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Vice-pres Hartdagen resigns

by Elizabeth Mazzullo

Vice-president for Academic Affairs Gerald Hartdagen handed in his resignation effective May 31, 1987.

"I've been thinking about it for a year," Hartdagen said.

Hartdagen said there were several reasons for his decision.

The primary reason, he explained, was his career. "How can an individual stay in one position and still have enthusiasm and a sense of challenge?" Hartdagen asked.

"I've been here eight years, the longest I've been at any institution in my career," he said. "I had to decide if I wanted to spend another eight years here until retirement."

He added, "If I'm going to consider jobs at any other school, I have to be an optimum time. Employers do pay attention to how a person is."

Hartdagen noted that he almost resigned when President Breiseth decided to leave. He

explained, "There's always a risk with how you'll work with a new president."

But when he met with President Christopher Breiseth, Hartdagen said, "I was convinced I could work with him. We had a good working relationship."

"I stayed, but not with the idea that I'd stay for the rest of my career," he added.

"I sat down last fall and talked to President Breiseth and told him I'd been giving serious thought to other things," such as teaching or taking a sabbatical, Hartdagen said.

Hartdagen was named Vice-president just last spring.

"I supported moving to the vice-presidential system at Wilkes," he stated.

But he added, "That doesn't mean I feel all that comfortable being vice-president."

"Being vice-president puts you more fully as an administrator," Hartdagen said. "The traditional attitude and way one looks at a dean is that a dean is a first among

equals, a first among faculty members," he continued.

A dean is "very much a faculty member," Hartdagen noted, adding that he feels there is a "significant difference" between deans and vice-presidents. For the vice-president, he explained, the "title cuts them off from the relationship with faculty that they'd like to have."

Finally, Hartdagen said, "I accomplished what I felt I wanted to accomplish at Wilkes. I was happy to try to get the new structure kicked off and started. I think the structure's working nicely."

Hartdagen also explained why he resigned at this time. "If I wait until later in this year," he said, "it puts the school in a problem for searching" for a new vice-president.

"There is no indication I was asked to leave the job," he added. "That was not the case."

Hartdagen sees two career options for himself. The first is that he is "selectively" applying to

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Vice-president for Academic Affairs Gerald Hartdagen will be resigning his position as of May 31, 1987.

WCLH celebrates its 15th birthday

by Elizabeth Mazzullo

The second floor of the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts was the scene of a huge birthday party on Tuesday, as WCLH-FM celebrated its fifteenth year on the air.

WCLH disc jockeys and members of the radio station joined eight WCLH alumni, faculty members, and Wilkes administrators for conversation, reminiscences, and an informal luncheon.

Former WCLH staff members who came back to join the festivities included Karen Harsch and Chris Sailus of WNEP-TV, Channel 16; Tom McGuire of WILK radio; Fred Pierantoni, an assistant district attorney for Luzerne County; Richard Nordheim, now a disc jockey and moving manager; and Gary Mack, now an educator. Another former WCLH staffer in attendance was David Abraham, an original member of Synch, a band which got its start at WCLH. Abraham now works as a mental health technician.

"This is how you learn the

whole business from the inside out," said Bradford Kinney, Director of Broadcasting Services. "We play all kinds of music," Kinney added. "We play music of people who are just starting."

He said that WCLH, the largest campus organization, boasts 65 "active on-air personalities."

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WCLH alumni cut the cake at the radio station's fifteenth birthday party.

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Editorial

College degrees-- a dime a dozen?

Education. What does that word connote? To some it may be receiving a high school diploma, but for most an education is receiving a college diploma. Reports reveal that some 60 percent of this year's high school graduates will attend college next fall and the number seems to be increasing at a steady rate.

There has been much debate and discussion over the present system of education in the United States. While the number of students going to college is indeed increasing, the value of the college diploma is decreasing. Most jobs require that one have an undergraduate degree. This is just to enter into the job market. In order to make any sort of career move, further study is needed and required--a master's or doctoral degree. Undergraduate degrees are becoming a dime (or \$40,000) a dozen.

Another point to consider when evaluating the United States' educational system is the decline in mathematical skills of students today. In a number of studies conducted at the University of Illinois United States school students, grades one through twelve, ranked low when compared with some twenty other nations. These same school students, a few years down the road, will be graduating from high school and entering college. The writing and reading level at which students are working is not on the increase either. There have been horror stories of students graduating from college without being able to read or write.

Taking into consideration the de-valuation of the undergraduate diploma, the caliber of students entering into and graduating from college, and the increasing number of students attending college, it seems safe to say that there is indeed a problem with the American education system. The accusing finger cannot be pointed to any one group. The problem, however, undoubtedly originates very early in the educational development of the child, at the grade school level. From here the problem snowballs. Students go from grade school into high school and on to college without an adequate background--and the problem is never recognized. If the educational foundation is not adequate, the chances of increasing the caliber of students in the United States is slim.

All levels of the system must take hold of the problem and deal with it head on. A reversal in the trend cannot be accomplished in the elementary level, the high school level, or the college level alone. The entire educational system must act together to change the attitudes and overall approach to learning. Time and effort in this direction will make the college degree something to be proud of and valued.

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Reader response

Dear Editor:

Last April I took a continuing education course at Wilkes. It was my first time back in attendance since graduating from here in the early seventies. I confess nostalgia was the prime reason for returning. It didn't take long to realize that it's still a great place to be.

There was, however, one major disappointment: the former student center which was behind the library along the walkway it shared with Church Hall was no longer there, only an empty lot. This greatly saddened me since it had been sort of the hub of the campus and countless students, including dormies, spent many a very enjoyable hour there.

The present location--the Conyngham Student Center--is a fine old structure. However the main floor is well above ground level and the rooms are smaller. This tends to create a boxed in, isolated atmosphere. The primary view is of River Street and often a

near continuous line of cars going by.

Lastly the location is too far from the library so the flow of students to and fro is much less than when the center was at the former site which was but a fifteen second walk behind the library. Because of that students would very often make the trip back and forth. Indeed before exams we would spend much time studying in the library then journey a few times to the center for a coffee and snack and some enjoyable conversation with fellow students.

The atmosphere there was laid back, a change of pace, and soon you'd be ready for more library study. Now with the longer distance from the library studying must be more difficult.

The previous student center had at ground level a large roomy first floor with numerous windows. This gave off sort of an open air feeling with lush multi-colored shrubs and trees just outside the windows. One could sit at a table

and gaze out at them and a truly beautiful Kirby and Church Halls and lovely cherry blossom trees as visual borders. It sure made you feel you were valued--this scenic place of relaxation is an important part of Wilkes.

I've been in a number of student centers since then but none gave off that same feeling. Such places are important because in ways they set the tone for the entire campus. Indeed you care a college as much as it cares about you as a whole person.

This opinion of mine is shared by friends whom I graduated with and have since returned for a reason of other. It would be indeed if Wilkes in her new construction period built a student center on the old site. Believe me it would be money worth investing!

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The Beacon is accepting applications for the position of News Co-editor. Interest in writing a must!! Duties include assigning and editing stories, writing, and layout (will train). All interested applicants should submit a writing sample.

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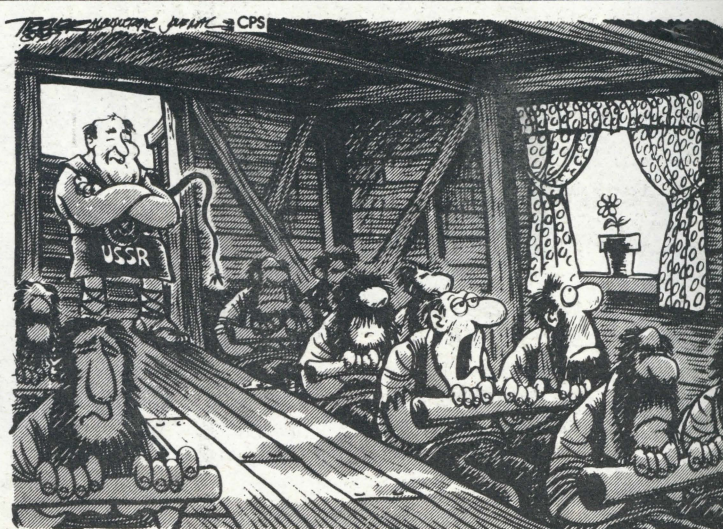
Reminder

Wednesday, February 25, 1987 will follow Monday class schedule. All classes that regularly meet on Monday, including evening college classes will meet on Wednesday.

Quote of the week:

"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."

--Albert Einstein



"I THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH A NEW POLICY OF OPENNESS..."

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by Q. Jane Circa

It's a dreary Friday. A light snow is falling. Members of the Programming Board are sitting in a room, talking, waiting to see what the night's comedy show.

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They hear footsteps in the hall. A short, cherub-faced, red-haired man walks into the room and says, "I'm here to answer your questions."

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If you cannot attend, please contact Mrs. Sarac

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It's a dreary Friday afternoon. Light snow is falling, and the members of the Programming Board are sitting in their office waiting to set up that comedy show.

"No one appreciates us," one member is overheard to say. "We care more for this school than most campus organizations, and we don't get any recognition for it."

"Yeah," says another member in a voice strangely like Rodney Dangerfield's, "we don't get no recognition."

"More to the point," gripes a committee chairperson, "we don't get scholarships. The heads of most every other campus club get at least some scholarship money for the time they put into this school, but we don't get anything."

"This is just getting to be a headache," he adds. "We spend hours on the phone trying to arrange acts, give up our weekends for performances and shows, and almost no one appreciates our efforts."

Another member groans, "Sometimes I wonder if they even care."

The members of the Programming Board stare at each other in silence for a few minutes, and then one voices the thought on all their minds:

"Maybe it would be better if the Programming Board had never been created. . . ."

The lights blink off for a moment. When they go back on, the Programming Board members see that the room's been transformed back into a bare room, without the colorful paintings and mementos of past events.

They hear footsteps in the hall. A short, cherub-faced, white-skinned man walks into the room, and says, "I'm here to answer your

prayer."

"What do you mean?" they stammer. "What prayer? Who are you?"

"Well," he says, "I'm Clancy, and I'm your guardian angel. You just wished you had never been created, and I've come to give you what you wished for."

Understandably, the members of the Programming Board are skeptical. "Come on, you don't expect us to believe that, do you?" they ask.

"Come with me," Clancy says, "and I'll show you."

"We can't waste time talking to an imaginary angel," one of them yells. "We have a show to set up."

Clancy merely smiles, says, "No, you don't," and motions them to follow him.

On the way out of the room, the head of the Board finally notices the bare, unpainted walls. "Hey!" he screams. "What happened to our office?"

"It's not *your* office," Clancy says gently. "It never was. The Programming Board doesn't exist, remember? It was never created."

Understandably a little shook up, the members of the Programming Board ignore Clancy and prepare to set up their comedy show. But none of their keys work in the door of the closet where the equipment is kept.

"They must've changed the locks," says the chairperson of the Comedy Committee. "I wonder why no one gave us new keys?"

"Because you don't exist," Clancy said. "Now will you believe me?"

A little more uneasy, they try not to listen to him. Instead, the head of the Board calls Security to have someone come to open the closet.

"Programming Board?" the guard says. "Whaddaya mean,

Programming Board? There ain't no such club at this school. Hey, who are you, anyway?"

His hand shaking, the head of the Board hangs up, but not before he hears the guard mutter, "Drunk college kids. They'll do anything for a joke."

The members of the Programming Board are, by now, quite shook up. They run out of the Student Center, hoping to find Amy Weidemer or Dean Lampe-Groh to ask them to explain what has happened.

But when they get outside the building, they stop dead. "Hey, the campus doesn't look the same as it did an hour ago!" says one. "What's going on?"

Indeed, the campus *does* look different. Litter, especially smashed beer bottles, is strewn everywhere. The display cases, which used to contain posters for Programming Board events, are empty; the glass is cracked in several places.

They walk around the campus, which looks somewhat deserted. More deserted than it should for a Friday, on a weekend with a comedy show and a Board-sponsored gym party scheduled.

They see one student loading a suitcase into her car. "Where are you going?" one of them asks her.

"Home, where else?" she says. "There's never anything to do around here on the weekends."

He looks at her, confused. "What about the comedy show tonight? What about all the events the Programming Board sponsors every weekend? The movies, the gym parties, the coffeehouses?"

Suddenly hostile, she screams, "Get away from me! What are you, nuts? There's no Programming Board at Wilkes! Stop bothering

me or I'll call Security!"

The Board members stare at each other, but decide they'd better leave when the girl starts yelling to an approaching security guard.

"What's wrong with her?" one of them asks as they walk away. "I've seen her at all of our events, and now she says she's never heard of the Programming Board. I don't understand it."

A voice from behind them says, "Do you believe me now? I told you, you don't exist."

"Oh, no, it's that angel again," someone groans. "Why can't he just leave us alone?"

"Maybe he's right," one person whispers. "Maybe he really *is* our guardian angel."

"Of course I'm right," Clancy says. "If you still don't believe me, ask that young man walking--er, *stumbling*--towards us."

The head of the Board walks over to him and asks, "What's going on this weekend?"

"Hey, man, don't you know?" he says, voice already slurred with alcohol, though it's only 3:30 in the afternoon. "There's a party at 391, and one at 307, and I think a coupla floors of Evans, and probably Pickering, and a few of the other dorms, are throwing keg parties."

"Aren't you going to the Programming Board comedy show tonight?"

"Comedy show? What comedy show? And what's this 'Programming Board' stuff? Everybody knows there's nothing to do at Wilkes on the weekends except get drunk. That is, if you don't go home," the student yells as he staggers off to his car to make a beer run.

The members of the

Programming Board turn around to look for Clancy, but he's not there.

"Clancy, where are you? We believe you now, Clancy," they yell. "Wilkes really is an awful place without the Programming Board. Please, can't we go back? We never realized before how much Wilkes *needs* us."

"Hey, guys, why aren't you setting up tonight's show? I've been waiting up in the office for half an hour, and no one's there," says a voice from behind them. They turn around to see Amy Weidemer standing there.

"Amy! Are we glad to see you! You wouldn't believe what just happened to us!" They start laughing as they follow her into the Student Center.

When they walk into their office, the head of the Board yells, "It's ours again! The posters from the Dave Binder show! The couch! The paintings! It really is our office! Thank you, Clancy, thank you!"

Amy just looks at them, wondering who this Clancy fellow is and why everyone's so happy to be in the Programming Board Office. They were all in such a bad mood earlier today, she thinks. I wonder what happened?

The Board members just smile at each other and begin to get the equipment for the night's show together.

But while they're packing up the sound equipment, one of them notices a folded slip of paper taped to the box.

Wondering, he opens it. "Remember, Programming Board, no club is a failure that has *friends*." And the note's signed, "From your friend, Clancy, and all your friends at Wilkes College."

ATTENTION:

Women interested in becoming a Wilkes College "Strutter"

Meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 26 at 11:00 a.m. in SLC 101

If you cannot make the meeting, contact Mrs. Saracino at Weckesser Annex ext. 341.



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Three scholarships to be awarded

by Karen Natishan

The West Side Kingston Business and Professional Women's Club recently announced the availability of two \$300 scholarships to be awarded in April, 1987.

To be considered, candidates must be full-time sophomore- or junior-level female students with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. The candidates must be residents of the west side of the Wyoming Valley and must be able to document financial need. Candidates may represent any profession or discipline and must be active in school and or community projects.

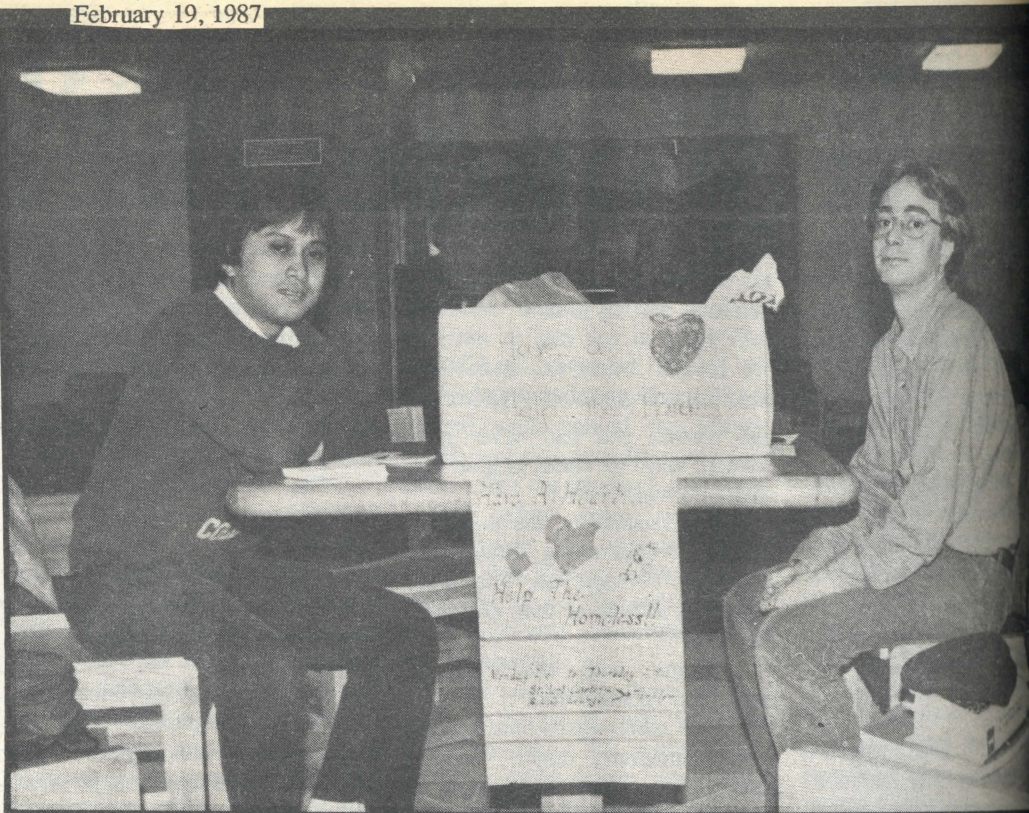
Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office and are due by March 16, 1987. Along with the application, supporting evidence

of GPA and financial need must also be submitted.

The Cross Valley Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is also awarding one scholarship to an eligible student. The amount of the scholarship has not yet been determined. To be considered, students must be female and residents of Luzerne County. Candidates must be full-time, seeking a business or professional career, have financial need, and be in good scholastic standing.

Applications for the scholarship are available in the Financial Aid Office and are due by March 20, 1987.

This scholarship should not be confused with the one previously announced in *The Beacon* since they are from two different chapters of the American Business Women's Association.



The "Have a Heart: Help the Homeless" drive is collecting toiletries and personal items to benefit area homeless. The drive concludes today. Donations will be distributed to the homeless by VISION.

Attention all Nursing Majors:

Tickets are going fast for the Nursing/Engineering Dinner Dance!

Tickets can be purchased Wednesday, February 25, from 11-1 p.m. in SLC Lobby and from 4:30-6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The last day to purchase tickets is Thursday, February 26, from 11-1 p.m. in SLC Lobby.

If there are any problems or last minute ticket purchases, stop by the Engineering Club Room in the basement of Stark or contact any NSQ officer.

Course to explore death and dying

"Dying With Dignity in a Technological Society" is the topic of a course to be offered by the Wilkes College Division of Continuing Education this semester.

The course, offered in cooperation with the Visiting Nurse/Home Health Services and Family Service Association, will meet on Tuesdays, March 24 and 31, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the conference room of Visiting Nurse/Home Health Services, 260 Pierce St., Kingston.

"Dying With Dignity" examines the medical, ethical, and legal issues associated with life-sustaining treatments in the event of terminal illness and injury.

Also discussed will be various existing procedures in dealing with this topic, and alternatives such as

the living will. A panel of experts, representing segments of the medical, religious, and educational community, will lead the discussions.

Panel members include Rev. Jule Ayers, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. David Greenwald, Department Head of Hematology and Oncology, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital; Catherine Pages, Assistant Executive Director, Concern for Dying; Atty. Allen T. Reinshtein; Rabbi Herbert Rosenblum, Temple

Israel; and Sister Sienna Fazio, Associate Professor, College of Misericordia.

Coordinator for the course is Pauline Friedman, Vice-President of the Family Service Association and past president and board member of Visiting Nurse/Home Health Services.

For further information on the course, "Dying With Dignity," contact the Wilkes College Division of Continuing Education, ext. 225; or Visiting Nurse/Home Health Services, 283-0681.

WCLH

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Kinney is proud of the fact that WCLH is "a completely student-run station" that broadcasts 144 hours per week, from 7 a.m. to midnight daily.

Over sandwiches and potato chips, two staff members, Mark Tobino and Tom Walton, talked about how they got involved with WCLH.

Tobino and Walton host a show together ("on Tuesday nights, from 9 to 12," Tobino interjected).

"Neither one of us are communications majors," Tobino said. "We're just in it for the fun of it."

Tobino is the Inventory Director and Assistant Music Director for WCLH. As Inventory Director, he said, he "handles the

6,000 albums we have."

He just became involved with the station after last summer. "Over the summer I had a chance to visit a college radio station," Tobino said, adding that it "seemed as if it would be interesting to do."

Walton, WCLH's Assistant Production Director, chooses what programs make it on the air. "I was a disc jockey during his junior year, and decided he 'wanted to be more involved' with the station this year."

Both Tobino and Walton said that the birthday party was a great idea.

Walton added, "I hope they'll do it again in five years when it's their twentieth anniversary so we can come back."

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by Elizabeth Mazzullo

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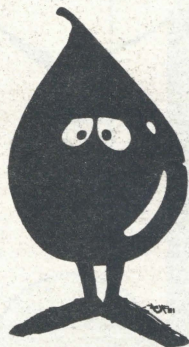
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"I think the Freshman Symposium sounds like a good idea," Sedor added. "It's a good idea. I think all freshmen will know to use the library and research paper."

Andy Morrell, a communications major, also felt the Symposium was an "excellent idea." "I've seen it work at universities like Pitt," he said, "gives the freshmen a definition of the purpose of the College."

STAND OUT IN A CROWD--

Give Blood!



Today is Blood Donor Day at the Wilkes Gym between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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and Sister Sienna Finley, Associate Professor, College of Nursing. Coordinator for the course is Dr. Friedman, Vice-President of the Service Association and President and board member, Wilkes College. Nurse/Home Health Services, 283-0681.

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What are these pieces of machinery, and what are they doing sitting outside a side entrance to the Learning Center? This equipment has been there since the end of last semester, and several passers-by have wondered what its purpose is. Just curious....

Beacon surveys opinions about proposed core

by Elizabeth Mazzullo

With the open meetings set up to give students and faculty a chance to voice their opinions about the proposed core model planned for next year, *The Beacon* conducted an opinion survey this week among Wilkes students and faculty members.

Opinions about the proposed core were varied. John Sedor, an accounting major, said, "What I've been used to at Wilkes is the bare minimum one should have. The core I went through wouldn't hurt me."

"I think the Freshman Symposium sounds like a nice idea," Sedor added. "It's nice to see the library and research a little more."

Andy Morrell, a communications major, also felt that the Symposium was an "excellent" idea. "I've seen it work at major universities like Pitt," he said. "It gives the freshmen a definite sense of purpose of the College."

But, Morrell said, "I'm not sure I agree with the idea of lowering the distribution requirements. The reduction of the distribution requirements will definitely narrow the scope of the 'liberal arts' degree."

Dean of the School of Business and Economics Theodore Engel is "happy with the direction the core is heading."

"I think it's still in a state of flux," Engel said, but he added he feels that the proposed core model "will provide people in our area with what they need."

Berenice D'Vorzon, Associate Professor of Art, said she sees "both good and bad" in the proposed model.

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D'Vorzon also noted, "As an old liberal arts product, I feel very strongly about both the core and interdisciplinary courses."

But Christine Patterson, a

graduate student in education, finds the proposed core "terrible." She said, "We need to take all the humanities courses we can. I would prefer seeing more emphasis on humanities than on foreign languages."

"The common experience course is very nice," Patterson said, "but I don't think you should take time away from the humanities."

Although he noted that he missed the last faculty retreat held about the core, Dr. Richard Sours, Chairman of the Mathematics/Computer Science Department, feels that the proposed core "goes counter to a couple of national trends." These trends, he said, "seem to be asking students to take more quantitative classes," such as classes in mathematics or computer science.

And when questioned about her feelings on the proposed core, communications major Jennifer Douglas asked a question rather than answering. "We're priding ourselves on being a liberal arts college," she said. "Why are they changing it?"

Attention Nursing Majors:

The Nurse Recruiter, Ms. Perrini, from Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, will be speaking today from 2-4 p.m. in SLC Room 101.

She will speak on preparing for an interview.

This discussion was rescheduled from last Thursday.

Wilkes to offer free tax help

If you are concerned about preparing your 1986 income tax return, especially in the light of the new tax laws, and don't know where to turn, help is on the way.

The Wilkes College School of Business and Economics will offer free tax assistance to qualifying local taxpayers.

Students participating in the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) program will help elderly, low-income, and handicapped individuals prepare their income taxes at sessions scheduled each Saturday through April 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bedford Hall.

The VITA program, now in its third year at Wilkes, is coordinated by Cynthia Chisarick, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics. She explained the reason for the College's continued involvement with the program, "For many people, completing an

income tax return is a very difficult task, especially for those who cannot afford professional assistance. It is these people who make the VITA effort worthwhile. We feel that we are performing an important service, and our feeling is proven by the fact that increasing numbers of people are seeking us out each year."

The VITA program is open to low-income, elderly, and handicapped individuals who would like technical assistance and advice. Serving as VITA personnel for the program are students of the School of Business and Economics who have qualified by completing advanced tax courses at the College.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service are asked to bring their W-2 forms, 1099 forms if applicable, and copies of last year's tax returns with them to any of the sessions.

Information offered on engineering careers

Students interested in pursuing careers in Engineering will have a special opportunity to explore career goals and ways to attain them on Monday, February 23, at Wilkes College. On that day, the Wilkes Office of Part Time, Evening, and Weekend College will remain open for extended hours, from 4 to 9 p.m. for guidance and information on careers in Engineering. Sessions will be held in Sturdevant Hall, 129 South River Street.

Barbara King, Director of Part Time, Evening, and Weekend College at Wilkes, will conduct the career counseling session. She will advise all interested students on programs, faculty, facilities, and curriculum available at the Wilkes College School of Engineering and Physical Sciences. In addition, informational materials on Engineering career preparation will be available. All services are free of charge.

Klemow represents Wilkes at Sigma Xi meeting

Dr. Kenneth Klemow, Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Wilkes College, recently returned from the annual meeting of Sigma Xi, the international scientific research society. The three-day meeting, held in Washington, D.C., marked the 100th anniversary of Sigma Xi. Klemow attended as one of 350 delegates representing local clubs and chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Klemow represented the Wilkes College chapter of Sigma Xi, a thirty-member group where he serves as president-elect. Internationally, Sigma Xi has a membership comprised of over 100,000 scientists, physicians, engineers, and mathematicians.

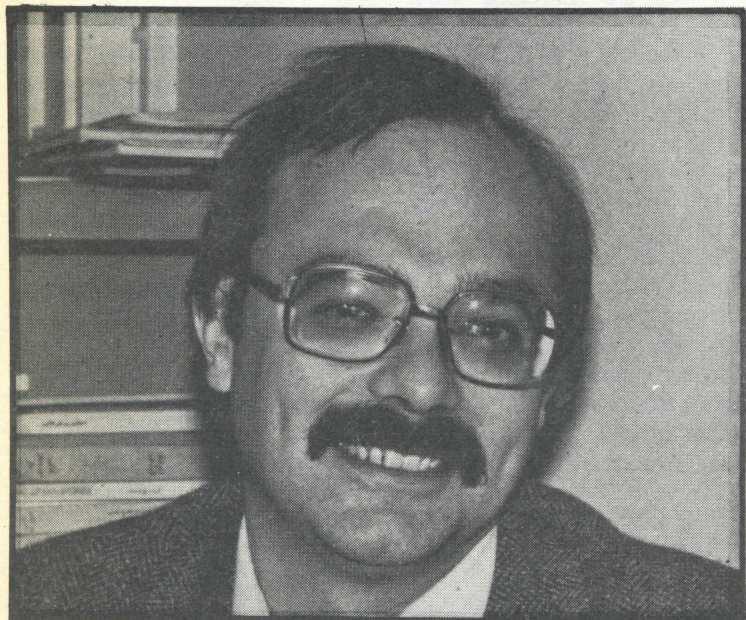
The centennial meeting addressed the theme, "A New Agenda for Science," and featured presentations by internationally prominent scientists, educators, and technologists. As a result of issues raised by these speakers and the

membership, Klemow has prepared a six-page report that summarized the meeting. He has distributed this report among local scientists and science and mathematics teachers in high schools and colleges throughout Luzerne County.

A slightly different version of this report has been accepted for publication in the June issue of the *Ecological Society of America Bulletin*.

The report contains information that, according to Klemow, "will make local scientists and educators more aware of the concerns of scientists nationwide. In Luzerne County, we are blessed with an active group of scientists and educators who can play a significant role in solving many problems that exist locally and throughout the United States. Before solving these problems, however, scientists and non-scientists must be made aware that the problems do exist."

Tutwiler earns Ph.D



by Kim Klimek

Recently a member of the Wilkes College Sociology Department received his Ph.D. in Anthropology. Dr. Richard Tutwiler is the first certified anthropologist on the faculty at Wilkes College. *The Beacon* recently had a chance to talk to Dr. Tutwiler and get some information on his accomplishment.

Who's that Anthropology professor at who just recieved his Doctorate degree?

If you guessed correctly--his name is Dr. Richard N. Tutwiler. Dr. Tutwiler recieved his Ph. D in Cultural Anthropology on Friday, February 6, from the State University of New York in Binghamton.

What exactly is anthropology?--According to Webster's Dictionary, anthropology is the study of man, including all aspects of his evolution--both physical and social. Professor Tutwiler also describes it as "understanding human social behavior and cognition."

Why would anyone pursue anthropology as a career? "I'm interested in people and other cultures," says Tutwiler. When Tutwiler was an undergraduate at Macalester between 1970-1972, he enrolled in an overseas study program at the American University of Cairo in Egypt.

It was at this time that he became very interested in the countries of the Middle East. He chose to do his study there because he liked the people, the climate and the historical aura of the region. Tutwiler said that history "is just staring you in the face there."

After graduating from college, he traveled to many countries in the Middle East and lived in Yeman Arab Republic for four years while doing his dissertation research. Tutwiler's dissertation is on social class formation. He has also worked on development projects such as regional planning, domestic water supplies, and agricultural projects.

What does Tutwiler recommend to students thinking of pursuing their Ph. D and how does he thiks Wilkes can help them prepare?--He says "You shouldn't go after something unless you're really interested in the subject."

Tutwiler said he likes Wilkes because "It's a small liberal arts school and it gives students a good background in a variety of subjects." He said that there is close interaction between teachers and students, an aspect that may be lost at larger schools. For example, many students watch videotapes of lectures and never meet their professors. Another reason he likes Wilkes is because of the international emphasis placed on education.

What about studying abroad? Tutwiler said that in this past year, Wilkes developed a study abroad program. About six people have applied and are planning to go abroad next year.

In addition to being an anthropologist and the Study Abroad Program Coorinator, Tutwiler is also the International Studies advisor. He is leaving February 27th for a short trip to Europe. Afterwards, he will be Visiting Professor of Anthropology at the University of Utah until the fall, when he returns to Wilkes.

Words

How much should I leave?

by John Cusatis

I bought an interesting item this week at Walden's Bookstore--a 15 percent tip table. It's a small card designed to assist diners in leaving a tip that meets the rigid standard of propriety. If the diner's bill is \$2.00, for instance, he consults the card and drops 30 cents on the counter, and so it goes.

I paid 79 cents for this indispensable God-send and then I tipped the manager 15 cents. She fussed a little and informed me that you don't tip bookstore workers; nor do you tip bar owners or hair dressers who own their own shops. I added this information as an appendix to my new gratuity gauge.

Doesn't imposing such criteria render the gratuity somewhat less gratuitous? Tipping becomes a mathematical assessment, and generosity is replaced by judgement--was she *worth* the full 15 percent? I've already caught myself dumping a pile of change on a counter and then pulling back a few dimes because my bill was very small.

Man is conditioned to fear being ripped off. This is a restrictive paranoia that should be overcome. Consider the relative value of those few dimes. My

money is worth far less in the Holiday Inn than in Chick's Place. Yet, consequently, I'm required to leave a bigger tip at the Holiday Inn. It's a shame, too, because Chick is such a nice guy.

The French philosopher, Jean-Paul Sartre proposed that life itself is gratuitous, and any decision based on an externally imposed value scale is a restriction of one's freedom. In other words, life is not something we order from the Sear's Wish Book. It is more of a gift that arrives without instructions. But try to tell that to the old guy at Franklin's who didn't get cole slaw with his Alpiners.

A waitress and bartender serve as facilitators, and this is the reason we tip them. If they are friendly and accessible, they deserve a bigger tip. Incompetance should not be mistaken for malice. But you may want to be less generous if your waitress is miserable. A pleasant waitress deserves a good tip even for a cup of coffee--tip tables aside.

Woody Guthrie told of Pretty Boy Floyd, who after begging a meal, left a thousand dollar bill under his napkin. Pretty Boy understood the relative value of money and the function of gratuity.

The Manuscript Society
is accepting submissions of poetry, prose, and artwork for possible publication in Manuscript, the annual Wilkes college literary/art magazine.
Submissions can be dropped off at our office, 3rd floor of the Student Center.
For more information, call ext. 319.
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Comedy Laff-off a Valentine treat

by Lee Morrell

The Programming Board bestowed a Valentine's Day audience with a rare treat this weekend. It is not often that Wilkes gets to see a true stand-up comedian. At the *Great American Laff-off* on Saturday, a Wilkes audience got to see not one, but two stand-ups. Bill Rutkuski was the opening act for globetrotting funnyman Billiam (that's right Billiam with a B) Coronell.

For an opening act Rutkuski's material was very funny. He had many humorous routines, including ones dealing with religion, horror movies, and alcohol. For instance, he questioned the importance of horror movies. Human beings are

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The Pennsylvania Omicron
Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the
National Forensic Society, in
conjunction with the Pennsylvania
Chapters of the Women's Christian
Temperance Union are sponsoring a
campus-wide oratory contest. The
topic is "The Abuse of Alcohol,"
and the contest is open to all
undergraduate students at Wilkes
College.

In this day and age, there is an
increasing amount of drinking
among youth, as well as adults, and
many problems are created by this
social evil. To bring attention to
these problems, the public speakers
of Wilkes College, as a community
service, have agreed to sponsor this
oratorical contest.

Interested participants should

put their original speeches on audio
tape. These tapes will be presented
to a committee of faculty and
community leaders. The members
of the committee will act as critic
judges. Cash prizes will be awarded
to the top three winners. The first
place winner will also be asked to
compete in the state competition
for additional cash awards.

The deadline for submission of
a taped speech is noon on Tuesday,
March 3. The contest headquarters
are located in Capin Hall, room 34.
Further information and audio tapes
can be obtained from Dr. Bradford
Kinney or any member of Pi Kappa
Delta. There is no entry fee and all
students are encouraged to partici-
pate.

A different perspective

Cramming as an art form

by Ann Calkins

Women are "crammers." Did you know that? YEP!! We can cram
anything and everything into the time that we have available. Imagine
time being the contents of a suitcase--it would take ten women to sit on
the suitcase to get it closed, struggling hard to close the locks. Once
closed, it would strain at the seams threatening to burst, flinging the
contents all over.

When I first heard the phrase "crammed," I, along with 230 other
women nodded our heads and laughed as we agreed with Carol Price,
presenter of "Power Communication Skills for Women." She, too, was
a crammer of the first degree. I know many women who cram and I
probably should use one of them as an example. However, since I
consider myself an excellent crammer, I will give all of you a lesson in
what "cramming" really means.

My day starts at 6:45 a.m. and usually ends at 12:30 a.m. the next
day, sometimes even later (or earlier depending on how you look at it).
The normal routine in the morning includes chasing my three cats
around the apartment, trying to herd them down into the basement.
They tend to chase each other up the drapes and across the furniture with
little regard for my prized possessions if allowed to languish upstairs in
my absence. They always know when it is time for me to leave no
matter how sneaky I am about the whole thing, and they will take off in
different directions.

Fifteen minutes later with a fair amount of cat hair on my clothes,
they are captured and the basement door closed. Luckily, a few quick
moments with the most marvelous invention--a clothes brush made
from sticky paper--gets rid of the cat hair. Then it's off to work until
4:30 p.m. On my lunch hour, I take care of errands--going to the bank,
to the shoe repair shop, paying bills, and shopping (my favorite
pastime). Sometimes I even eat lunch!

After work I go to swim and work out! And no, I'm not crazy--I
love exercise. Two nights a week I have a night class, three nights a
week I work part-time, usually getting home after midnight. One day a
week I squeeze skiing (during the winter) and horseback riding (in the
summertime) into my busy schedule. There is time for a class,
newspaper articles, and a newsletter for the Non-traditional students once
a month. I also visit with my children, belong to the "Women's
Network of Wyoming Valley," and the Sociology Club on campus.
Studying for class is a must too and I clean my apartment, do laundry,
cook meals and water my plants.

Somehow I discovered that a corner in my "suitcase" was empty--
good golly--what can I stuff in there? Ah, just the thing--some
alterations need doing. Oh, my, what have we here? Someone needs to
have a wedding gown made--just the ticket for that empty space! Have I
forgotten anything? I hope not, after reviewing the list above, I'm
exhausted and need a vacation. That's another story! Oh, by the way,
did I mention that I'm getting a puppy? No, I'm not kidding. I really
am getting one. You see, I like to walk, too, and I need company!

Leo--one great weekend!

Aries--What is the matter with you? Your
strange change in personality has been making
those around you uncomfortable. Lighten up or
people are going to think you have been taking
certain illegal foreign substances into your body.

Taurus--What a crank you have been the past
few weeks! You have been wounding those
close to you with your sharp words.

Gemini--Stop thinking that the world has
deserted you! Feeling sorry for yourself will not
help you get through your problems--sheer
strength and willpower will! Someday you'll look
back on all of this and laugh.

Cancer--You will find the man or woman of
your dreams in the place you'd least expect.
Keep your eyes and mind open and you'll be
quite surprised at the results!

Leo--This is going to be one hell of a weekend.
Not only will you have more fun than you've had
in a long time, academic success is also in the
cards for you when you return from break.

Virgo--A trip that takes you away from home will
prove to be just what you need to get your life
back on track. New experiences will teach you
more than you could ever learn at Wilkes.

Libra--Lock the doors, close all the windows,
and hide in the basement. There could be some
trouble for you in the near future. Remain calm
and things should work out fine. Blow your
stack, though, and you're in for it!

Scorpio--This week has been sheer hell. Sit
back, relax, and be glad that you came through it
with flying colors. Next week, blow off some
classes and give yourself a much-needed break.

Sagittarius--A friend will be solving all of his or
her problems soon, thanks to you. Maybe you
should scrap all your future plans and take up a
career in psychology. How about it?

Capricorn--Now that your social and romantic
life is picking up, caution is crucial. Try to keep
your mind on your studies, regardless of how
hard it may be.

Aquarius--Get a real job! We've heard all the
excuses--too much homework, not enough time--
but taking on a little more responsibility is
necessary.

Pisces--Go out and actively look for a new mate
this weekend. You need a change and a change
in partners will be just the thing for a lagging
ego.

The video boom
"We have VHS and Beta!"

by Bill Conway

Lately, the country has been saturated with video sales and rentals. Everywhere you look someone is renting pre-recorded movies. It has reached the point where you can't escape a movie rental outlet.

Just last week when I was purchasing some aspirin at a local drug store, the clerk behind the counter asked me if I was interested in joining the store's video club.

If that wasn't enough, while browsing through the aisles of my favorite supermarket, I was shocked to see a video rental display right next to the fresh fruit. Supermarkets and drug stores are not the only places bitten by the video bug; it's happened in department stores, corner stores, and even clothing stores. One day I'm afraid I'll wake up and the day will go something like this.

It's two-thirty and time to head out for my annual check-up at the dentist's. Arriving at the dentist's office, I'm hesitant about walking into the waiting room. I first notice all the somber faces of the worried patients and sudden anxiety hits my body like a hunk of Jell-O hitting a cold linoleum floor.

I move to find a seat and decide to sit myself down next to an old lady who came to get her dentures adjusted, or so she tells me. Nervously, I leaf through the pages of *People* magazine and *Bicupid Annual*. My thoughts are not on the pages, but on what horror is awaiting me in the dentist's chair. It is then that I notice a sign above the door to the office it reads, "WE HAVE VHS AND BETA." Thinking nothing of it, I proceed to read. "Mr. Conway, you're next," awakens me from my intent reading of *Boy's Life*. It is then I know my time has come.

Sitting in the chair and awaiting the clammy touch of the dentist, I again notice another sign that reads, "VHS AND BETA." The dentist looks into my mouth and much to my surprise says, "Well, Bill, I don't see any problems. I recommend only a cleaning."

Thankfully, making an appointment for my cleaning is all I have left to do. While the receptionist is filling out my appointment card, another girl hands me a coupon. I ask her what it is for and she tells me that I am entitled to a free movie rental, either VHS or

Beta.

She goes on to say with the recent fluoridation of the water the dentist was having a hard time making ends meet so he decided to rent movies. I look over the coupon and notice that for a cleaning you would receive a free rental of *Jaws* and for a regular check-up, a documentary, narrated by Robin Leach, entitled *Your Incisors and You*. He's out of his mind, I think, and run out of the office.

I proceed to the parking lot, jump into my car and drive off. Halfway home, I notice that my gas tank is a little on the empty side, so I pull into the friendly neighborhood gas station. The attendant comes over and asks if I would like to rent a movie from their VHS catalog. Angrily I reply, "No, all I want is some gas!"

While waiting for my tank to fill, I notice a small church across the street that has a sign hanging above the doors. Squinting to read it, I was horror stricken. There in red letters was "VHS ONLY, ALL RATINGS." I ask the gas station attendant if that was serious. He says, "Yes, and today's special is three sins or less gets you a free copy of *The Ten Commandments*."

Questions from a pretty puzzled guy



by Lee Morrell

You know, there are some things in this world that downright puzzle me. Modern technology can put a man on the moon, but I doubt that it will ever be able to solve these enigmas in my lifetime.

First of all, did you ever notice that when you watch a VCR somewhere besides your own home, whoever is showing the film does not set the clock. After about half the movie, it gets a little annoying watching that clock flash 12:00 a.m. constantly.

Another thing that puzzles me-- why does Channel 28 (WBRE) still show *The Ted Knight Show*? I understand that Ted Knight is dead and that we should show a little respect for him, but this show is terrible. It is not funny. It is corny, stupid, and absolutely fake. Let's be real, how can a man Henry Rush's age father a baby? And whatever happened to his daughters? I suggest the writers kill Munro and bring back the daughters--preferably the blonde one.

Another puzzler is All-Star games. Now don't get me wrong, I

love sports as much as, if not more than, most people. Showboating an athlete's ability in a game match, though, is almost as bad as professional wrestling. The worst was the "NBA All-Star Weekend." It kicked off Saturday with the "American Airlines-Sheraton Shootout," and the "General Slam Dunk Contest," both televised on WTBS. The pièce-de-resistance was WTBS's "Slam-dunk Slam cam." I like sports showcase, not showboat!

Finally, there are scientific puzzlers. First, why does the sky always look blue from outside, no matter what is on the screen? Why blue? Why not mauve? Also, why, no matter how tight you replace the top, does a two-liter bottle of soda always lose its fizz almost immediately? Lastly, why is it that regardless of where in the room you place it, you can always hear the annoying ticking of your watch when you're trying to sleep?

These are just a few observations on life from a pretty puzzled guy. If anyone out there can explain these things please let me know. The answers have evaded me.

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Jim--
I heard you have no morsels so you had to make peanut butter cookies! When did you bake them-- SATURDAY NIGHT?

Guido--
Feeling mad? That makes me sad! It won't be bad--if you get a new roommate. Talk to me!
Love you--A

My Psych 232 Buddy--
Do you really judge your men by their underwear? Tell me, does it work?

Strictly personality
Joe--
So... where is the BEEF? I've heard of pick-ups in the Woods, but come one!!

Punkin' (aka Jim)--
Are you sure mom's the only one who calls you that? (hee, hee!) I have heard worse nicknames for you!

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WCLH adds news team

Every radio station needs a news team, and now WCLH has one, too! Each weekday at 12:00 noon, WCLH will be airing the latest in world, state, and local news, as well as the complete weather report and special features.

The actual newscast will last fifteen minutes and will be entirely student produced. The news director is Chris Bolcarovic who is also the station's general manager. Members of the news team include Jim Evelock, Rebecca Dymond, and Kim Cooper.

If you would like to get in on the news action at WCLH, contact Chris Bolcarovic at ext. 249 or 825-7663. Yes, even YOU can become a member of the WCLH news team!

Above all, remember to tune in to New Music 91 every weekday at 12:00 noon and keep up to date with the world. Beat the odds! Don't let yourself fall into the category of uninformed college students. Turn to 90.7 on your FM dial and be a part of that world out there!

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AIR FORCE

Drug

by Laura Kelley

Whew! It's finally THURSDAY. Hang in there, everyone, it's Friday. I'm sure it would be assumed that by tomorrow everyone around campus will be to relax a little and enjoy the weekend. After all, doesn't a college student in America deserve a break from their weekly routine of the grind of studying?

How does the average student plan to spend this weekend? Maybe he'll go out with a few friends, either on campus. There may even be parties this weekend. Sounds like a plan, huh?

Hold it, let's not forget about alcohol. Go ahead, enjoy yourself. Have a few drinks or maybe experiment with a drug. You've always been curious about it, right? After all, there's nothing wrong with having a little fun, right? Well, the fact is there is nothing wrong at all unless fun goes too far. It's right to be sociable but it's entirely different matter when you start to depend on drugs or alcohol to have a good time.

I'm sure that no one realizes what a large problem drug abuse can be on our campus. Three of the largest drug related problems on campuses throughout the nation are marijuana use, cocaine use, and alcohol consumption.

According to statistics, 10% of users of marijuana in high schools do not even get to college because of a natural self-selection process related to poor academic performance and the loss of motivation. Of students attending college, over 5% are marijuana smokers.

The second area of rampant drug abuse is cocaine. Cocaine is

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Drug abuse plagues campuses

by Laura Kelley

Whew! It's finally Thursday. In there, everyone, it's almost Friday. I'm sure it would be safe to assume that by tomorrow nearly everyone around campus will want to relax a little and enjoy their weekend. After all, doesn't every college student in America deserve a break from their weekly routine and grind of studying?

How does the average Wilkes student plan to spend this long weekend? Maybe he'll go out with his friends, either on or off campus. There may even be a few parties this weekend. Sounds good, right?

Hold it, let's not forget the drug problem. Go ahead, enjoy yourself! Have a few drinks or maybe even experiment with a drug you've always been curious about. It feels good, doesn't it? After all, there is something wrong with having a good time, right? Well, the fact is that there is nothing wrong at all--fun goes too far. It is all right to be sociable but it is an entirely different matter when you start to depend on drugs or alcohol to have a good time.

I'm sure that no one realizes that a large problem drug abuse exists on our campus. Three of the most drug related problems on campus throughout the nation are marijuana use, cocaine use, and alcohol consumption.

According to statistics, daily use of marijuana in high school has even gotten to college because of the natural self-selection process based on poor academic performance and the loss of self-motivation. Of students attending college, over 5% are daily marijuana smokers.

The second area of rampant drug use is cocaine. Cocaine has



literally become an epidemic. It is no longer considered the "rich man's habit." It can be found on nearly every college campus.

The third type of abuse is the most widespread, and the one least thought of as a threat. Alcohol is the drug most abused on campuses throughout the nation. In the average student's mind, however, alcohol is not a drug. It is just something that you use to have a good time. It is a drug, however, and has all of the dangers of any other drug. This problem is most evident right here on the Wilkes College Campus and can be clearly seen by taking a walk through any given dorm on a Saturday night.

Why do people turn to these drugs? There are a variety of reasons ranging from using drugs in a social sense--to have a good time--to using drugs to alleviate problems. Naturally when drugs become a crutch the situation is at a danger point.

Many times drugs are used to "be cool," because of peer pressure, because someone is dissatisfied with family or personal relationships, or even to alleviate the sting of academic failure. Even experimentation is a valid reason for using drugs.

According to Mark Sowcik of Campus Counselling Services, people begin to abuse drugs when they are used in a social setting. For example, people may have a few drinks or a little cocaine before going to a party to get in a good mood. After a prolonged period of time, that person may get to depend on those few drinks or that snort to function. This is one of the first signs of serious addiction.

Each type of drug produces a different effect--a different "high" that contributes to their addictive nature. Cocaine stimulates the brain's "reward centers" and provides a euphoric feeling that a user will want to reproduce over and over

again.

When someone becomes addicted to this drug, all other functions of daily life, such as relationships and academic achievements, become secondary. This distortion of priorities is what makes cocaine so potentially damaging. According to the Mental Health Newsletter, "taking cocaine stimulates taking more cocaine."

Alcohol's addictive properties stem from its ability to produce a tolerance, so that increasing amounts of the drug are needed to produce the same effects. This addiction may lead to physiological withdrawal which is characterized by tremors and convulsions when that drug is taken away.

Marijuana's addictive properties emerge because when people use this drug they become relaxed, have increased perception, sociability, and an altered state of consciousness.

Along with the "pleasant" effect of these drugs come physical problems that make prolonged use of them quite dangerous. Alcohol, for instance, is extremely toxic to the stomach, liver, brain, pancreas, and other vital organs. Marijuana has toxic effects on the lungs and causes hormonal changes.

Cocaine use may cause epileptic seizures, heart attacks, irregular heart beats, stroke, and even death. After a prolonged period of time, cocaine produces a "binding" effect on the brain. The binding effect is an increased sensitivity to the drug following repeated use. This produces a greater high from a smaller quantity of the drug. This can eventually lead to highly distorted perceptions and paranoia.

The psychological effects are even more damaging. Young adulthood is a time of learning to deal with life's difficulties and working through the normal stages of life. If coping mechanisms are not acquired and a method of managing stress is not developed, a real problem has the potential to begin.

Long periods of intoxication with any drug will produce an inability to learn that may never be made up.

Yes, drugs produce a positive and confident feeling for a while, but it is followed by a more intense letdown. Drugs may postpone problems, but they do not make the problems disappear. So, the next time you decide to "have a good time,"--before you take that next drink, do that next

line, or light up that next joint--stop and take a look at the rationale behind your actions.

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Rudolf, Eline featured in coffeehouse

by Lorri Steinbacher

Yes, folks, that's right, yet another show has been arranged for your enjoyment. This time, it is another installment of the No RSVP Coffeehouse Series. Featured in this installment, on Friday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m., is performer Dave Rudolf.

Rudolf has opened for such notable acts as Cheech and Chong, Little River Band, and Sha Na Na. He has also played at festivals, parks, and showcase clubs. He has released five albums and has two more due to be released.

His show mixes a variety of music--from serious ballads to humorous tunes--and sharp one liners to complement a unique interaction with his audience. He is able to effectively cover serious music, yet is still able to pull off a laugh with his funny little ditties.

Perhaps what will distinguish this show from past coffeehouses is that the main act will have an opening act to warm-up the audience. This is not just any opening act, however. Jeff Eline, a student here at Wilkes College, will be priming the audience for the evening of intense fun and music with Dave Rudolf.

Not only will this performance give the audience a chance to see a first-class performer in action; it will provide the audience with a glimpse of the talent present right here on its own campus. This is the last coffeehouse of this semester so come on out and make it the best one!

Candidates descend on campuses nationwide

(CPS) -- Jesse Jackson just spoke at Stanford. This month, Mario Cuomo is lecturing at Tulane and, after scheduling an appearance at Duke, shamed Gary Hart into keeping a date there, too. Hart, meanwhile, is teaching at Florida. Bob Dole last week spoke at Oklahoma. Jack Kemp has been lecturing frequently at colleges during the last two years.

Real and imagined presidential aspirants, in short, are showing up on campuses with increased regularity now as they scramble to attract students to work on their 1988 campaigns.

And so far, various observers say, the Republicans are doing much better at it.

"There is no better group (than college students) to involve in elections," says Dave Minor, national chairman of the College Republicans and a senior at Campbell University in North Carolina.

"We can supply so much energy to a candidate's campaign," adds Minor, who worked with Campaign Management, a consulting firm that ran Ronald Reagan's 1984 campaign in North Carolina. "Students work long and hard hours."

They also usually work for free.

Getting good volunteer help can make or break campaigns in some areas. "We will need door-to-door campaigning," notes Mark Berry of Kemp's exploratory committee in Washington, D.C. "A campaign is pretty labor-intensive."

Seven candidates thus far have asked the College Republican National Committee -- an official Republican Party arm -- to help organize fundraisers.

Kemp, a congressman from New York, has used the group most often. Most recently, he had the Southern Cal College Republicans host a Los Angeles fundraiser for him.

To date, national spokesman David Hirschmann says, the College Republicans -- which like the Young Democrats doesn't favor

any of the party contenders during the nomination process -- has raised money for Kemp, Alexander Haig, evangelist Pat Robertson, Bob Dole and George Bush.

In contrast to the College Republicans' 980 "active chapters," the Young Democrats have been relatively invisible thus far in the campaign.

"They just have more money," explains Young Democrats President Marie Prezioso, whose group, she adds, gets by on about \$12,500 a year.

The Republicans National Committee, though, gives \$200,000 a year to its youth groups, reports College Republicans Executive Director Dennis Kilcoyne.

With the money, the College Republicans do things like hold "three-day weekend training courses for young political leaders," Herschmann says, teaching them "how to recruit and maintain membership, how to handle press relations and the issues. They need to target, identify, register (voters) and provide absentee ballots."

Kilcoyne says he's always heard "campus Dems moaning and groaning about how they get no support from their party." Their national group "doesn't even have its own office space, and they have to share a computer."

"We get much more respect (from senior party members) here," says Kilcoyne. "We've proved our worth."

Democratic candidates, in fact, are not only ignoring the Young Dems, they're barely approaching any kind of student groups for support.

Although Hart and Cuomo have made frequent campus stops, only Jackson's Rainbow Coalition -- which generated Kennedy-like excitement on Southern campuses in 1984 -- admits to making a concerted effort to attract student support and volunteers.

Jackson, says aid Craig Kirby, plans to speak at "about 20 more colleges and universities" in the coming months. Moreover, the Rainbow Coalition is trying to

establish ties to campus anti-apartheid, nuclear freeze and anti-drug groups.

A Cuomo spokesman, however, says the New York governor isn't making any formal campus contacts, and won't unless he officially declares his candidacy.

And though Hart has stopped at scores of campuses during the last four years, Dave Purdy, his campaign's volunteer coordinator, disdains mounting any concerted hunt for help among students.

"We haven't had the need to and don't foresee ever having to go to campuses and recruit," he says.

On the other hand, Berry of Kemp's campaign reports "we're doing more recruiting on campuses, not necessarily College Republicans. College Republicans will be our entre, but not our only source (of support and recruits). We also draw from Christian organizations, things along that line."

Still, the Democrats are operating on campuses.

Despite Purdy's denial, a spokeswoman at Hart's newly opened headquarters in Denver says her campaign sent recruiting letters to political science departments at area colleges, and netted 10 volunteers.

"We're in constant touch with Gary Hart's office in Denver," adds Jeff Stephens of the Young Democrats chapter in nearby Boulder. "And we have a Students with Hart organization already set up. We'll get him up here once or twice this semester."

He figures his party's candidates will accelerate their campus efforts as the campaign heats up. "People get sick of too much early contact," he points out.

Stephens thinks the national Young Democrats organization may even revive as the election approaches, especially if it can shake an "interest in procedural matters and the trivial" that prompted Stephens to divorce his chapter from the national group in 1986.

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5. The SmithsThe Big Mouth Strikes Again
6. Iggy PopReal Wild Child
7. Eric ClaptonIt's In The Way That You Use It
8. Bob GeldofThis Is The World Calling
9. HousemartinsHappy Hour
10. Steve Miller Band ...Make The World Turn Around
11. U2
12. Howard Jones.You Know I Love You...Don't You?
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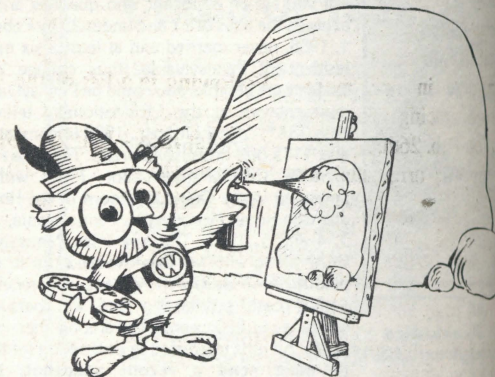
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Men

by John Kepics

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-In the battle of the winless, The Gobots and the

Attention:

All Female Athletes!! There is still time to become a member of the 1987 Lady Colonel softball team. Players are needed. If you are interested, or if you think you might be, come to a practice. We are currently working out Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m..

Be a part of the action!!

Hartdagen

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other schools in search of another administrative position. The second is that he will take a sabbatical, which he has never had, and return to teaching, perhaps at Wilkes. Hartdagen said he saw a return to teaching as an "attractive option."

According to President Breiseth, a national search will be conducted to locate a new vice-president for Academic Affairs.

"We may have to have an acting person this summer," Breiseth added.

at EDU



Men lose to Scranton

by John Kepics

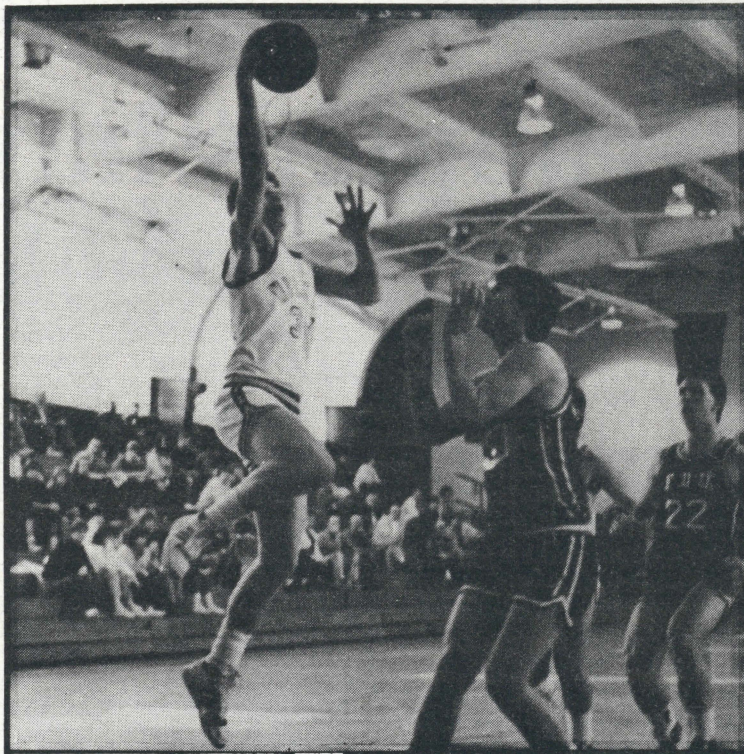
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Above is Colonel Jeff Steeber

overtake the always pesky Royals.

In the scoring department, Wilkes was led by Marc Graves with 25 points. Next was Shawn Miller with 13; Jim Nolan, 10; and Jeff Steeber, 10.

On Saturday, at home in the Wilkes gym, the Colonels came out on top in a high scoring contest against MAC foe, FDU-Madison by a 100-96 score.

Senior Shawn Miller, playing in his last home game, pumped in a career high 35 points to pace the Colonels. Miller also added 10 assists and 6 rebounds. Jim Nolan and Jeff Steeber each chipped in 22 points.

Coach Rainey and his squad have two games remaining on their schedule this season. Next Wednesday they will face the Cougars of College Misericordia. Next Saturday, the men will travel to Juniata for their last game of the season.

Bowling Club

This week's bowling results are in and the Grim Reapers and Hakky Pakk are each leading their divisions with 10-2 records.

Len Witczak was the top bowler among the men, while Joyce Dait gained top honors for the ladies.

The complete results are as follows;

DIVISION A

Grim Reapers	10-2
Four Horsemen	9-3
Return of the Boneheads	8-4
W.A.S.	7-5
Miller Lite All-Stars	7-5
O.M. Tall Boys	7-5
G-Spots	5-7
Team Banzai	4-8
The Underdogs	2-10
Broad St. Bullies	1-11

High games and series are as follows;

DIVISION B

Hakky Pakk	10-2	Len Witczak	264, 617
Melayu	9-3	Tim Wheeler	210, 596
Jerry's Kids	7-5	Tom Walton	205, 562
Rat Pack	7-5	Howie Knorr	204, 537
Lucky Strikes	6-6	Jeff Morton	201
F.M.R.	5-7	Mike Havrilla	200, 536
The Spares	5-7		
O.M. Tall Gals	5-7	Joyce Dait	198, 489
The B&J Super Bowlers	4-8	Crystal Coy	176, 458
Nucleus	2-10	Jill McGuire	175

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Trivia

by Lee S. Morrell

C Heartiest of kudo's to Howie Knorr, this weeks trivia master. He was the first to correctly answer last weeks questions. He correctly stated former Flyer goalie Pelle Lindbergh's pre-Flyer claim to fame was that he was the goalie on the Swedish National team that played in the 1980 Winter Olympics. Incidentally, he was the only goalie not to lose to the U.S. team (he managed a 2-2 tie in their first meeting). The first American team sip champagne from the Stanley Cup was the New York Rangers.

With baseball all over the news; trades, a possible local minor league club, and the Phillies caravan coming to town, this week we will ask some baseball trivia.

QUESTION # 1

Who was the first black player in the American League? (HINT: It wasn't Jackie Robinson.)

QUESTION #2

Which two members of the Oakland A's won the American League MVP award in the 1970's? (HINT: Both were recently resigned by the A's.)

Again, last week's correct answers were in our hands within a few hours after *The Beacon* hit the newsstand, so be here early. "The early bird gets the worm"- Big Bird. In this case we have \$5.00 instead of a worm. Remember, we are on the third floor of the S.U.B. or at ext. 379.

Wilkes competes for Ski Cup



by Jim Pyrah

Not all the Wilkes College sports competition is taking place in the gym this year. Those who favor the thrill of the great outdoors, the wind whistling past their face and gracefully gliding (sometimes) down the face of a mountain now have an all new venue to enjoy at Wilkes College.

The Wilkes College Ski Race team, under the direction of Gay Myers, is now competing for the Eastern College Cup. The team has raced in four races to date and will compete in one more, before racing for the championship on Feb. 26th.

The event was originated by the ski club at East Stroudsburg University. Along with East Stroudsburg and Wilkes, other

schools participating include Montclair and the University of Scranton.

Wilkes is currently in second place in the team standings. The Colonels have 8 team points to Scranton's 9. The first three individual place winners in each race receive medals.

About twenty five men and eight women have been an active

part of the very first ski race team at Wilkes College. Several of these have been very successful. Following is a list of the individual place winners for the Colonels;

1st race - Jan. 29, 1987	Jim Ditosto	3rd overall
	Bob Desaye	6th overall
	Debbie DeCesare	1st overall

Leah Kulikowski 2nd overall
2nd race - Jan. 29, 1987
(make-up race)

Jim Ditosto 3rd overall
Bob Desaye 6th overall

Leah Kulikowski 1st overall
Debbie DeCesare 2nd overall
3rd race - Feb. 5th, 1987
Bob Desaye 4th overall
Jim Ditosto 6th overall
Ed Nowiki 8th overall

Debbie DeCesare 4th overall
4th race - Feb. 12, 1987
Jim Ditosto 3rd overall
Bob Desaye 5th overall
Tom Prinzo 6th overall

The competition is held every Thursday at Montage. Watch *The Beacon* for complete coverage of Wilkes' newest sport.

Thursday night are as follows;
9:15
U.S.A.F. vs. the Jaguars
10:00
S.K.U.M. vs. Victim Boys
10:45
Terminators vs. Puckheads
11:30
Gobots vs. S.F. Bay Bombers

Hurricanes squared off against one another. The Gobots came away with a 3-2 win, their first of the year. The Hurricanes earned their first goal of the year.

Finally, the Puckheads of 391 captured their first win of the season with a 7-3 victory over the Flemsters.

The games scheduled for this

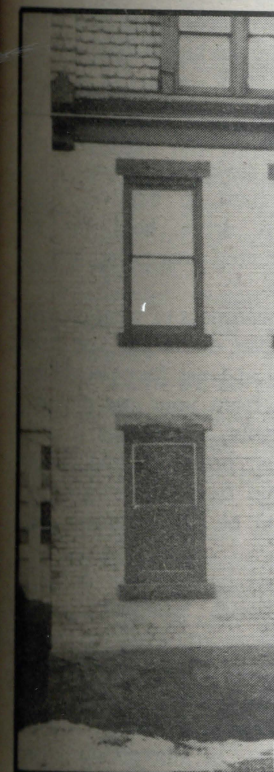
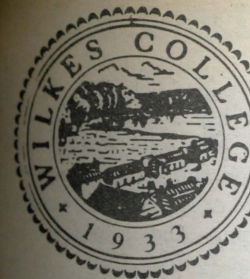
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In other games:

In a rematch of last year's final game, the Low Riders edged back from a 2 goal deficit to a 3-3 tie with last year's champion, the Jaguars.

In the battle of the Gobots and the N.J.



by Elizabeth Mazzullo

Wilkes College dorm house 744 students and "ghosts," or empty spaces. Of these vacancies, the College is closing Slocum Hall renovations and converting Ware Hall into a men's dormitory. A memo sent to residents...

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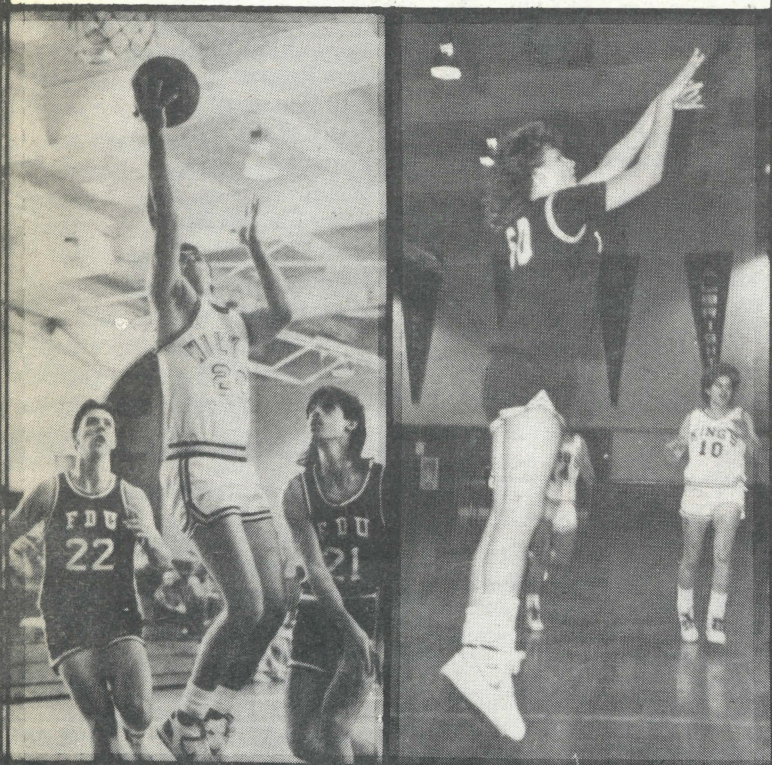
by Kim Klimek

Each semester, many students enroll in Wilkes courses. Not only are they embarking on a stimulating intellectual experience, but they are also on the way to creating a new social life for themselves and their talents and energy they bring with them.

Many students simply don't have the time" when they don't participate in extracurricular activities. It is true that each student has outside interests and projects such as jobs and family projects with him or her.

But, if enough interest is generated, students would...

Colonel of the week



Above left is Shawn Miller, right is Angela Wolfe

Shawn Miller Angela Wolfe

For the second time this year we have selected two Colonels of the Week. This means that two Wilkes College athletes have distinguished themselves in their respective sports. Interestingly enough, we have one who has just played in his last home game and one who is just about finished with her very first college season. So, this week we have a tribute to the completion of one successful career and due recognition to the successful beginning of another.

First, is Shawn Miller, a 6'2 guard on the men's basketball team. Shawn began last week by being the team's second leading scorer against the Royals of the University of Scranton. He tossed in 13 points in that all important contest. They say that some people save their best for last, Shawn Miller is one of those people. In his last home contest, against FDU-Madison, Miller scored a career high 35 points, hauled in 6 rebounds and added 10 assists to lead Wilkes to victory. Shawn Miller is from Mahanoy City, PA and played his high school ball at Mahanoy Area.

Next, we have freshman Angela Wolfe. Angela, a 6'0 center on the women's basketball team, is from Selinsgrove, PA. If Angela's performance on the hardwoods this past season is any indication, we should expect great things from her. This past week, Angela racked up 56 points in three games for the ladies. This includes a 24 point performance against Juniata and a 20 point effort against undefeated Elizabethtown.

Congratulations to two of Wilkes' finest.

Grapplers have winning week

by Jim Pyrah

After suffering two setbacks in last week's quad meet at Army, the Colonel matmen staged a sparkling comeback this week.

Wilkes managed three victories this past week. They outscored their opponents, 126 to 13.

The first win of the week was against the Warriors of Lycoming. Wilkes was flawless in recording a 49-0 shutout.

Brian Bauer started things off with a technical fall over Brian Maw. Maw was 19-3 in dual meet competition going into the match. Andre Miller also contributed a technical fall as he upped his spotless dual meet record.

The Colonels got pins out of Gary Sanchez, Joe Ianuzzi, and hwt. Steve Schannauer. Schannauer

pinned previously unbeaten Mike Gilmore.

In their second win of the week, Wilkes downed Franklin & Marshall, 39-6. Dennis Mejias scored the only pin of the day. Marc Palanchi came up with a technical fall.

Ron Miller continued his win streak with a major decision and Craig Rome followed suit with a major decision of his own.

The Colonels added the final notch of their winning week with a powerful showing against East Stroudsburg. Wilkes came up with their 18th dual meet win of the season with a 38-7 against the Warriors.

Joe Ianuzzi and Marc Palanchi each scored a pin in the winning cause. Craig Rome came through

with a superior decision and Frank Richards had a technical fall.

Wilkes is currently 18-3 in dual meet competition. Three more remain on the grapplers schedule, they will host Hofstra on Saturday, Kutztown next Wednesday and will travel to Cornell to finish their season.

Wilkes has several individuals who will be highly ranked going into the EIWA Championship Tournament at Princeton. Among them are Senior Andre Miller, Junior Dennis Mejias, Sophomore Ron Miller, Junior Craig Rome and Senior Gary Sanchez. The tournament is scheduled to get underway Friday, March 6th. Nationals will begin Tuesday, March 21st.

Watch *The Beacon* for complete results.

Women have ups and downs

by Jim Pyrah

The Wilkes women's basketball team, under the direction of first year mentor Jodi Kest, had their ups and downs this past week. They picked up one win, but lost two games to bring their overall record to 9-12. They are 4-6 in MAC competition.

The ladies opened the week with a frustrating loss to Susquehanna University. Wilkes led at the half, 25-23. The Lady Crusaders poured it on in the second half, however, and downed the Lady Colonels, 65-54.

The Kennedy sisters combined for 27 points in that contest. Melissa the Wilkes attack with 17 while sister Maureen added 10. Center Angela Wolfe had 12 points in the contest.

Wilkes scored their only victory of the week when they played host to Juniata last Saturday. Angela Wolfe took center stage as she poured in 24 points in the win. Maureen Kennedy added 17 and Diana Smith and Melissa Kennedy both chipped in 11.

Elizabethtown continued their chokehold on the Middle Atlantic Conference. They upped their record to a perfect 7-0 with a 83-66 win over Wilkes.

The Colonels recieved another fine performance from Freshman Angela Wolfe. She tossed in 20 points to lead the ladies. Melissa Kennedy added 10 points in the losing effort.

The woman will close out their season tonight at Dickinson College.

Devils build dynasty

by Matt Ryan

On Tuesday night, the defending champion Devils and the Muddy Helmets put their respective 6-0 records on the line against one another in front of a packed Wilkes College gymnasium.

The result, Devils 5, Muddy Helmets 2. Devil Mark Tobino proved himself to be the difference as he contributed a hat trick of goals.

Tobino's three goal effort was aided by Bill Hankin and Matt Ryan. They each had one goal.

Superb goaltending by both Ron DeLay of the Devils and Muddy Helmet Andy Renner kept the fans, as well as the players, on their toes.

Goals for the Muddy Helmets were scored by Gary Fabiano and "Sporty" Dom Bair.

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