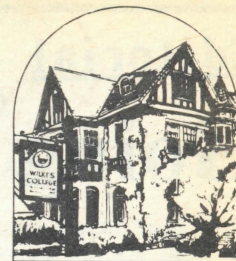




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'Could put the College out of business'

by Cross Shallers

The newly formed Alcohol Task Force met for the first time last Thursday to discuss the role of alcohol at Wilkes College, paying particular attention to the legal issues involved.

"The urgency of the issue is such that we will complete our work by Christmas," said President Christopher Breiseth.

Breiseth referred to the meeting as "a general discussion" and stressed that "it is crucial that this be discussed openly across campus."

According to a letter from Arthur J. Shuman, a lawyer and private consultant to colleges and universities, in 1983 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that "any person who serves a minor alcoholic beverages will be held absolutely liable for any harm that results." And because the act is criminal, "the law forbids reimbursement by insurance carriers for

resulting losses."

Dean Ralston, dean of Student Affairs, said, "The insurance company that carries the College's insurance policy is refusing to renew Wilkes' liability insurance as of January 1. This extends to the members of the Board of Trustees."

Paul Adams, director of Residence Life, said, "If we were to have an unfortunate accident, we would easily be found negligent and the insurance company would not have to insure the College. It could put the College out of business."

"Colleges and universities that either permit the consumption of alcohol by minors or fail to enunciate and enforce a vigorous policy forbidding underage drinking will be deemed to have 'permitted' underage drinking," according to Shuman's letter.

Adams referred to key sentences in the College's published alcohol policy in the Student Handbook. "The College respects the right of individuals who are 21 years

of age who decide to use alcoholic beverages. Individually sponsored functions with limited amounts of alcoholic beverages and a limited number of guests may be permitted in a residence hall provided the rules and guidelines established for these functions are strictly enforced."

According to Adams, "The policy takes the responsibility of dispensing the alcohol off the College's shoulders and puts it onto the 21-year-old."

Included in Shuman's letter is a statement saying, "It is necessary to educate your faculty and students as to their personal liability when they host or sponsor parties."

"The 21-year-old who signed for the party would be held liable, but the College would also be sued," said Ralston.

Business Manager Charles Abate said, "It is important to remember that people always sue the people

with the deepest pocket."

Adams said, "Alcohol is the greatest deterrent to life in the residence halls. During the first month of school, the college suspended a young man for assaulting a young lady. He was extremely intoxicated. Several students have been suspended from the residence halls. And others have received other sanctions."

According to Breiseth, during the first month of school "there was an increase in fighting with serious injury. Alcohol has played an important role."

Charles McCoy, RA and member of the First Aid Squad, said, "We've taken four people to the emergency room as a result of fights."

Breiseth read an anonymous letter from parents whose son lives in Pickering Hall. They said, "The dorm is an absolute nightmare. We parents are not paying \$10,000 to educate an alcoholic."

Breiseth said, "The optimal situation is when students take responsibility so that abusers know they will be on the carpet in the morning."

Dr. Bob Bohlander, chairman of the committee said, "We need to draw on the student body. They need to have input and accept the new policy if we have one."

Breiseth invites anyone interested in offering an opinion, suggestion, or view to contact a member of the committee or to attend any open meetings which may be held. The group is scheduled to meet again in three weeks.

The members of the Task Force are Charles Abate, Paul Adams, Bob Bohlander, Jerry Campbell, Eric Chase, Jim DeCosmo, Neil Douris, Alex Kassay, Jane Lampe, Charles McCoy, Edward Moriarity, Nancy Nally, Debbie Pavlico, Jim Rodechko, Tony Shipula, Jill Van Loan, Amy Wiedemer and Phil Wingert. George Ralston and the President will serve as ex officio members.

George Carlin show draws over 1500

by Brian Potoeski

Comedian George Carlin appeared at the Wilkes College Gymnasium before a full house on Thursday night, October 24.

According to Eric Chase, Student Government president, approximately 1800 people attended.

Carlin's appearance at Wilkes was largely due to the efforts of Chase and the Student Government Executive Council.

"We sat down last May and decided that what this campus needed was a major concert," Chase said.

Chase said he then contacted Parties Unlimited, a booking agency, to see who

they could contract for Wilkes.

"They told me they could bring Carlin to Wilkes. So I went ahead and cleared the gym for that evening," Chase said.

According to Chase, the agreement was that Parties Unlimited would pay Student Government \$500 for the use of the gym that evening. If the concert sold out, they would pay \$1,000.

"The financial burden fell on Parties Unlimited, which was an optimal position for Student Government to be in," Chase said.

Chase admitted that Student Government subsidized \$5 per student

ticket so that Wilkes students could attend the performance at a lower cost.

"The only cost was the \$5 subsidization per ticket. Eighteen hundred dollars to bring Carlin to Wilkes College—that's not a bad deal," Chase said.

Attendance was high, but it was not a sellout crowd.

"It cost Student Government very little. But by no means does that mean that we didn't put a lot of work into it," Chase said.

Chase noted that Student Government members sold tickets and distributed publicity. There was also a volunteer student crew who worked from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. on the day of the concert

setting up beforehand and cleaning up afterward.

Chase reported that when the idea to bring George Carlin here was first brought up at Student Affairs, the deans weren't very enthusiastic.

"They weren't sure if the content of the concert was suitable for the image that Wilkes is trying to project. However, seeing how much of a success it was, I'm sure they will agree it was a nice affair," Chase said.

When asked if any other big names were on the card to appear this year, Chase said that the new Student Programming Board was looking into getting a big

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Editorial

Going 'dry' : It's about time!

The appearance of the Alcohol Task Force at Wilkes College is long overdue. Our alcohol policy has been discussed by the administration in hushed tones for a number of years. And typically, the students have blamed the administration for any attempt to control alcohol consumption on campus. But the reasons behind the administration's paranoia are clear. Furthermore, it is a healthy sign to see these reasons being discussed openly in the first Task Force meeting.

Although this statement was never made in the meeting, it is impossible for the College to continue their current alcohol policy. In fact, it is impossible for the College to maintain any alcohol policy which allows underage drinking.

This reality becomes inescapable when one reads the letter distributed at the Task Force meeting. Arthur J. Shuman, Jr., lawyer and private consultant to colleges and universities, author of much of Pennsylvania's drunk driving legislation, and the author of the aforementioned letter, offers the following information: "Colleges and universities that either permit the consumption of alcohol by minors, or fail to enunciate and enforce a vigorous policy forbidding underage drinking will be deemed to have 'permitted' underage drinking." Furthermore, because any action (or inaction) which permits underage drinking is criminal, insurance companies are forbidden by law to insure a negligent college. Thus, Wilkes College is facing uninsured liability every weekend.

Shuman included in his letter several examples of lawsuits against Pennsylvania colleges and universities. One Pennsylvania university was "required to pay \$5,000,000 to the families of three minor students who died in a drunk driving accident following a cocktail party at a professor's home." Another Pennsylvania college "was sued for \$3,000,000 because a minor student got drunk at a dorm 'keg' party and later had a drunk driving accident resulting in two deaths. The theory of the case is that the presence of two RA's at the party gave it official sanction." A third Pennsylvania university was "sued for an amount in excess of \$1,000,000 because a minor student became intoxicated at a dorm party and fell down a stairwell, sustaining permanent injuries."

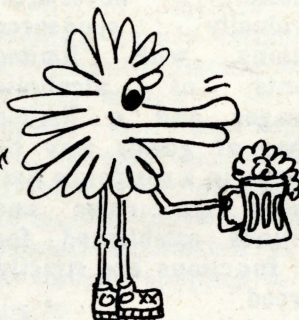
As stated in the front page Beacon article entitled, "It could put the College out of business," Wilkes's current alcohol policy "takes the responsibility of dispensing the alcohol off the College's shoulders and puts it onto the 21-year-old." In other words, a 21-year-old who signs for a keg party is liable for anyone at the party and would be included in any subsequent lawsuit. Unfortunately, though, the College does not make this fact known to its 21-year-olds. Typically though, faculty and students often become quite sympathetic to the administrative point of view when they're informed of their personal liability, as Shuman points out in his letter.

Apparently to deal with the current situation, President Breiseth has distributed a memo to the campus. Students should pay close attention to its points, because they have serious ramifications. First, the Task Force will return its report to the President in 60 days; thus, undoubtedly we will have a new policy by the beginning of the next semester. Second, one of the Task Force's objectives is to gather ideas for social activities that have no connection with alcohol. And third, any violators of the College's rules will be punished, whereas disciplinary action in this area has been rather relaxed in the past.

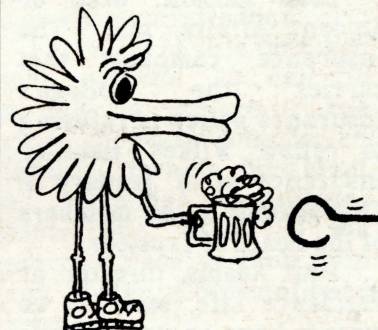
In light of the frightening legal facts, a "dry" campus is the only conceivable alternative. And given that one law suit could put Wilkes out of business, it is the administration's responsibility to "go dry." Just so, it is the student's responsibility to accept this decision and even support it. One might remind students that a degree from an institution that failed financially, especially due to a lawsuit, is not particularly useful.

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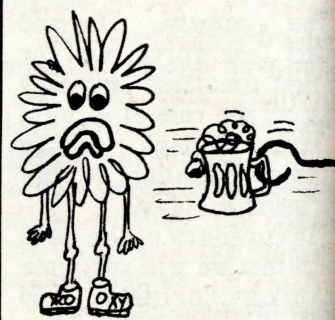
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liberal arts school,
Whose students were
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*...Of the risks of
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The following error appeared in the October 24th issue of The Beacon. In the editorial, the Student Activities Director is Amy Wiedemer, not Widemer. We apologize for our error.

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SG report:

Activity fee being raised?

by Mark Snyder

Monday night's Student Government meeting was not well attended, but a number of important matters were discussed.

The major topic of discussion was the possibility of raising the student activity fee. As you may already know, the activity fee is now \$50.

SG members discussed the possibility of raising it to either \$65 or \$75. Chase revealed that about one-third of the SG budget goes to the Ammicola.

"This doesn't leave enough money to do what the students want to do," Chase said.

Jacqui Kramer, senior representative, suggested a gradual increase. "Raise the activity fee maybe \$5 each year over the next three years," Kramer said.

Chase retorted that raising the fee in such a manner would take too much time.

Doris Barker, SG advisor, claimed that "Students at other schools pay more, as much as \$75 to \$125 per semester."

Alcohol continued to be a concern at SG. A report on the new Alcohol Task Force was given by Chase. He reported on the members of the task force and read a letter from President Christopher Breiseth. The letter will be sent to all students.

"By no means does the letter mean that the campus is going dry," Chase said.

Chase stressed that he wants SG representatives to get input from their constituents because the students' reactions to this issue will be very important.

Chase urged students to talk to SG representatives regarding alcohol issues. "If students don't interact, then it is their own fault if something happens that they don't like," Chase said.

Another topic of discussion was the newly formed Programming Board.

Sandie Adams, chairperson of the Programming Board, reported that the board was going to be in charge of student activities such as concerts, films, gym parties and more.

Chase explained that the

board is a part of SG and not a separate entity.

"We need input from students on the type of activities they would like," Adams said.

Another topic of discussion was the attendance by-laws of the SG constitution. As the by-laws read now, if a representative attends at least two-thirds of a meeting they are recognized as being present in the SG minutes.

Some members of SG would like to change the by-laws so that the representative would be recorded as being present only if he were there for the entire meeting.

The George Carlin show was also discussed. Chase labeled it a "success." According to Chase, the show cost SG \$1300. Chase expressed his desire to have another concert in the spring.

Student Government meetings are held in Weckesser Hall on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend and to express any ideas they might have.

MEMORANDUM

TO: The College Community
FROM: Christopher N. Breiseth, President
DATE: October 24, 1985
RE: College Policy on Consumption of Alcohol

Wilkes College aims to provide an educational and residential environment which is secure, conducive to scholarship and offers a wholesome opportunity for personal growth. Use -- and potential abuse -- of alcohol is an abiding concern to everyone involved with the College: students, faculty, administrators, and parents of students. Beyond personal considerations, however, is the issue of liability to the College itself.

Accordingly, I draw to the attention of every member of the Wilkes College family the clear statement regarding alcohol which appears in the Student Handbook. Further, as a result of heightened concerns expressed to me -- especially by students and faculty -- I am requiring the Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Residence Life and their staffs to observe strictly the Handbook's provisions on alcohol.

An essential part of education is learning to live by rules. Team playing, concern for others, self-discipline are acquired life skills. Those who break rules should be aware that there are consequences. In this spirit, then, it should be clear beyond doubt that those found in violation of the College's rules should expect disciplinary action.

In the belief that College rules in this important area can be most effectively influenced through policy development involving all sectors of the campus, I am appointing a representative committee of students, faculty, administrators to conduct an immediate review of the College's alcohol policy and how it is understood and observed. The committee will also recommend to me any clarification or modification necessary to assure that the alcohol policy and its implementation will meet the educational mission of the College and remain in compliance with the laws of the City of Wilkes-Barre and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is my charge to the committee that it consider the entire spectrum of college life as its palette. Much needed are positive and creative opportunities for social activities which are neither dependent on alcohol nor have alcohol as an essential element.

It is expected that the committee will return its report to me within 60 days.

The members of the College community who have agreed to serve are: Charles Abate, Paul Adams, Bob Bohlander, Jerry Campbell, Eric Chase, Jim DeCosmo, Neil Douris, Alex Kassay, Jane Lampe, Charles McCoy, Edward Moriarty, Nancy Nally, Debbie Pavlico, Jim Rodechko, Tony Shipula, Jill Van Loan, Amy Wiedemer, and Phil Wingert. George Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs, and the President will serve as ex officio members.

Anyone in the Wilkes community wishing to offer an opinion, suggestion, or view on this important discussion is encouraged to contact a member of the committee, or to attend any open meetings which may be held.

Poll: 92.8% say 'yes' to alcohol

by Brian Potoeski

The results of a recent survey conducted by the Political Science and History Club have been released to The Beacon.

Of those polled, 22.6% were commuters and 77.4% were resident students. They were representative of all four classes.

The survey asked, "Do you personally feel that the gym parties sponsored by student organizations should be alcoholic or non-alcoholic?"

An overwhelming 92.8 percent of those polled said that gym parties should be alcoholic. Only 7.2 percent felt that the parties should not be alcoholic.

In the living status breakdown, a higher percentage of commuters voted in favor of alcohol.

96.0 percent of the commuting students polled voted in favor of alcohol, while 91.8 percent of the dorm students polled voted in favor of alcohol.

In the breakdown by class, the senior class had a significantly lower positive response toward alcohol. Eighty-nine percent of the seniors favored alcohol, as opposed to the freshman class's 93.2 percent positive response, the sophomore class's 95 percent positive response, and the junior class's 92.2 percent positive response for alcohol.

The results are misleading, unless the fact that the senior category had a three percent undecided response is considered. No one from any of the other classes was undecided about alcohol.



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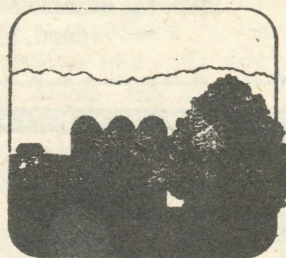
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Few turnout for 'Dry' Halloween gym party

by Brian Potoeski

On Saturday night, October 26, the Commuter Council/Inter-Resident Hall Council Halloween party was held.

By the decision of the Student Affairs Committee, the party was dry. That is, no alcohol was permitted to be brought into the party.

At most gym parties in the past, students were allowed to bring either one six-pack of beer or a bottle of wine into the party.

The decision to make the party dry was the center of controversy for weeks beforehand.

Many students opposed the idea. Posters calling for students to boycott the party appeared on bulletin boards campus-wide. One claimed that the decision was "the first step in making the campus dry." Another read, "If I wanted a dry campus, I'd go to King's."

The Political Science and History Club conducted a poll

regarding alcohol at gym parties. Members of the club surveyed 332 students on this campus.

Of the students polled, 92.8% said that they feel that gym parties sponsored by student organizations should be alcoholic, and 7.2% percent felt otherwise.

As expected by members of the Commuter Council and the Inter-Resident Hall Council, the attendance at the Halloween party was low.

"It was less than half of what it was last year, but we expected a low turnout," Charlanne Stanton, Commuter Council vice-president, said.

"We had about a quarter of the food we ordered left over, and that was after we had already cut back on the order," adjusting for the expected low attendance, Stanton said.

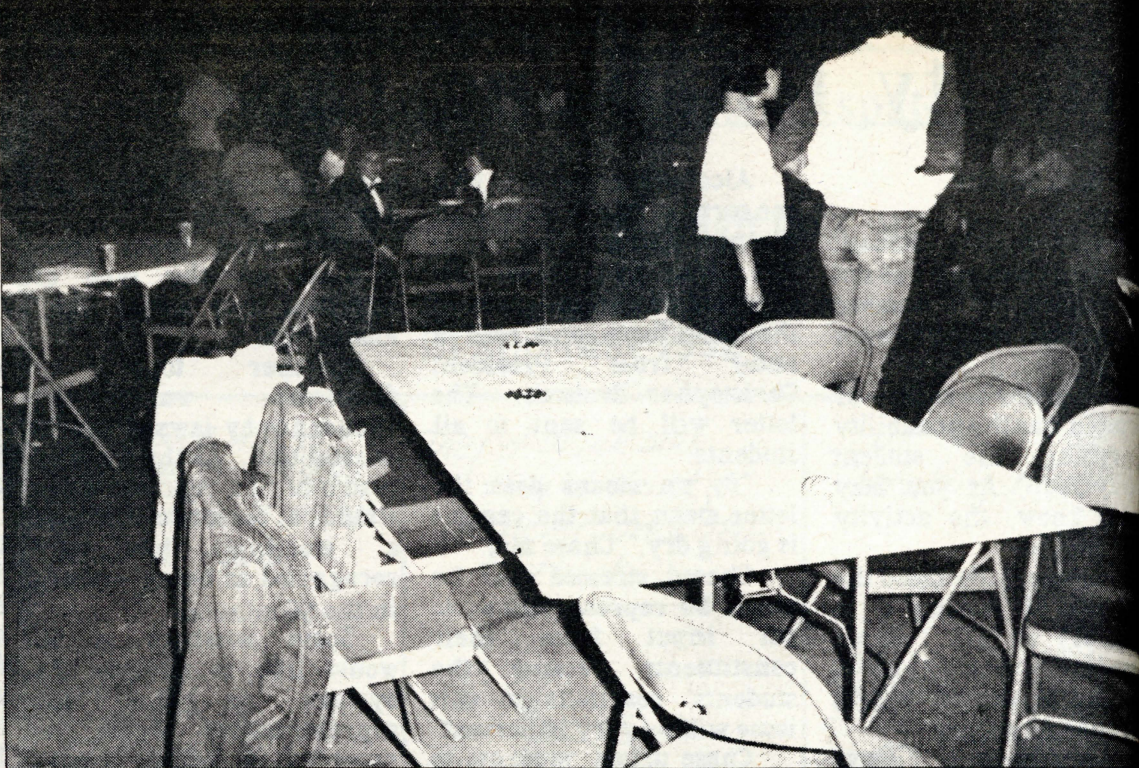
The low turnout of commuting students was demonstrated by the fact that the commuter parking lots remained relatively empty

for the evening.

As one commuter remarked, "On Saturday night, I want to drink. If I can't drink here, I'll go somewhere else."

While the dry gym party was going on, at least three parties were being held in dorms, and at least two apartment parties were in progress. The two dorm parties that this reporter visited were well attended.

A slogan on the shirt of one partyer read, "I'm only here for the beer."



It certainly wasn't standing room only at Saturday night's dry Halloween gym party, as this picture shows. Many students simply stayed away. Others attended alternative alcoholic functions.

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College drinkers under nation-wide attack

PEORIA, IL (CPS) -- Police officers "have come to the door on a noise complaint, and have just walked in and started carding people," complains Mike Forman, Interfraternity Council president at Bradley University. "They don't have the right to do that without a warrant," Bradley said.

They may in fact have the right, and colleges across the country are using it more to keep a much closer eye on the students this fall as the nationwide crackdown on student drinking begins its second year.

Some critics fret this crackdown, however, may scuttle campus "responsible drinking" programs, forcing many students off campus--and into their cars--to drink in less controllable, more dangerous situations.

While observers can't agree if tougher regulations and stricter enforcement actually are changing student drinking habits, campuses' switch to more aggressive anti-drinking tactics this fall is beyond question:

* At Indiana University, the dean of students makes surprise visits to campus parties to find underaged drinkers and enforce a new campus keg policy.

* Yale now effectively prohibits alcohol at many campus events, and issues students "drinking cards" to help enforce the new rules.

* Local police broke up traditional school-opening street parties at West Virginia and Western Michigan, arresting some 42 students the first week of classes at West Virginia.

* Pittsburgh police have warned student groups they will drop into University of Pittsburgh parties unannounced to enforce new drinking age laws.

* University of Florida administrators made a point of holding a public hearing into alleged violations of their new dry rush rules for the very first week of school.

Bradley officials had two students arrested for violating drinking rules during their first week of classes, too.

Boston University, Southern Cal, Berkeley, Penn State, San Diego State,

Kentucky and Arizona, among scores of other campuses, have adopted stricter rules for student drinking this fall.

At Smith College, for example, undergrad drinkers

Administrators say they're responding to new minimum drinking ages and to the difficulty of buying liability insurance without proving that they're trying to enforce the rules.

Council of Social Chairmen.

"I expect there will be more coat and tie parties with more food and also more VCR rentals," he adds.

And at Texas's Austin campus, "there's not less drinking, but more responsible drinking," says Trina Hedemann of the school's Alcohol Education Task Force.

The University now is debating whether to ban alcohol in Texas's dorms.

Raising the drinking age will drive students from bars to dorms, probably starting "a trend toward private house parties," Hedemann speculates.

"If (students) can't drink in bars and frats," says Ruth Engs, an Indiana University Professor who has studied student drinking habits nationwide, "they will find other places. They will drink under a tree."

In general, "I do not expect to see any significant change in the amount students drink," says Engs.

"People who think that raising the age will prevent student drinking are fooling themselves," Engs asserts, citing a recent Hobart College (N.Y.) study of the effects of raising the legal drinking age.

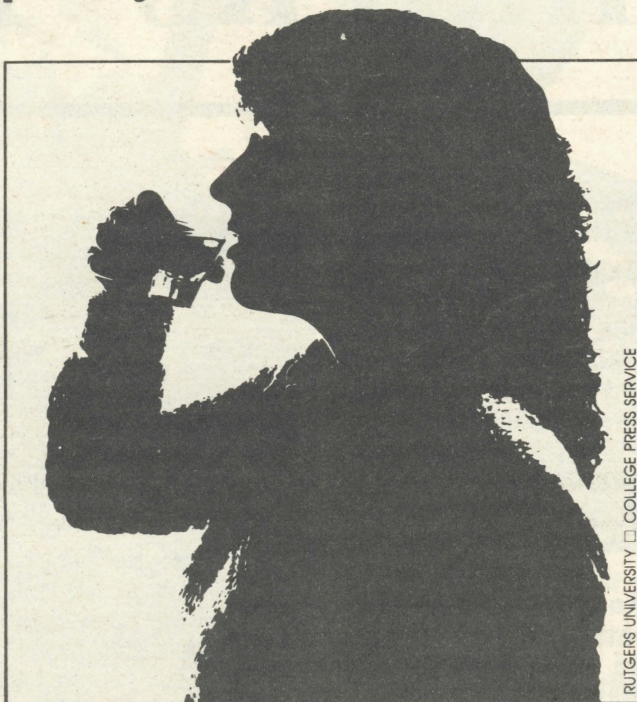
"There has been excessive drinking in universities since they were first established in Europe in the 12th century," points out Peter Claydon, head of an alcohol awareness program at Cal-Santa Barbara.

But Engs worries that pushing drinking off campus, as many schools are doing, may do more harm than good.

"If kids can't drink in the old places, I'm afraid they might resort to drinking in their cars," she says.

Adds William F. Field, dean of students at Massachusetts-Amherst, which now requires guest lists for large campus parties at which alcohol is served, "The present situation is an undesirable one. In the past, we thought we were being helpful in assisting students to plan and run events in which alcohol was available."

"We had a superb program with the 18-year-olds. We lost a lot of this positive input," Fields adds.



can no longer get legal help from the college. Students can't have liquor in dorms at South Dakota state schools any more, while Penn State restricts the kinds of parties that can have kegs.

No one is sure how much the crackdown is changing students' drinking. "The keg is still the major focus of a party, but there is still a trend toward more responsible use of alcohol on our campus," notes Harold Reynolds, director of student affairs at Cal-Berkely.

"There are some disgruntled views about the ban on alcohol, but we are living with it," says George Kuntz, president of the Interfraternity and Sorority Council at Boston University.

"In the past, 10 people would work on the homecoming committee. We had 35 this year. There is a definite increase in participation in school events. It has worked phenomenally well," Kuntz says of the new alcohol regulations.

"I wouldn't say consumption has gone down in our house, but there is more awareness of the potential abuses of alcohol," says Mike Allen, president of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

At Yale, "there will be fewer large parties," predicts Mark Watts, of Yale's Joint



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compiled by Sandy Platt

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Saturday: KRZ

The Station (33 Wilkes-Barre Blvd.)
Friday: Dance Music in the Gandy Dancer
Saturday: Concert

The Woodlands (Rt. 315, Wilkes-Barre)
October 31: Halloween Party
Friday: Disco and Marty Edwards Band
Saturday: Disco
Sunday: Anything Goes

Jim Dandy's (Mark Plaza, Edwardsville)
Friday: "Just Us"
Saturday: Jim Collin

Speak Easy (Narrows Shopping Center, Edwardsville)
Friday: Happy Hour 5-8, Beer 3 for 1
Saturday: Happy Hour until 9, Half price on beer

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An anniversary celebration

CPA marks 20th year

by Cliff Bialkin

On Tuesday, October 22, the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts was filled beyond capacity to celebrate its twentieth anniversary. Alumni from around the country gathered to perform on this occasion.

Although the CPA is the only theater today's Wilkes students know, the College had a different theater at first. Before the CPA was built, plays were performed in Chase Theater, which was located behind Chase Hall. This theater was an old carriage house transformed into a playhouse. It had the capacity to seat 120 people tightly. The theater was always packed for performances. The need for a larger, more modern theater was obvious.

One person who attended performances at Chase Theater was a woman named Dorothy Dickson Darte. Mrs. Darte was a real theater enthusiast, and she donated the money needed to build the new theater.

And a sizeable amount of money it was. Originally, the estimated cost of the new building was \$600,000. However, after Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Wilkes's first president, held a dinner in honor of Mrs. Darte, Al Groh, the director of the theater, explained that the new theater should really have such things as a hydraulic stage and air conditioning. Then the estimate went up to around \$1 million. Nevertheless, Groh had the go ahead to build the new theater the next day.

The land the CPA is on was deeded to Wilkes College by the Wyoming Valley Society for the Arts. Then construction began. By October 1965, the building was complete, and in November the first play was performed on the

new stage.

The theater was designed by Donald Penglaser, and the architects were Lacy, Atherton, and Davis, a local firm. All construction work was done by Sordoni Construction Company.

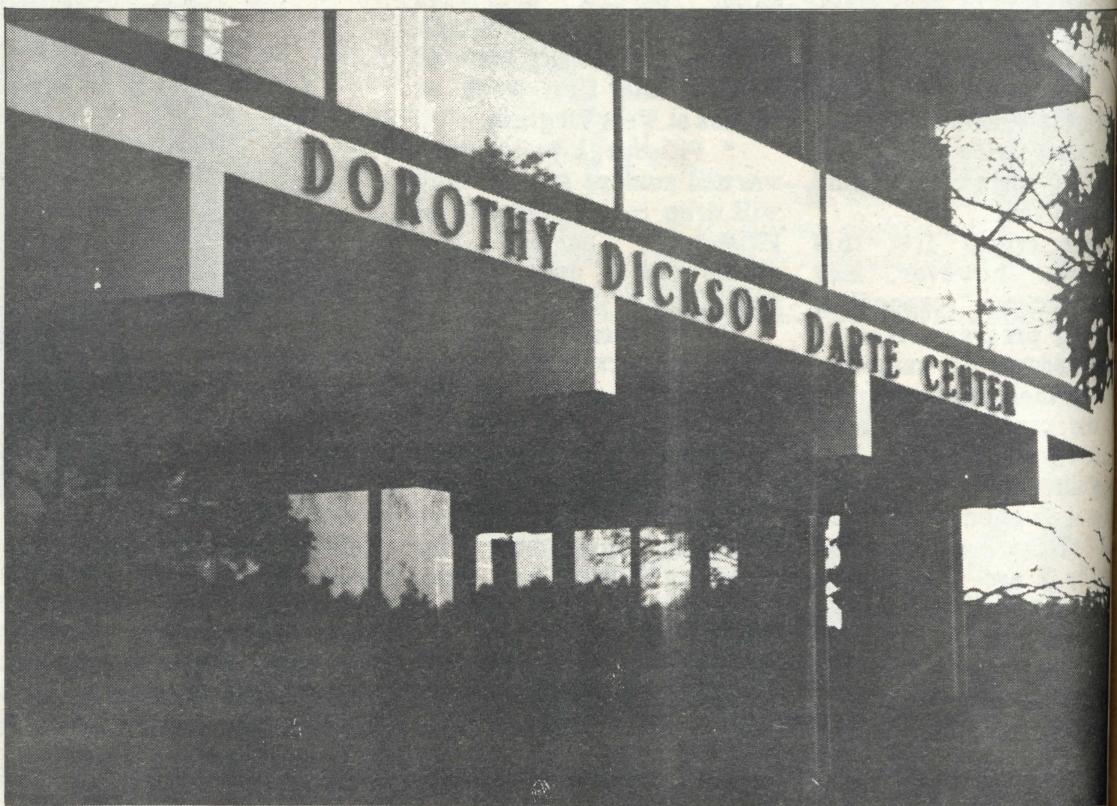
Now that the building was complete, it was necessary to insure that programming would be available. A foundation was established by Mrs. Annette Evans to assist the Center for the Performing Arts in procuring cultural activities.

More building was yet to be done. In 1969, the music building, Darte Hall, was added. Once again, the \$1 million needed to build the complex was donated by Mrs. Darte. The architects and builders were the same as for the CPA, and William Gasbarro, then chairman of the Music Department, helped design the new music building.

Unfortunately, a few years after construction was completed, reconstruction was needed. In 1972, like many other buildings in Wyoming Valley, the CPA and Darte Hall were damaged by flood waters from the Susquehanna River. The CPA lost eight rows of seats in the theater, while the basement and first floor of the music building were inundated. Gasbarro and his dog stayed in the music building and moved pianos out of the basement to protect them from damage.

Both the CPA and Darte Hall were cleaned up and repaired quickly, and both were ready for the start of the academic year in September.

Of course, both buildings are still going strong today, serving Wilkes and the community. Thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Dickson Darte, many College performing groups and local community groups have a beautiful place to perform.



The construction of the Center for the Performing Arts (top) was made possible through the contributions of Mrs. Dorothy Dickson Darte (bottom).



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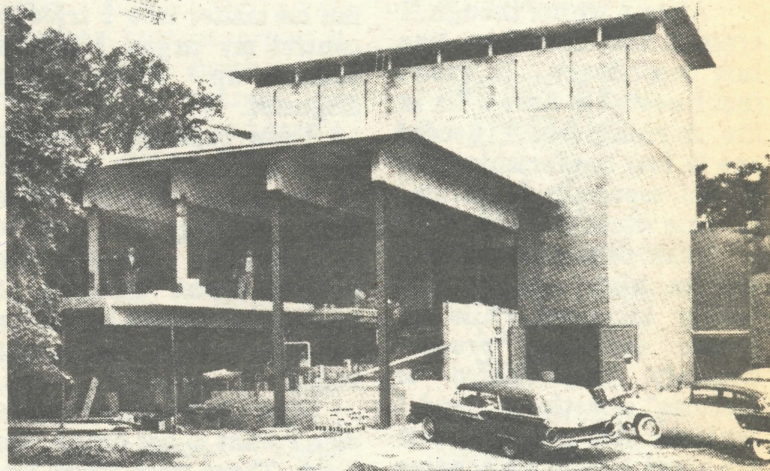


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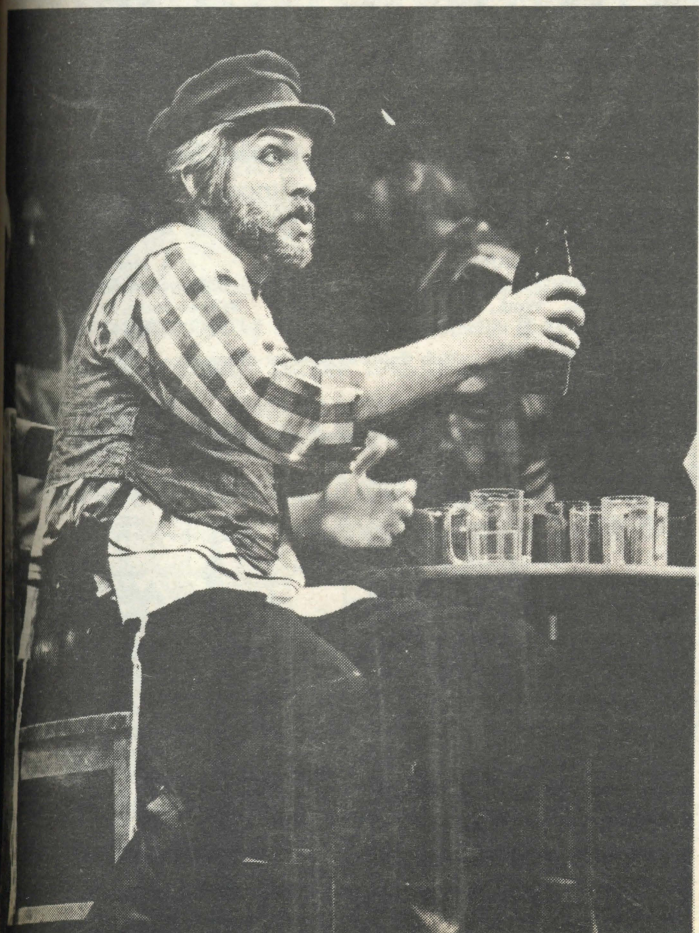


Chase Theatre, predecessor to the CPA

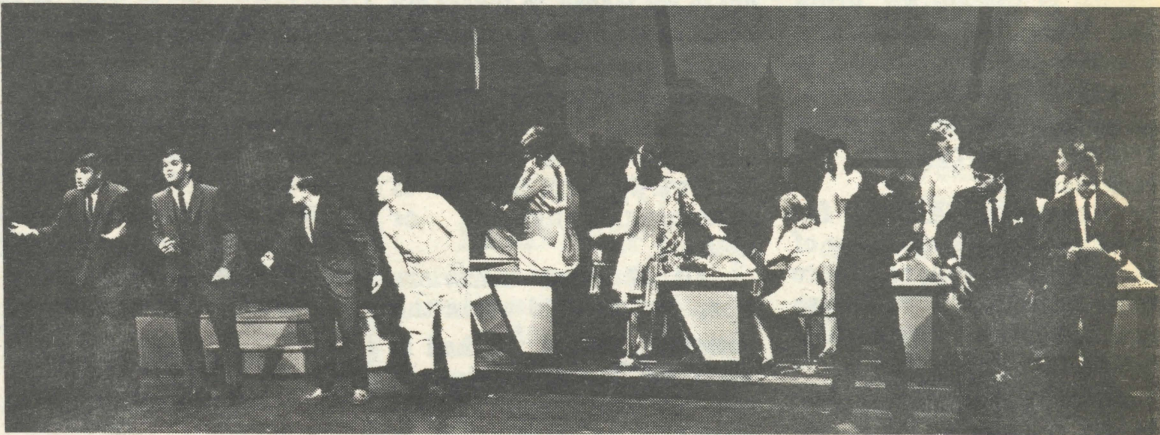
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Recovering alcoholic speaks up

Editor's Note: The following is a true story. The author has requested anonymity.

I am 23, a returning senior and an alcoholic. I know that I used to say that in jest, joking with others about it, but I was crying inside.

I suffer from a disease, not a moral deficiency. It is terminal, and its ends are always the same: institutions, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, psych-wards, jail, or death (either accidentally or on purpose).

Drinking and using drugs used to be fun. It was a great way to meet people, to build courage, to relax. And I didn't need alcohol every day. I could function without it.

After a while, though, I crossed the invisible line into dependency. It wasn't that I needed to have a fix in the morning, but I needed one to feel comfortable with myself, especially in uncomfortable situations.

I can remember when I was in high school. My "using" increased while my grades decreased proportionately. I wanted to "become" something, and I could see that my using was not going to help me achieve my goals. As a result, I started to control my using and went for counseling. Needless to say, I started to function "normally" again, and I used only when I could without interrupting my responsibilities.

I continued this way for the next four years, three of them while in college. There were times that I would use and not mean to get really drunk or really high. I knew I had things to do and exams to take, so I'd go out with the intention of having "just a couple." It never worked. I could never have just a couple of anything.

Of course a blackout would follow. For those of you who are unaware of what a blackout is, it's a memory lapse. A person can be functioning normally and not remember what he did, where he was, or how he got home the night before. Blackouts are very dangerous. I can remember talking to a fellow recovering alcoholic who

would wake up in jail and not remember how he got there or why he was there. I've had many blackouts in my drinking career, and I thank God I never killed anyone.

As I mentioned earlier, I was a "functioning" alcoholic. I took care of my responsibilities, then rewarded myself by getting blasted. At 15 I admitted that I was an alcoholic and went for drug and alcohol counseling.

For the next six years I went to my appointments—not religiously, but often. I began to try to control my drinking. I'd drink wine or beer instead of whiskey. I'd drink club soda and a "coupla" shots. I'd drink only on the weekends, or not before 10 pm, or not drink at all and do no drugs. But no matter how I tried to control my urges, I always ended up drunk and disgusted.

I can remember waking up in the morning at home or in some strange place with a strange face next to me, cursing myself for getting drunk and out of control. I always hated the morning after the night before.

Most of the time I really didn't want to get drunk, but I did. There were times, too, when I intentionally went out to get loaded, to forget my problems. Toward the end I drank when I was angry, resentful, passed an exam or failed one. I drank to celebrate and to drown my sorrows. I drank because of something, anything or nothing.

All of these behaviors were put on hold when the semester started. I had to keep my "image" straight. I had to keep those facades steady so no one knew exactly the kind of person I

really was. I was filled with self-hatred. Yet I wanted everyone to love and accept me. I didn't want anyone to see my problems, my hurts. No one would like me if he really knew me. I was a weak person. Strong was "in."

In September, 1983, I hit bottom. The semester started, and I couldn't stop using. I had a lot of disappointments, and I couldn't handle the rejection. I used uncontrollably, shooting dope and drinking around the clock for three days straight. I couldn't take living anymore. I wanted out.

I went back to my counselor—defeated, hopeless and in deep despair. It was there, on the eve of my 21st birthday, that I made the decision to straighten out. I can remember that day as if it were yesterday. I contemplated the Market Street Bridge. Even my favorite ice cream cone wouldn't help. I didn't have the courage to face it all; I wanted to die, but I also wanted to go to heaven.

I cried the entire day with my counselor, with

Dean Lampe, with Rachel Lohman, with people at the snack bar and with myself. I hurt so bad, all I wanted was relief from life. I used to escape from life into the bottle; now I wanted to escape from the bottle, too. My best friend, booze, let me down. The partying empire had collapsed around me.

The next day I checked myself into a rehabilitation center. I stayed there for 28 days. I learned about my disease and about myself, and for the first time I really felt as if I belonged somewhere.

I was still pretty unstable at the end of my stay there, so I went into a halfway house in the Scranton Detoxification Unit for the next three months. It was there that I began using the resources available to me. I began to trust people and care for people. I let people get to know all of me: the good, the bad and the ugly. Most importantly, I

rediscovered God. I should've been killed many times. I tempted fate each time I picked up a drink. But I was chosen to live a new sober life. Now it's my turn to help someone else to live. I do that by sharing my experience, strength and hope with anyone who wants to listen.

Being back in school is a rewarding and exciting experience. I want to do all I can. It's important for me to remember that it doesn't matter if I have one or two degrees; if I'm drunk, they don't make a difference.

If you or someone you know is having a problem with drinking and wants to know more about recovery, there is now an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on campus. Both anonymity and confidentiality are extremely important. If you are interested in attending, call the switchboard to get the necessary details.

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Critter's weekend forecast



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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Cancer and Pisces individuals will become especially important to you over the next few days. Do not pass up an opportunity to be with these people. It could lead to a large monetary gain.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 22): Love is in the air! This weekend will be an extremely romantic one for you. Don't put your foot in your mouth, and you'll be sure to have a terrific time.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Don't make any promises that you can't keep. People will depend on you, and it's important that you don't let them down. Their confidence in you could be shattered forever.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Well, Leo, it looks as if this will be your weekend to "roar." Luck promises to be on your side for the next few days, so take advantage of it. You could be a big winner.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): The stars foretell of travel in your future. You may travel many miles or only a few blocks. One thing is certain: you will find nothing but guidance and encouragement along the way.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): Don't be a cold fish. People have been trying to get to know you, and (whether you realize it or not) you've been giving them the cold shoulder. Loosen up!

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): It's time to re-evaluate your priorities. It's no wonder life has been hectic lately; get organized now! You'll be glad that you did in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21): You've got to start being more aggressive. If you don't learn to assert yourself, people will take advantage of you again and again. Stick to your principles.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Be careful of someone who tries to talk you into doing him a favor. He probably has evil motives for his behavior. Don't allow yourself to get pulled into the trap.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): People will test your patience over the next few days, so try to keep cool. It's better to put up with a little discomfort now than to pay the consequences later.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20): Sorry, but this is not your weekend. You may be smart to cancel any plans that you may have, since bad luck seems to be rearing its ugly head. Avoid large social functions.

A different perspective

Different backgrounds, similar concerns

by Ellen Campbell

It is exciting to be present at a "happening." That was my exact feeling as I left the Annette Evans Alumni House following the first meeting for a new support group for non-traditional students at Wilkes. This is the first time since I began my career at Wilkes that I have been in a room where I have calculated the mean age of those present to be around 35. For once, I felt I was among my peers.

More important than just the mere statistic of age was the fact that I heard and felt sentiments that hit home in an oh-so-familiar way. I chuckled to hear a comment about receiving mail addressed "To the parent of..." and appreciated the ingenuity of the woman who solved the orientation quandary of whether or not to go by "just following [her] kids around."

Inwardly and outwardly, I applauded the course of the young widow who

returned to college to pursue a degree in engineering while raising a young son. I felt instant camaraderie with the woman who expressed the need to exercise her mind and the role education played in fulfilling that need.

I heard stories of people who have had to change careers as a result of stress or physical injury. Some people are taking courses with no career in mind, but rather with the goal of self-improvement.

The group discussed the day-to-day grind of managing home, family and studies. Advice was given regarding how important it is for family members to learn how to operate the washing machine and open a can of tuna fish for themselves.

The College was complimented with such comments as, "I think the engineering department is outstanding," and constructively criticized with comments such as, "I find I am misinformed about things." Problems such as "learning to learn again" and taking tests were discussed and attempts at solutions were offered.

We gathered together

from different walks of life with different stories to tell. Some of us are married with children; some of us are not. Some of us are contemplating career changes, while others are preparing for that first shot at the job market. Some of us carry personal tragedies that have propelled us back to school for one reason or another. Some of us take classes during the day, while others of us attend school only at night or on the weekend. Our lives are very different, and yet we have many needs in common. How fortunate it is that we have met.

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Broccoli

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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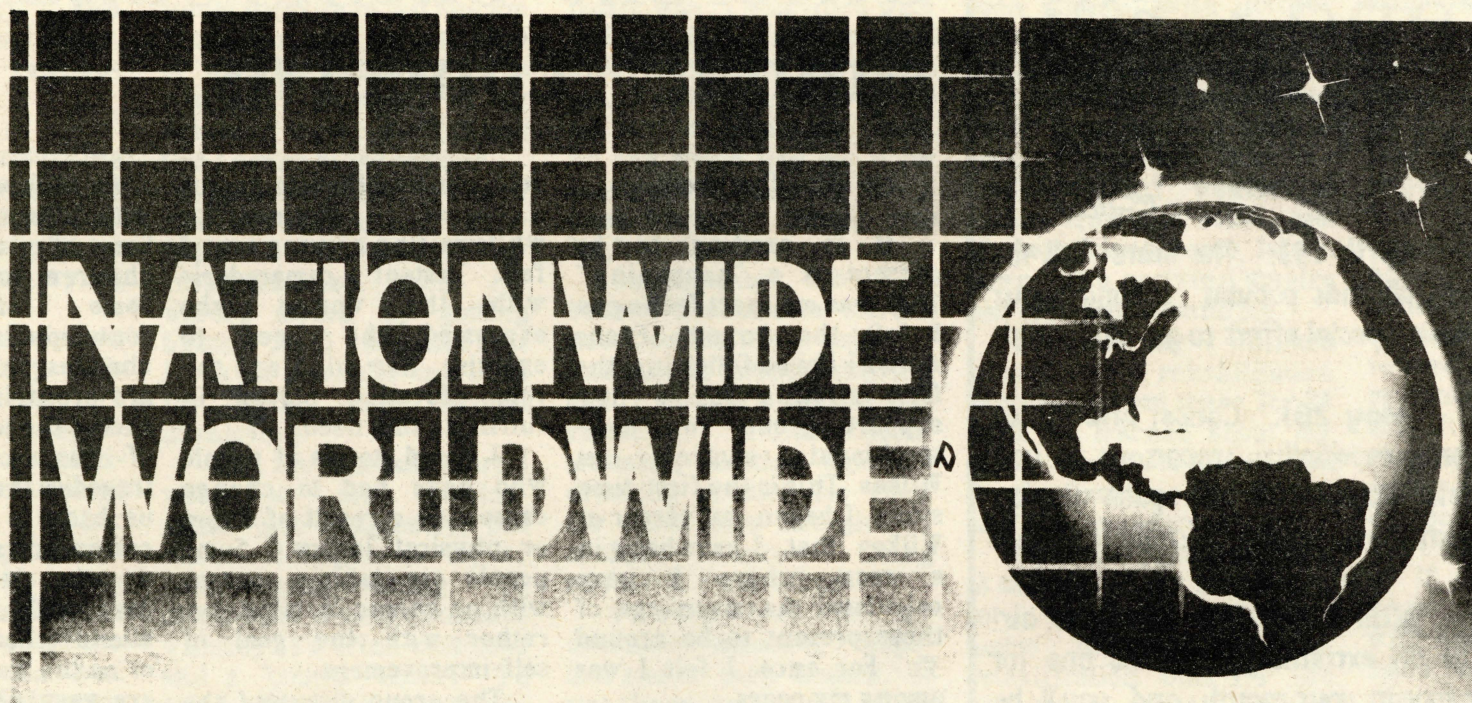
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Harriers shaping up for MAC's

by Michael Keohane

For the last two weeks, the harriers and lady harriers have proved that they're slow, but strong training progress has paid off. Coach Bill Kavaskay is very pleased with the way he has brought the team along. "We'll be primed for the MAC's," he stated confidently.

Saturday, October 12, at the Allentown Invitational, Allentown College, the progress started to show. Running with a full team, with ailing George Hockenbury and Neil Williams, the harriers placed their top six runners in the top 60 finishers out of an approximate 280 running field. By doing so, they finished 10th overall out of 25 Division III and Division II schools.

The harriers' main concern on the difficult course was their MAC opponents, only two of whom succeeded in defeating them.

The lady harriers who competed at the Invitational were Darcy Edmonson and Toni Kapsales. They ran very competitive races while continuing to improve.

The harriers returned from Fall Break to compete against a surprisingly tough Albright squad. The loss of senior George Hockenbury for the race did nothing for the morale of the team. The harriers ended up losing by a small margin.

The harriers then began to prepare for the next race on Saturday, Oct. 26, against the toughest field they would face during the regular season. They traveled to Lancaster to Franklin and Marshall College. The teams

competing were F. & M., Susquehanna University, Elizabethtown College and Lebanon Valley College. The harriers knew they had to run their best race over the flat 4.75 mile course to come out looking respectable. They showed their continual improvement by going two for two, losing only to Susquehanna and F. & M., the two top-rated teams in the MAC.

The Colonels lost to the host team F. & M. by a score of 20-40, and the second loss was to Susquehanna by a score of 22-37, a margin which was considerably cut down since the first time the two teams met in September. The harriers' wins were a near shutout and a shutout. They beat Lebanon Valley by a score of 20-36 and shut out Elizabethtown 15-43, the team that in September had

won by only two points.

Finishing first for the team and fourth overall was co-captain Mike Keohane in a time of 25:24. Following close behind was senior co-captain George Hockenbury in eighth place in a time of 25:42. An injured Tom Urso was next for the Harriers in 15th place in a time of 26:19. Also plagued by an injury was Neil Williams, placing 22nd overall in a strong time of 25:53. In his last regular season cross-country meet, senior Tom Morpeth finished 28th overall in a time of 27:52. Junior Mike Lins finished sixth for the harriers in a time of 29:33, continuing to run very well. The seventh man was

freshman John Anderson in a time of 30:36. The lady harriers also had their toughest meet of the season against two top-rated teams in the country, F. & M. and Scranton. The ladies fared very well against their tough competition. Finishing first for the team was Darcy Edmonson in a time of 24:02. In her first college race, freshman Amy Hancock finished second for the lady harriers in a time of 24:27. Toni Kapsales completed the 3.1 mile course in an impressive time of 24:50. Junior Lori Morgan finished fourth for the team in a time of 25:21.

The harriers will start their postseason play November 9 at Haverford College for the MAC Championships. Fortunately, junior Carmen Mazzatta and junior Dave Machina will be competing to add every extra point the team will need.

Stickers have bad week

by Stacey Baldwin

The Wilkes field hockey team had a disappointing week. On Tuesday the ladies played Susquehanna. Although the Colonels fought hard, the Susquehanna team pulled out a 2-0 victory. The team was missing two starters that day due to sickness, which hurt the Lady Colonels very much. Margo Serafini did the best she could, but Susquehanna still managed to get the ball through the Wilkes defense and into the net.

During the J.V. game, the Colonels showed more enthusiasm. M. J. Pavlico had good ball control as she and the rest of the forwards--Donna Vasquez, Nicki Sepparito and Maria Saracino--connected short passes down the field. Like the varsity team, however, they just couldn't seem to find the net. Goalie Kelly Cota did a fine job, allowing only one goal to pass over the line.

On Thursday, Wilkes was supposed to host Moravian College of Pennsylvania, but due to the foul weather, the game was cancelled. No game is being rescheduled for this season.

On Saturday, the stickers traveled to Reading to play their last away game against Albright. It was Parents Day for the ladies of Albright, and the girls were really fired up. They scored all three of their goals in the first half of the game and held on to defeat the Lady Colonels 3-0.

The Wilkes team defeated themselves for the majority of the game, and when the Colonels did decide to get into the game, time was limited. Kyle Oakley and Sue Diction had a few shots on goal, but the attempts were blocked by the Albright defense. Again, the Colonels were missing key players in their line-up, which didn't help the situation.

The second game that day was a 1-1 tie, something the Colonels haven't seen all season. Albright's J.V.'s came out strong as did their varsity and scored a fast goal in the beginning of the first half. It was Nicki Sepparito who scored the Colonel goal to tie it 1-1. Debbie Deceasre played an excellent game of concentration as she constantly passed the ball to her forwards. Paula Macri and Nadine Weider held down the defense as the rest of the Colonels desperately

tried to score another goal.

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Intramural action continued

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Field #1

1 p.m. Nads vs. Mooseheads
2 p.m. Wooddogs vs. Warner

Field #2

1 p.m. ROTC vs. Roosevelt
2 p.m. Rapid Fire vs. Warriors

Note: Playoffs are scheduled for November 17 with the #1 team playing against #4 and #2 playing #3. Championship and consolation games will be held immediately after semi-final games.

Fall softball tournament

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:

Purple Haze 26, Faculty-Administration 7

Losing pitcher was Dean Ralston

Other teams participating in the co-ed tournament were Waller North and the Mooseheads.

Colonels maul Albright Lions

by Bill Buzza

The Wilkes College football team won its fourth game of the season last Saturday against three losses. The Albright College Lions were the victims as the Colonels came from behind to score an impressive 33-23 victory at Ralston Field.

In the first half, Wilkes looked as though it would blow Albright right off the field. Junior quarterback

Brad Scarborough threw two touchdowns in the half; the first was to runningback Dave Massi, while the other was brought in by wide receiver Tony DiGrazia. Dan Kolar also added a 37-yard field goal in the half.

With the third-quarter score reading 19-3 in favor of Wilkes, it looked as though the game was in hand. However, Albright had other plans.

An injury to

Scarborough and some costly turnovers switched the momentum toward the Lions. By the end of the third quarter, Albright had reeled off 20 unanswered points, and Wilkes was in a ball game.

Trailing 23-19 late in the fourth quarter, it was time for Brad Scarborough to make another appearance. The Colonels' signal-caller marched his troops 73 yards down field to paydirt. The

drive culminated in a five-yard pass to Tony DiGrazia, his second of the day. The two-point conversion by Dave Massi made the score 27-23.

It was now time for the Colonels' defense to dig in. They did, and more. Junior All-American Bernie Kusakavitch sacked the Albright quarterback and forced a punt. Kusakavitch followed up this play by blocking the punt and

recovering it in the endzone for an insurance touchdown. This set the final score at 33-23.

A great day was turned in by freshman runningback Courtney McFarlain, who rushed for a season high 100 yards. Scarborough broke the record for most touchdowns thrown in a season. The Colonels' next game will be Saturday, November 2, at Widener University.

Fun & Fitness

Don't be afraid of the dark

by William Buzza

Before I start my column, I would like to congratulate the Colonels football team for another fine victory last Saturday. I would also like to hand out tissues to all of the St. Louis fans. While we are on the subject of baseball, the "loser of the week" award was a tie between Whitey Herzog and Joaquin Andujar. People like then give professional sports a bad name.

Well, enough of that. Now that Daylight Savings time is here, many people who used to run during the day are going to be cast into darkness. Because of this, quite a few will probably stop running for fear of getting hurt. Never fear! In this article I will give you runners some advice on how to run safely after dark.

The first commandment for night running is to know thy course. Never take a night run on an unfamiliar course. Always run somewhere that you have been over during the day. Buckled pavements, cracked sidewalks, tree roots and curbs can turn a running course into an obstacle course. Knowing the course can save you from possible injury.

The most dangerous

comes from automobiles. Be defensive when running; never assume that the driver sees you. This is a good rule to follow during the day and becomes essential at night. You should stop at intersections, cross driveways carefully and listen for the sound of automobile engines. Obeying this rule can save you from becoming a hood ornament.

Another very important rule is to wear light-colored clothing. If practical, wear some type of reflective strip

on your clothes to make you more visible. A driver cannot be expected to avoid what he cannot see. Brightly colored nylon shirts can be purchased for around \$15.

A good rule for women is to run with a companion. Running through certain sections of town or past regular hang-outs can be dangerous because of the presence of potential attackers. Your best bet is to use a course that avoids trouble spots. Also, never assume that you can outrun an assailant, especially at night, when your need for help may go unseen and unheard.

When overtaking pedestrians from behind, it is a good thing to warn them of

your approach. A simple "excuse me" is quite sufficient. People tend to feel threatened by a stranger approaching them from behind in the dark. This warning is also a polite way of greeting people. A startled person could do anything, and you never know when you are going to run into one of the boys from the local chapter of the Bruce Lee Fan Club. Chances are that you world end up getting turfed.

With all this in mind, remember that running at night is not a pain in the rear end. The pavements are less crowded, and running under the stars can even be enjoyable. Just take this advice to heart and use a little common sense. Enjoy your workouts!



Intramural flag football action

Standings:

	W	L	T	Pts.
Mooseheads	5	0	0	15
Nads	4	1	0	13
Rapid Fire	3	2	0	11
Roosevelt	3	2	0	11
Warriors	3	2	0	11
Wooddogs	2	3	0	9
ROTC	0	5	0	5
Warner	0	5	0	3

Results from 10/27:

Warriors 2, Warner 0 (forfeit)
Nads 37, Rapid Fire 2
Wooddogs 25, ROTC 12
Mooseheads 21, Roosevelt 0
Roosevelt 2, Warner 0 (forfeit)
Warriors 28, ROTC 0
Nads 12, Wooddogs 6
Mooseheads 12, Rapid Fire 0

Let's go skiing

The Wilkes College Ski Club is going to Mount Ste. Anne in Quebec, January 5-11, and space is limited. The trip is only \$249.00 based on quad occupancy.

This year's trip includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation and daily shuttle service to and from the mountain. Five nights' lodging at LeConcorde Hotel and seven meals, including five country breakfasts in the hotel or at the mountain and two dinners in Quebec, are also included.

Five prepaid lift tickets to Mount Ste. Anne are included in the package, as well as ski instructional films and demonstration of use of rental ski equipment. Skiers may choose to sightsee in Quebec or tour the French-Canadian countryside in lieu of skiing for a day.

Anyone interested in going to Mount Ste. Anne should sign up Friday, November 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB and 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Pickering Hall Lobby. A deposit of \$125 is required to reserve space on the trip.

Remember, space is limited, so sign up early.