the most successful in the aerial department, completing three of ten for 44 yards. Lonstein completed one of nine for six yards; and Rodgers completed 2 out of 2 in the final seconds for 37 yards.

George Simms was impressive in the rushing department with a total of 42 yards, but he didn't match the performance of Upsala's Dave D'Andrea, who covered 121 yards.

Statistically, Upsala had a total of 16 first downs, while getting 166 yards on the ground and another 143 yards in the air. Wilkes managed to get 6 first downs and 131 yards overall.

Last week, Wilkes was the pick, 17-7. This week's pick: Lycoming by a landslide. Let's all hope this pick is as off target as last week's.

The Cavern is coming! The Cavern is coming!

Young Cross Country Team Gets Slow Start

by Ellen Van Riper

On Sept. 19 the cross country team held its first home meet of the season at Ralston Field. The Colonels hosted two powerful, experienced teams, Kings' and Delaware Valley, and went down in defeat 32-25 and 32-24.

Coach Bellairs was a bit disappointed that his team did not win, but he was more pleased by the members' overall performance. Freshman Dave Levandoski was the top Wilkes runner, placing third in the meet overall. Coach Bellairs said that he is looking forward to big performances by his freshman runner. He feels that Dave has the potential to place in this year's MAC championships, and perhaps win it in the future. The other top runner was senior captain Ken Pascoe who has been a consistently good runner throughout his career at Wilkes.

Bellairs pointed out that of the ten men on his roster, seven are first year runners, so he anticipated a stiff challenge from both Kings' and Delaware Valley which have veteran teams. Delaware Valley ran the meet much as he expected, but Bellairs was surprised by the strong showing of Kings'. He would have naturally liked to have won, but Bellairs stressed that it is important for the runners not to peak before November and the MAC's. All teams go to the championships, so he feels that it will be more important to win later on in the season.

This week Bellairs will welcome back two injured runners as the team faces Scranton, Kings', and Muhlenberg in an away meet on Friday, Sept. 30.

SIDELINES SIDELINES SIDELINES SIDELINES SIDELINES

by Mark James

So we lost. We'll lose again. So what's the big deal? Sure, nobody likes a loser; and if the Wilkes sports keep losing, the fans will be sure to shy away from Ralston Field or the gym. Then the Beacon Sports Department could print boring lengthy editorials about the ecstasy of sport and why we should feel guilty about not going to the game.

Don't go. The hell with it! Make yourselves useful. Study. Get a job. Volunteer time to the non-profit organization of your choice.

But what about your friends? The guys and girls in your dorm or neighborhood chose to compete on the Wilkes sports teams because they enjoy playing. It's not for glory, it's for fun. Our teams lose



too often to be glorified, but every time they step on a field they are, in a sense, winning.

They're winning because they are doing something they like to do. They're trying, and improving. They are becoming better individuals for their efforts. This is the real score.

If you don't want to go to the games, don't go. You are not obligated to see one single game. Who cares?

The players care. The guy in your engineering lab or the girl that sits next to you in Econ. care. With or without fan support they will persevere. They love sports. They'll enjoy each game because it means a lot to them.

It makes one wonder. Who are the real losers? The athletes? Or the fans? Nobody has to go to the

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Wilkes sporting events. Not even the athletes. They do it by choice.

Why does a team have to win to get fan support? So what if we lose! The athletes have a good time. They take the good with the bad, the wins with the losses. If Wilkes students could show the same kind of good sportsmanship that the athletes show, they would be much better off.

Going to Wilkes' sporting events is not some sort of chore. It's a good time! It's a cheap date, a time out with the boys (or girls), a chance to scream and yell and even complain when we lose. Nobody has to go to Wilkes' sporting events, but it wouldn't hurt trying. There's nothing wrong with checking out a game or two every now and then. It's a good time.

Going to an athletic event is not a sacrifice. Students go to the games because they care about their friends on the teams, their school and themselves. The anticipation, the laughter, the cheers, the joy and suspense — it creates a sort of polarity between the team and the fans. It brings about togetherness, belonging, and caring.

The best part of going to the Wilkes games is that it is a much better time than reading boring columns on fan support. Face it, everyone has a chance to check out a game every now and then. Excuses can be made, but they are usually shallow. Some people go to sporting events more often than others; some like it more than others.

The worse thing to do would be to never try. If this happens, fan support will die. The teams will play. The athletes will have a good time. Some fans will show up, but it just wouldn't be the same. We could make it better. Let's hope so, for our own sakes.

NOTICE

Admission to all school sports events are free to Wilkes students upon presentation of Wilkes' ID's.