

\$200 Tuition Increase Announced For Next Year

By Rich Colandrea

It will cost the student here \$200 more for tuition next year and \$100 more for room and board according to an announcement this week from Acting President Robert S. Capin.

The increase, which will bring the yearly tuition rate to \$2,500 and the room and board fee up to \$1,400, was determined after a three-month long proposed budgetary analysis that revealed a high operating cost figure.

The announced hike comes as no surprise as every sector of the economy is trying to ward off, as best as possible, the corrosive effects of inflation.

The tuition and room and board increases will put Wilkes College in line with the actions of almost every other comparable college and university in

Pennsylvania, and a proposed tuition chart of all similar colleges actually shows that Wilkes College has kept the tuition rate below the other colleges of its size and has kept room and board charges, for the most part, the same.

"This increase is the lowest we could arrive at after careful analysis of our budget for next year, consideration of our operating costs and a full review of where we might make adjustments to cut our expense," the acting president said in a prepared statement this week.

"I sincerely hope that you will understand the necessity for these increases," Capin said in a letter to parents of Wilkes students. "Believe me, when I say the Board and the Administration explored every possible alternative before arriving at the inescapable

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Tuition Hike Reflects High Operating Costs

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Community Campaign Exceeds Goal

Capin, In Unprecedented Move, Explains College Budget To SG

By Wilma Hurst

Acting President Robert S. Capin made history Tuesday night when he appeared before the student government body to explain the college's budget. Mr. Capin, who requested the time to speak to the student representatives, said that his appearance was a first at Wilkes College, since at no other time were students informed about budget procedure.

Mr. Capin's primary reason for discussing the budget was the fact that tuition, room and board will increase next year, and he felt that as "a member of the Wilkes College Family," Student Government should know what it takes to run the college.

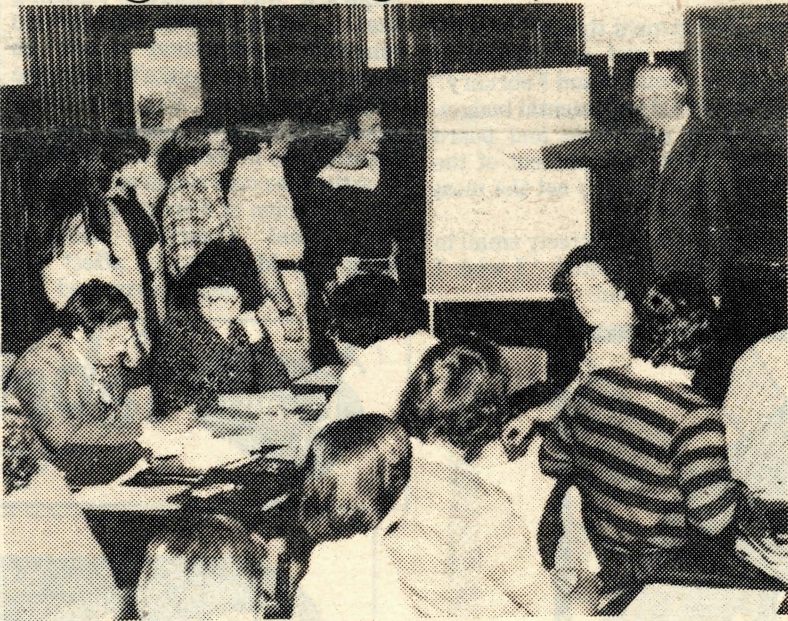
The 1976-77 budget, the product of several months of planning, was designed to provide adequate revenue to cover all operating costs including a salary increase, a modest surplus, and a minimum tuition increase.

Mr. Capin voluntarily met with all department chairmen and administrative heads to determine the total dollar package needed to operate the college. A list of expenses and known revenue was compiled to calculate the amount of money needed from tuition, room and board payments.

Expenses increased 4.9 percent, according to Mr. Capin, due to rising utility rates, (a 14.5 percent increase) expanded maintenance service needed for the SLC, (a 12.5 percent increase) additional security services, (30 percent increase) and increases in areas such as administration, janitorial service and elevator maintenance. The salary increment is still below the cost of living increase.

Also on the SG agenda Tuesday evening was a report on the damages to the gym floor in the form of a reply from the Bellefonte Insurance Company. The company ruled that Fang Productions is not responsible for the damages and

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Acting President Robert S. Capin explains budget procedure in detail to Student Government members Tuesday night.

Umphred Lists Totals At Final Luncheon

William Umphred, chairman of the college's Development Committee, pronounced the 1976 community campaign as a success, as pledges exceeded the \$110,000 goal.

Division leaders reported that final week pledges reached \$33,175, making the final total of \$120,254.

The \$325,000 overall goal of the campaign includes an \$80,000 alumni contribution from a campaign which is now underway and will close on May 31, the end of the college fiscal year.

The remainder of the campaign effort included the \$110,000 community phase and a goal of \$135,000 from "other sources"—college family, trustees, and corporations and foundations.

Umphred also listed the sum of \$173,000 as having been collected

toward the "other sources" goal of \$135,000, which meant that this phase of the campaign was surpassed by \$38,000.

Arthur J. Hoover, college campaign coordinator, reported briefly on advance pledges and gifts from alumni, as well as providing a review of the nearly \$15,000 contributed by the "college family" as it worked against a \$10,000 goal.

The total amount collected to date stands at \$293,254 against an immediate goal of \$245,000, which excludes the \$80,000 raised among 9,000 alumni who are residing in all of the 50 states and many foreign countries. If the alumni are successful in meeting the challenge the goal set for the campaign of \$325,000 will be in excess of the overall 1976 campaign goal.

Monday, 8 p.m., In CPA

Role Of Today's News Media Is Subject For Public Forum

The role of the nation's news media in today's society will be the focal point for discussion when the Journalism Society of Wilkes College, in cooperation with the Concert and Lecture Series, presents a public forum on Monday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts.

Two former Wyoming Valley residents, who are now working out of New York and New Jersey in network television news, will join a panel of local news personalities in reviewing the responsibilities and problems of the news media.

Richard Colandrea, editor-in-chief of the Beacon, is chairman of the first program of its kind to be held on the Wilkes College campus. The title of the forum is: "The News Media's Role As the Nation Marks Its 200th Anniversary."

Returning to this region as special panelists are Jim Collis, a graduate of Kingston High School, and

currently New Jersey correspondent for WNBC-TV news, and Neil Amdur, a graduate of Plymouth High School, who last year moved from The New York Times sports staff to CBS-TV in New York, where he is a news director and producer.

Also appearing on the panel will be Tom Bigler, editorialist WBRE-TV, Wilkes-Barre, who will serve as moderator. Libby Brennan, society editor for the Sunday Independent in Wilkes-Barre who recently returned from a tour of the Middle East, will be among the guest panelists. Rounding out the scheduled list of panelists will be Tom Powell of WDAU-TV in Scranton and Paul Golias, a staff writer for the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader and president of the local American Newspaper Guild and Roy Morgan, vice president and general manager of WILK Radio.

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Costs At Other Colleges

1976-77 Comparative College Costs				
Institution	Tuition	Room & Board	Books, Personal, etc.	Total Costs
Albright	2890	1400	600	4890
Bucknell	3615	1400	585	5600
Dickinson (1)	3510	1690	700	5900
Gettysburg *	3330	1120	550	5000
Juniata * (2)	2880	1420	625	4925
Lafayette *	—	—	—	4995
Labanon Valley	2803	1400	620	4823
Lehigh	3550	1525	625	5700
Lycoming (3)	2550	1250	750	4550
Muhlenberg	3125	1300	750	5175
St. Frances *	2200	1150	625	3975
Susquehanna *	2812	1246	752	4810
Ursinus (4)	2780	1270	600	4650
Allegheny *	3050	1280	670	5000
Elizabethtown	—	—	—	4500
Wilkes (5)	2350	1300	650	4200
King's (6)	2200	1230	—	—

Based on December, 1975, figures
* tentative or estimated (1) additional \$35 assessed of student teachers (2) Additional \$30 to \$90 per year assessed of science majors for lab fees (3) additional \$100 assessed of student teachers (4) additional \$200 tuition and \$50 books and supplies for science majors (5) 1975-76 fees; 1976-77 fees not yet known (6) based on 1975-76 fiscal year.

Publishing Anniversaries Noted

By Joe Buckley

Two college publications, the *Beacon* and the *Amnicola*, are celebrating their 40th and 30th publishing anniversaries, respectively, this year. Another publication, the *Manuscript*, will celebrate its 30th publishing anniversary next year.

Acting President Robert Capin extended his congratulations to the three staffs and said, "In the years that I have been at Wilkes College as a student, faculty member, and administrator, I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with many fine young student writers, who provided extremely vital forms of communication on campus."

"I have seen some very fine staffs over the years," he continued. "I can recall instances where student writers and editors carried out their mission under some mighty strong pressure but always in keeping with high ideals and practices."

All three publications or their predecessors were originally published under the banner of Bucknell University Junior College.

The first publication at the junior college was *The Bison Stampede*, a literary magazine sponsored by the English Department. Lacking student interest, *The Bison Stampede* gave way after only one year to another publication, the *Bucknell Beacon*.

The *Bucknell Beacon* was created

Beacon

Amnicola

Manuscript

to carry news of school social affairs and to better acquaint members of the student body and the faculty with one another.

During the 1940's, the *Bucknell Beacon* was largely concerned with World War II and the affect the war was having on the college. It was at this time the newspaper began taking student opinion polls on current social and political questions.

The *Bucknell Beacon* continued to publish until 1947 when Bucknell University Junior College became Wilkes College. At that time the newspaper's name was changed to the *Beacon*.

The *Beacon* continues to publish articles directly related to the school but it no longer carries stories on larger national issues.

The yearbook was first published in 1946 under the title of the *BUJC Yearbook*. When the junior college became Wilkes, the yearbook's

name was changed to the *Amnicola*.

The first issue was devoted to summaries of the history of the college and its organizations. It serves as a good historical record of the first 13 years of the school.

Except for the summaries, the style of the yearbook has not changed much over the past 30 years.

The first issue of the *Manuscript* was also published while the school was still a junior college. Published three times a year, the main content of the literary magazine was mostly prose with very little poetry.

Now published only once a year, the content of the *Manuscript* has become predominantly poetry with some prose. The *Manuscript* has also included art in its editions of the past few years.

All editions of the *Beacon*, *Amnicola*, and *Manuscript* from the first issues are on preserved in the treasure room of the college library.

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Capin told the Student Government that he "elected to meet with every academic and administrative chairman individually during January and February" and discuss ways to tighten each departmental budget.

Capin revealed that tuition and room and board charges together make up close to 70 percent of the college's total operating budget. "That's not the most healthy situation," he said.

The \$200 increase in tuition is comparatively small to the total operating expenses, Capin noted. "I wish I had better news, but I don't," he said.

Curriculum Revisions Approved By Faculty

By Wilma Hurst

The Curriculum Committee's proposal to amend the general requirements of the curriculum core was passed by the faculty with a few minor revisions. The new general college requirements will be included in the 1976-77 *Bulletin* and will apply to freshmen entering in the summer and fall. Presently enrolled and transfer students will follow the current requirements or the revised core. In addition, all department requirements presently listed will remain in effect.

The new core reduces the number of credit hours required and allows for greater flexibility in choosing courses. Under the core, English 101 and one upper-level course is required, along with physical education, hygiene and the 101 course in either fine arts, music or theater arts.

In the distribution areas, humanities requirements have seen the greatest revisions. Three of the four listed six-hour sequences must be chosen: English 151-152; History 101 and one upper-level course; Philosophy 101 and one upper-level course; Foreign Language 101-102 or 203-204 or courses at the student's level of competency.

It is the foreign language requirement which was amended in the original proposal, as the 203-204 sequence was required, meaning that a student with no foreign language background would be forced to take 12 credits to fulfill the requirement. It also restricted taking upper-level courses such as translations in European literature to satisfy the core requirements, and in the opinion of Foreign Language Department Chairman Michael Seitz, would seriously affect the future of the department and the

reputation and academic stature of the college.

The amendment proposal puts the Foreign Language Department on an equal basis with other departments in the humanities distribution area.

In the mathematics-science area two departmental sequences in biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, physics or mathematics is required, with no more than one sequence from any one department.

Two departmental sequences in commerce and finance, political science, psychology, or sociology anthropology makes up the social science requirement. Again, only one sequence may be taken in a particular department.

The core applies to all students in both B.A. and B.S. programs. Present exceptions are the B.S. programs in engineering, medical technology, music education, physics and nursing.

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conclusion that the best we could do was to hold down the increases to the announced levels. The expenses involved in operating the college have been reflected upwards just as you have experienced.

In an unprecedented move, Acting President Capin requested Tuesday night to go before Student Government and explain reasons behind the college's proposed fiscal budget and the necessity for the tuition and room and board hike. He is scheduled to appear before the faculty, and explain the increase this morning at 11.

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Blossom Festival To Begin April 30

By Mary Ellen Alu

Wilkes College will play a major role in the first weekend of the Cherry Blossom Festival April 30—May 2.

According to George Pawlusch, advisor to the Cherry Blossom Committee at the college, activities will be centered on the lawns of Chase and Kirby Halls because of the construction work on the River Commons.



Ginny Edwards

"But despite some adversities of construction," he said, "I don't think the spirits in the community and on the campus will be dampened."

He added, "Our campus will be open as a showplace during the weekend."

The new chairman of the committee is Ginny Edwards. She was chosen by Student Government to replace Howie Stark, who resigned from the position.

The festival will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, April 30 as Campus Field Day is held on Bedford and Chase lawns until 6 p.m. Many games will be featured including sack races. A Wilkes College party featuring a well-known band will be held at 8 that evening at Ralston Field.

During this weekend, Jay Fields will direct a Reader's Theatre, "The Fantastiks," in the Student Union Building.

An All-College Carnival will take place on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. on Chase Lawn. There will be Band Shell Performances featuring the Brass Ensemble, the choir, the college band, King's choral group, a dance group from Luzerne County Community College, and a Barbershop quartet. There also will be a Fine Arts Exhibit in the courtyard of the Stark Learning Center from 1 to 6 p.m.

A discotheque will be held in the gym Saturday evening in conjunction with WCLH-FM.

Other activities during the Cherry Blossom weekend will include campus displays (with awards), and tours of the campus buildings.

Ping Pong Finals Begin Last Round

The First Annual Wilkes College Engineering Club Ping Pong Tournament recently entered its final round of play, with four teams remaining in competition. Both Electrical Engineering teams survived the preliminary round, along with teams from the Physics and Math Clubs.

Earned points from the previous rounds were wiped out at the beginning of the final round, and the four teams are competing equally. Six matches are scheduled in this last series of competition. Points are awarded for each win or draw, and the team accumulating the most points will be declared the winner of the tournament.

This final round, like the preliminary one, consists of "power matched singles" using ITTF and USTTA rules and officials for each game.

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Shown in the reception room of Weckesser Hall when it was a woman's dormitory are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Weckesser.

This photo was taken as they observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Weckesser Hall Has Historical Significance

By Donna M. Geffert

Wilkes College has many attractive and historically significant buildings on campus, among which is the mammoth structure located at 170 South Franklin Street, Weckesser Hall.

The three-story building was constructed in 1914 and designed by Charles Gilbert.

Weckesser Hall stands as a tribute to the industrial and merchantile strength of Wyoming Valley and the man who built it and bequeathed it to Wilkes College in 1956, Frederick J. Weckesser.

Until the day of his death, Weckesser was closely associated with the founding and progress of the F.

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Collis and Amdur will present their views on the role of the news media today, with each scheduled to address the panel and the audience for five minutes. Local news personalities will then be asked to offer their views on the same subject. The moderator will coordinate an exchange of views based upon answers to questions that will have been supplied by students, faculty and administrators.

The final portion of the program will allow the moderator to ask for questions of anyone on the panel by persons in the audience.

Collis, who is the son of Joseph Collis, recently retired managing editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, received his bachelor's degree from Columbia University and his master's degree from the same institution's Graduate School of Journalism. He completed the Army Information School training during a two-year tour of service and then joined WGBI-TV and later WDAU-TV in this region. Later he went with WTEV-TV in New Bedford, Mass., and then joined NBC in Philadelphia in 1964, where he gained a highly favorable reputation as a top newsman.

Amdur wrote spots in Wyoming Valley while still at Plymouth High School and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri. He joined the Miami Herald sports staff in 1961 and worked there for five years, receiving the Florida Sports Writer's Award in 1966. He moved to the New York Times as a staff writer until last year, when he moved into the electronic media.

W. Woolworth empire.

Born in Clayton, New York, of German parentage, he entered the business world at the age of 10, working before and after school hours in a general store.

At 19, he secured employment in Watertown, New York, and later moved to a position with the F.M. Kirby and Company, the store which formed the center of the F.W. Woolworth enterprises.

Weckesser came to Wilkes-Barre in 1899 to become the general manager and buyer of the Kirby store, and in 1912, he became district manager, a member of the Woolworth board of directors and a leading figure of the executive committee.

Weckesser Hall has served as a women's dormitory and as the college library since its acquisition by Wilkes.

Currently serving as the college's chief administrative building, Weckesser Hall houses 14 significant offices.

In the lower level of the building, the Division of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies and the Registrar's Office are located.

The President's Office, Dean of Academic Affairs Office and the Recorder's Office can be found on the main floor along with two conference rooms.

The second floor of the building houses the two offices of the deans of men and women, Student Government, Commuter Council and Inter-Dormitory Council facilities.

The Public Relations Office, Sports Information Office, Alumni Affairs Office and Development Office are maintained on the third floor of Weckesser Hall.

Today, Weckesser Hall is included in the "Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks."

Job Hunt Underway By Seniors

By Mary Ellen Alu

With graduation just around the corner, many seniors have begun seeking employment in their fields.

Twenty-two companies have visited the Wilkes campus since February 1 according to John Chwalek, placement director, giving seniors the opportunity to be interviewed by various firms who need employees.

Chwalek said that at least 12 additional companies are expected to soon visit the campus to hold senior interviews.

He explained that many firms are no longer able to come to the campus to interview students because of budgetary problems or because they do not have jobs available.

"Companies are not hiring like they used to," he said.

Chwalek explained that while jobs are hard to get, he does not want to discourage students in any field. "Maybe certain majors are not needed now," he said, "but in two years they may be in demand."

He stressed that Wilkes is not the only college where there has been a decline in companies holding interviews on the campus. "But Wilkes is getting its share of interviews."

Many seniors have expressed the difficulty they face in trying to obtain employment after graduation. Different majors are having varying degrees of success in even obtaining interviews.

Patty Shillaci of Exeter, a Spanish and math major said, "Students have to take the initiative when seeking jobs." She believes the Placement Office is doing all it can to help seniors find employment. "The bulk of the effort has to be on the part of the student."

Joseph Aquilina of Pittston is a psychology major. He has not yet had any interviews at the Placement Office, since "the interviews are mostly for business, accounting, and education majors."

Many interviewers admit that they are not hiring many new employees. Debbie Baller of Plains, a Spanish major, was given such information during one of her interviews. She was also told that enrollment was down in the school system, but she put an application in for a teaching position anyway.

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Capin Applauded

We applaud Acting President Capin's frankness and sincerity in discussing, in such open and detailed fashion, the proposed budget of Wilkes College and the reasons for the increase in tuition and room and board before Student Government Tuesday night.

After being shown the results of President Capin's three long months of exploring different alternatives and combinations of the budget and talking with departmental and administrative chairmen to explore any possibility of departmental pruning, we feel that next year's increase of \$200 is a most modest and necessary figure.

At first the student might shake his head at this figure in utter disgust and demand to know what additional services he will receive in return. Honestly we can only think of one—the survival of Wilkes College.

The state-supported colleges and universities are finding these times difficult also. Huge cutbacks in both budgets and faculty have been ordered for these institutions in New York and New Jersey. Well, you might say, that's them and not us. Take a look at Penn State and you'll see cutbacks, too. Take a look at the chart on page one and see that Wilkes College, tuition wise, falls below all colleges and universities in its own category.

Do you know in the proposed fiscal budget that Mr. Capin revealed Tuesday night shows a provision for a 5½ percent salary increment for faculty members which is, in fact, below the cost of living percentage? Our faculty, salary wise, falls below the national average, an astonishing fact indeed.

We are all in the same boat and if we want a cost of a college education we'll have to pay for it. If you hold a college degree, statistically, you will earn more money than the person who does not during your lifetime.

But, in spite of all this, we must turn to Tuesday night's Student Government meeting and look what happened. For the first time in the history of this college, the chief executive officer went before the students, even prior to meeting the faculty, with the entire fiscal budget, and explained to us what he felt we, as students, have a right to know—the way we stand.

Journalists At Wilkes

As we have been bombarded with countless reports and revelations on the saga of Watergate, almost to the point where the word has become household, we can only attribute the whole affair to the perennial watchdog of American society—the news media.

This Monday, April 5, at 8 p.m. the Journalism Society, in cooperation with the Concert and Lecture Series, will present a public forum in the Center for the Performing Arts, with a panel of national and local newsmen, and examine the role of our nation's news media today.

Because of Watergate, the interest in the field of communications, particularly on the investigative side, has skyrocketed among the members of our society. We hope the cast of journalists, that will address themselves and the audience on the press's role, will be able to shed new light and perspective on the news gathering function that takes place within our country.

The panel will look at the news media, where it has been, where it is, and where it is going. We hope that the student body, the faculty and administration, and the community, will set aside some time Monday evening for this program.

It will be well worth it.

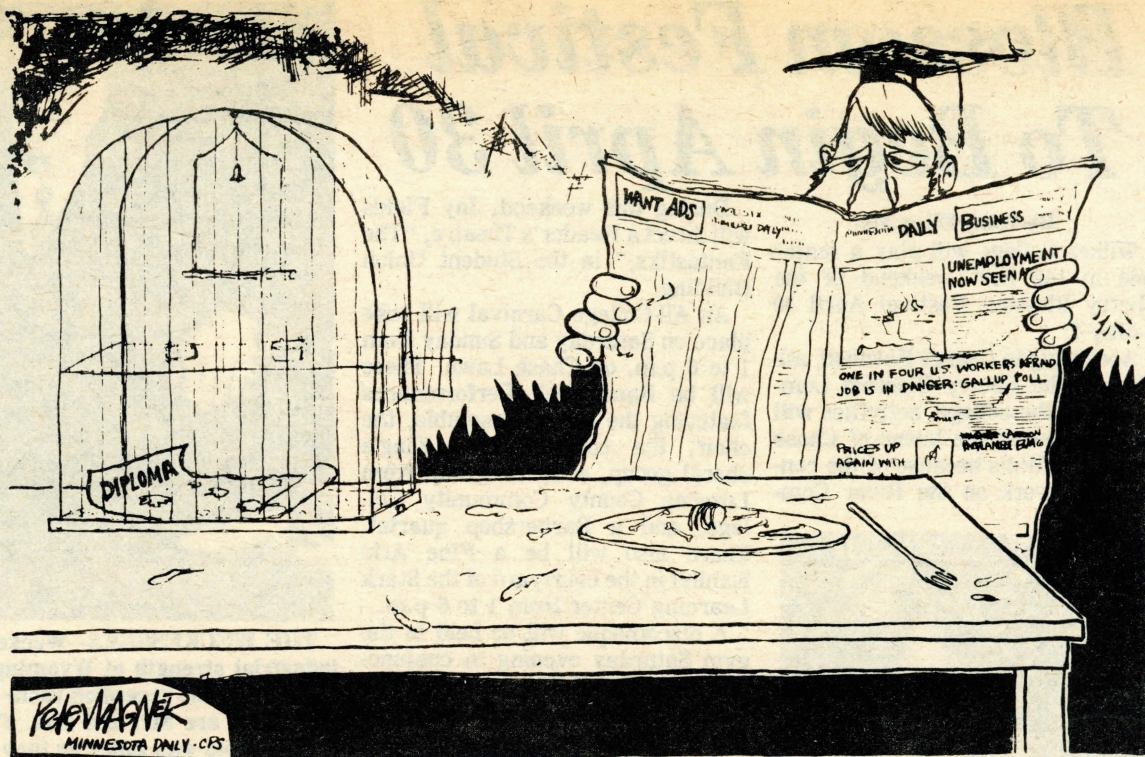
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Drop Seen In College Board Scores; Wilkes Is Reflecting National Trend

By Wilma Hurst

A study of college board scores conducted by the American College Testing program indicates that high school students entering college are more poorly prepared academically than ever before. Wilkes is following the national trend in the respect that board scores, particularly in the verbal area, have decreased.

According to Joseph Kanner, director of testing, scores have not dropped badly, but have dropped enough "to cause concern." He said that two or three major research projects are attempting to discover the source of the problem since theoretically, scores should be increasing. He stressed that the problem may not be as serious as it appears, and referring to the drop in board scores said, "There is a change, but we haven't determined the meaning of that change."

John Whitby, dean of admissions, agreed that Wilkes is reflecting the national trend, but added that while the verbal scores have decreased slightly, the math scores have actually increased. The average verbal score for this year's freshmen was approximately 490 out of a possible 800 in the Scholastic Aptitude Test, (SAT) which is above the national average. Math scores were somewhat higher.

Whitby also pointed out that while board scores are going down, performances and grades in college are better. He referred to a Beacon article which indicated that quite a few professors think students are actually better prepared than before and cited the fact that high schools are offering more advanced courses. "Fifteen years ago," he said, "I don't think there was a high school in this valley offering calculus or Chemistry II. But I don't think students are getting the writing experience they should have."

The newly-instituted writing lab at the college, designed to help students who are having difficulty with basic writing skills, also points to the need for a better high school English background.

Mr. Kanner offered his opinion on the national decline in verbal scores by stating that teachers in elementary schools have become more permissive and less demanding. "Teachers are getting away from the basic skills—vocabulary

building, reading, writing and arithmetic. They are bypassing the basic tools and have entered an era of permissive concepts. They need to set demanding goals that are still within range."

He also believes that in a "T.V. generation" such as this, where children are possibly learning from visual communication, tests are still concerned with what is learned from the written word. He stated that perhaps new tests must be devised to accurately determine how much and by what means a student learns.

SAT scores are not given a large amount of importance when a student applies for admission, however. Mr. Whitby stated that Wilkes has "never weighted the board scores to the extent that some other colleges have" because the admissions office has more confidence in what a high school has to say about a student. He pointed out that 60 percent of the students at Wilkes are from the local area and experience has shown that the high schools are reputable institutions.

Dorm students generally graduated from schools in the Middle Atlantic District, which also has a good reputation.

Mr. Whitby explained that board scores are used more for counseling purposes than for admission requirements. Remedial work or a suggestion to reconsider a choice of major may result from poor scores.

\$5 Saving?

Looking back 14 years, the tuition at Wilkes College was \$850 for one academic year. The student activities fee was \$30 per year and the graduation fee amounted to \$20 per annum.

Today, tuition costs have risen to \$2,500 a year. It now costs \$40 for your graduation fee, and, astonishingly enough, it only costs the student \$25 for the activity fee. Do we have a \$5 saving?

Special Selections

The Journalism Society in conjunction with the Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series will present a panel discussion of prominent national and local newsmen on Monday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in the CPA.

Sister Marie Turnbach, RSM, will speak on "Women in Politics" Tuesday, April 6, at noon in Stark Learning Center's room 1.

The lecture, open without charge to all Wilkes students, faculty, and administrators, is sponsored by the Political Science Club.

Financial Aid packets are available on the first floor of Chase Hall and must be picked up immediately.

Doreen Psikus will present her Senior Voice recital on Saturday, April 3, at 8:30 p.m. in the Recital Room of the CPA.

The Wilkes College Committee for a Clean Environment is sponsoring a photography contest. Entries will be accepted until Wednesday, April 21, 1976. The three categories include black and white prints, color prints, and a special interest category for snapshots.

Commuter Council, under the direction of Jackie Pickering, will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons.

Inter-Dormitory Council (IDC) will meet on Sunday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons with Mike LoPresti presiding.

Student Government will meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Weckesser Hall. Zeke Zaborney will preside.

A Bike-A-Thon will be held for the benefit of the American Cancer Society on Saturday, April 3. Forms may be picked up at the Kirby Health Center.

Wilkes Tutors Run 'Math Machine'

By Lisa Waznik

Room 425 of Stark Learning Center is probably the busiest classroom in all of Wilkes College. Everyday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. the "Math Machine" is constantly running.

And who fuels the "machine?" It's Dave Wasilewski, Thonchai Patchana, Joanne Englot, Tony DeVita, and Dan Babetski, the student math tutors.

This tutor service is provided by the Math Department free of charge to students. The tutors are not intended to replace regular instructors as far as out of classroom help is concerned.

Babetski, who has been a tutor for two years says, "Tutoring has discouraged me from teaching. I just don't have the patience."

Dan, a senior who seeks a career in programming or possibly graduate school, doesn't mind tutoring but believes, "It's aggravating at times."

Dan says he meets some interesting people in the tutoring business. But are they as interesting as Thonchai Patchana, a junior physics major?

Thonchai, who is from Thailand, is a math expert who wants to be a nuclear engineer.

"Math is a most important part of

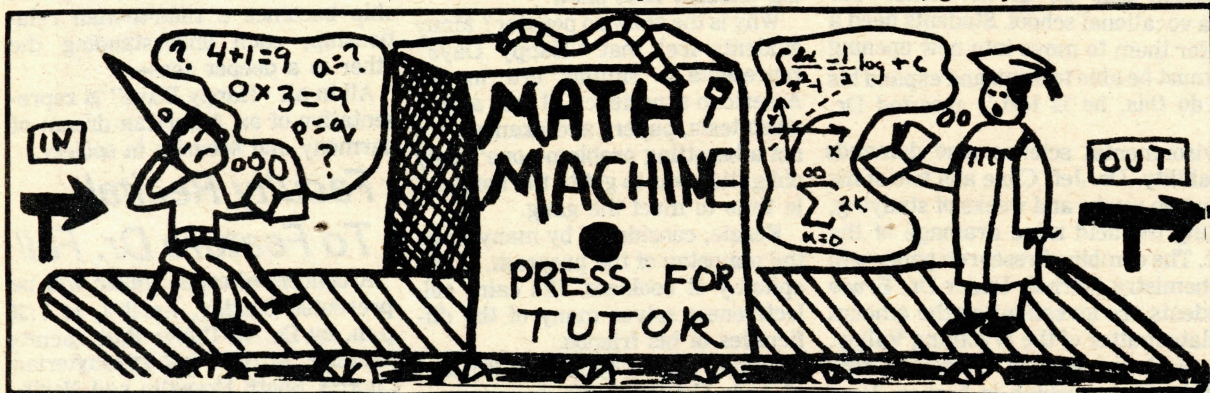
"The whole place is jumping!"

"People know I'm a tutor and they even stop me when I'm walking down the street to ask for help."

Tony is scheduled for eight tutor hours but usually winds up putting in about four extra hours. "They even call me at home!"

But surely the tutor who receives the most calls at home (not always about math!) is pretty Joanne Englot, the lone female in the group, a junior in her first year of tutoring at Wilkes.

Prior to tutoring at Wilkes, the Bayside, New York resident, who now lives with her grandmother in Nanticoke, gave private lessons in



As junior math major Dave Wasilewski says, "We're here to help students overcome the little stumbling blocks, like the explanations in the book." However, he said when an entire concept is misunderstood, it's better to go to the teacher.

"Da," who has been tutoring since his sophomore year, finds the most problems occur when a student thinks the tutor can do everything. "They give me a 'dismal look' when I tell them I don't know a particular problem, such as probability, which has been added to Calculus 105-106."

"Most students find calculus hard in college because they lack a sufficient high school background. This holds true especially with students from the Valley."

However, Dave finds tutoring rewarding and a great asset for his own future in math education.

The tutoring experience has led one tutor away from the teaching field. As a matter of fact, Dan

physics," he stated.

You can find Thonchai in Stark almost every night until 1 a.m. doing research. (Although these aren't his scheduled hours, he is glad to help then, too.)

His pet peeve is the way students become too dependent on the teacher or only study what is going to be on a test. "You learn through research," he said. "I wish I had more time for research and not have to spend time on English or German. I don't mind them, but I enjoy physics so much more."

Another person needing more hours in the day is Tony DeVita. Tony, now a senior math major, has been tutoring since the spring of his junior year and would like to secure a career in business, although, "Teaching would be a nice possibility."

Some days when Tony is all caught up with his own work, not a single student appears for help. But try a day when Tony needs the time and

math. (Sorry boys, no more private lessons!)

"Sometimes the boys think I'm foolish," she replied when asked about being the only female tutor. She believes that others think she is just not as smart as some of her male counterparts, merely because she is female. But the other tutors readily agree she is just as capable.

Joanne, who is also a member of the women's tennis team, says sometimes kids just come in to talk even when they don't need help. (But can you blame them? Just don't let a certain King's College swimmer catch you!)

However, the best way to meet Joanne and the others is to take advantage of the tutor service. You may find most of your fellow students there sharing the same problems.

The tutors may be a few minutes late in getting to Room 425 but wait—it will surely be worth the trouble!

Students Are Now Able to Fail Any Course In Thirteen Easy Steps

With the tenth week of school rapidly approaching, many of us are deciding whether or not to drop that ridiculous course or to just take the "F".

Have you ever received a failing grade before? It is not very hard to accomplish. If you are failing a course or interested in doing so, check off these 13 easy steps for your big final "F"!

1. Be absent frequently. Let the slightest indisposition keep you at home. Pamper that tired feeling. Think of the others. It might be catching.

2. When attending class make a dramatic entrance after the lecture begins. The instructor will thus get acquainted with you sooner.

3. Do not study the assignments. The instructor disagrees with some of the text anyway. In fact, if you are not on the GI Bill, why buy the texts.

4. Postpone doing homework until after that done by others has been discussed in class and eliminate having to think for yourself. It can be done faster that way and the time saved more than makes up for the time lost on prelims and will permit you to go to the movies.

5. Do not pay attention to the figures and curves the instructor puts on the blackboard. That girl last night had better ones and the blind date tonight better have.

6. If the text says two certain reagents give a white precipitate when mixed, but the experiment produces a blue one, do not question why. It is just a chemistry. In fact, why bother with laboratory when the results are all stated in the book.

7. Do not attend laboratory at the scheduled time, but come when the instructor is not bothered by other students and you can have his undivided attention. He may appreciate alibis, especially unique ones.

8. Do not record experiments while in the laboratory. Wait several weeks, when some observations have been forgotten the record will be shorter. Then hand your reports in at or after examination time when the instructor is too busy to read them.

9. Never work with clean apparatus. Many discoveries and inventions have resulted from chance impurities. Who knows? A million dollars may be just around the corner for you. Then you can tell

the instructor where to go.

10. Use dice to determine best answers to "True and False" and "Multiple Choice" questions. This method is quick and gives a varied pattern of answers. The instructor gets suspicious if you simply alternate. A crystal ball may be better for "Completion Type" questions.

11. Don't review old prelims. Let the dead past lie in peace. The future lies in pieces anyway.

12. Pad the body of essay type questions with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address repeated as many times as needed to give impressive length. The Declaration of Independence or Washington's Farewell Address are also effective. The beginning and end should be pertinent to the subject matter. The instructor may read that much.

13. If a passing grade still stares you in the face, you are hopelessly intelligent. Your best chance is to study all night before the final examination and appear there bleary eyed, mentally fagged and barely awake.

P.S. There are reputed to be thirteen steps to a gallows.



By Marianne Montague

April Foolishness

Happy April Fool's Day to all you April fools, May fools, June fools, no fool like an old fool, the fool and his money, and those of you who like to fool around. Today I have written down my suggestions on how we should observe this esteemed holiday. Like usual, my suggestions will probably not be followed, but I feel important when I write them down.

First I think the moon should appear in the morning and the sun should rise at night just to set the atmosphere for the occasion. I'm having a little trouble getting in touch with the guy who's in charge of all this. Some guy, Peter, keeps answering the phone and putting me off. He says there's no way I can get in touch with the Creator right now but told me that when my time comes I'll know. And he adds "Don't call us — We'll call you!"

I guess we'll have to do without the special effects and make do with what we have to celebrate. I have a couple suggestions for students and faculty. So chip in and let's make this the best April Fool's Day ever.

1. I think that just for today Dr. Reif should walk on the grass, go through the wrong doors, and spill coke and potato chips all along the halls of Stark.
2. No one should wear jeans to class. Boys should wear suits and girls should wear dresses — or better yet girls should wear suits and boys should wear dresses.
3. We should all play switch-majors for the day. Send an art major into nursing so he can brighten up a hospital or a bio major into English so he can dissect a sentence. Better yet send a psych major into math so he can find the underlying, emotional, deep-rooted causes of an inverted fraction.
4. Be nice to your parents. Send THEM money.
5. Write in Richard Nixon as a candidate for the 1976 Presidency.
6. Buy yourself something you don't need, like an artichoke chopper or a plastic yacht cover.
7. Plant tomatoes in the basket of Dean Ralston's bike.
8. Paint Weckesser Hall red, white and blue for the Bicentennial.
9. Tell Drs. Williams, Henson, and Wuori that you understand everything they're saying and more.
10. Buy your favorite prof a pet boa constrictor.
11. Only go up in the Parrish elevator one at a time.
12. Don't talk in the library.
13. Raise your hand in English class to ask a question about a math problem.
14. Send a get well card to somebody who isn't sick.
15. Walk around with an umbrella up if the sun is shining, or wear cut-offs and sandals if it's snowing.
16. Go to a Student Government meeting and ask them for funds to pay your tuition.
17. Go to a baseball game and ask where the goal posts are.
18. Tell Mr. Denion that when you're home you miss the caf food.
19. Tell your profs you like to study for exams.
20. Tell me you like "Dream On."

If you follow any of these instructions you will qualify for a high-ranked April fool. You are also qualified to answer the question "What Kind of Fool Am I?" That's about all I can take of this foolishness. Stay tuned for the next big holiday—Income Tax Day. P.S. Happy Birthday Bobbo!!!

Many Different Countries Celebrate April Fool's Day

By Mary Stencavage

April brings a lot of things: showers, the first real taste of Spring, sometimes Easter, and April Fool's Day. Ever wonder how the custom of playing practical jokes and tricks got its start?

Although many explanations for the tradition have been offered, there is little or no agreement on any of them. The impression prevails that it has something to do with the observance of the Spring Equinox. Around the world, in various nations, April Fool's Day is celebrated in different ways. In India, for example, the Feast of Holi which occurs on March 31, has been celebrated for countless centuries by sending people on foolish errands.

In France, April fooling became a custom after the adoption of the reformed calendar of Charles IX. The person who is fooled in France is a "poisson d'avril" which is an April fish.

In the beginning of the eighteenth century, April fooling became common in England. In Scotland, the April fools are called "gowks"—the

"gowk" being a cuckoo.

In the United States, the early settlers brought the custom with them. So today, if someone you know comes up to you and tells you you're wearing two different colored socks, or that the term paper you've been putting off for as long as you can, is due today—before you have a cardiac arrest—think twice, because it's just their way of telling you that today is—April Fool's Day!

NOTICE

Attention has been called to the calendar change for the Easter Weekend by Robert S. Capin, acting president.

Classes will conclude on Thursday, April 15, at 10 p.m. and will resume on Monday, April 19, at 8 a.m.

This change was made in response to students, faculty and administrators who expressed a desire to have Good Friday as an open day instead of Monday, as had been originally listed in the calendar.

Physics Is A 'Stepping Stone' To Many Careers, Says Bellas

By Sandy Akromas

Since physics is the most basic, fundamental science, it serves as the basic, fundamental discipline for careers in a multitude of areas.

"Physics is 'good training' or is a 'stepping stone' for almost any field," stated Dr. Frederic Bellas, professor in the Wilkes College physics department.

With a degree in physics, a student could choose a career in physics, bio-physics, physical chemistry, medicine, medical research, geophysics, applied mathematics, communications, and computer technology.

The government also provides career opportunities for the physics major. Satellite and space programs, and ionosphere (air), geophysics (land) and oceanic research programs are some career possibilities. Environmental and pollution control and defense and weapons research give the physics degree holder other job outlooks.

Why is physics such good training for all of the above careers?

"Physics teaches you how to think," said Dr. Bellas, "and the field 'never sleeps' in the sense that it is continually probing deeper and modifying what it already knows into new areas where no one has gone."

"The physicist has been responsible for the radio, TV, electricity, nuclear power, communications, interplanetary travel. I would not be surprised that, if cancer does have a cure, it will be provided by some physicist working in conjunction with medical research."

"Students entering the physics program at Wilkes should be sincere, dedicated, curious, honest, and like hard work. They also need to enjoy what they are studying," advised Dr. Bellas, who has been teaching physics at Wilkes for about 14 years.

Wilkes College has every reason to boast about its physics department. Dr. Walter Elasser, a famous physicist from Princeton University, visited the campus several times and stated that the Wilkes College physics department was the "best equipped small college physics department east of the Mississippi River."

Environmental science, chemistry, biology and physics are inter-related disciplines and students from the field may look for similar job opportunities—which are numerous.

Careers offered are: environmental equipment operation (wildlife attendant, waste water treatment plant operator, or solid waste systems manager); environmental technology (technicians, inspectors, monitors, and testers); education (educators, engineers, health services, planners, or natural-resource managers); and science and research (life scientists, physical scientists, social and behavioral scientists).

Working with students in career planning on an individual basis are Dr. James J. Bohning, chairman of the chemistry department and other members of the department. "We work in conjunction with the American Chemistry Society. It's a tight market, but chemistry is versatile," stated Dr. Bohning. "Many think that chemists only work in a lab and wear a white coat, but this is a misconception. Chemistry has all sorts of variables: business management, literature, and forensic chemistry is now becoming a big area."

Chem majors are very useful in the health sciences, in hospital labs (clinical chemistry) and in biology, which is becoming a high interest field.

"I like to emphasize that we do not 'train' our majors. This is not a vocational school. Students need a broad background for them to move into new opening fields. The student must be able to think and expand his ideas. If he can't do this, he is lost," asserted Dr. Bohning.

Research in environmental science also demands time and a certain ability. Dr. Jeff Cline and two of his students are finishing up weeks and weeks of studying, sampling, and testing the acid mine drainage of the Susquehanna River. The combined research paper will be published in a chemistry journal. Under Dr. Bruce Berryman, two students are investigating the amount and type of particulate matter of the Wyoming Valley.

"The University of Green Bay in Wisconsin only offers environmental science, which is broken down into many areas. Their placement figures are outstanding," according to Dr. Cline.

A 12 year veteran of Wilkes, Dr. Robert E. Ogren, is trying to advise biology majors on future careers.

"The big problem is that students are not willing to relocate, and they should try to secure a position in their field. The pay may not be what they want, but they should make the most of the opportunities."

Dr. Ogren recommends that bio seniors find jobs in the biology field because the individual needs to build up his recommendations. "A job not related to the field is better than no job at all, but the student would not be using the tools he learned. Later it may be more difficult to secure a position with his training."

What about graduate schools? "More education may not always be the answer for making yourself more marketable," said Dr. Ogren.

"Bio majors may have some luck in industry. The industries prefer to hire B.S. grads and train them," according to Dr. Ogren.

In the final analysis, he believes it is the individual person to secure a position. Employees look for personality, natural abilities, training possibilities, and work habits. "These marketable skills could mean a graduate with a strong B.S. would be preferred over another because of one or more of these characteristics."

'Happy Days' Addicts Abundant on Campus

By Patti Reilly

A daily ritual at most dorms on campus is the 11:30 a.m. get-together to watch the popular show "Happy Days." "Happy Days" reruns are addicting to many of the students at Wilkes. Some students arrange classes and various meetings around the program.

Student Government President Zeke Zaborney has been known to speed up the Tuesday Student Government meetings in order to be back in time for the Tuesday evening telecast of the show.

Why is the show so popular? Many students feel that "Happy Days" represents a similar era in the American experience. It was a time when tests, papers and exams were not a besetting problem—one's only obligation was to get to the hang-out in time to meet the gang.

Fonzie, considered by many to be the mainstay of the program, is the epitome of coolness. His calm collectiveness solves many of the difficulties of his friends.

Richie, played by Ronnie Howard of Andy Griffith fame, is representative of teenage naivety. In fact, the entire Cunningham family—Howard, Marion, Joanie, Richie and Howard Jr.—is very characteristic of the typical American family of the 1950's. They are all very trusting in themselves and their society. They are not preoccupied with world problems or politics, but rather with their immediate surroundings.

One episode showed Marion, Mrs. Cunningham, confronting the family with her desire to participate in a dance contest. Everyone guffawed at the absurdity of a wife and mother being interested in dancing—at her age. Marion continued pursuing her goal with Fonzie acting as her partner. They met at off hours and practiced with a sure fire determination, until the rest of the family actually thought that Marion was having an affair with some unknown man.

Another episode showed Joanie, the Cunningham's daughter, head over heels in love with Potsie, Richie's friend. Her first crush ended in defeat after the trials of

trying to garner Potsie's attention. The show was representative of the trials and tribulations of the first teenage crush.

Mr. Cunningham and Richie have an excellent rapport with each other. In one episode Richie and his father met, unknowingly, at a go-go joint. Richie was disillusioned at seeing his father at such an establishment, and Mr. Cunningham was disappointed to think that his son had to resort to this type of entertainment. The outcome of the episode is that the father-son relationship becomes a man-to-man relationship, each understanding the other in a deeper sense.

All in all "Happy Days" is representative of an American dream of harmony and security in society.

Faculty Recital

To Feature Dr. Fall

A concert of organ music will be presented Sunday, April 4, at 3:30 p.m. by Dr. H. Cutler Fall, faculty member, at the First Presbyterian Church, South Franklin and Northampton Sts. It is part of the Faculty Recital series sponsored by the Wilkes College Department of Music.

The Passion Sunday program will include Italian compositions by Cavazzoni, Zipoli, and Frescobaldi. Variations on Passantide chorals by Scheidt and Waltuer will also be featured.

Other organ compositions to be performed include works by Pachelbel, Boehm, and J.S. Bach.

Dr. Fall has been a member of the Wilkes Faculty since 1969 and teaches Music History, piano, organ and introductory courses in music.

Dr. Fall received his B.A. from Brown University and his M.A. from Yale. At Yale he studied organ with organist H. Frank Bozyan. He then studied with Roger Nyquist of the University of California at Santa Barbara from which he received his doctorate.

He is presently secretary of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The concert is free.

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denied all claims for payment. SG President Zaborney speculated that "in my guess we might have a court case."

SG members voted on the inscription for a plaque honoring Pete Jadelis, the former SG president who is responsible for "making the Student Union Building a reality."

Nominations for Student Government President were held, as Gina O'Brien and Al Berger became candidates for the office. Elections will be held April 13.

The body passed a proposal which would place a voting student on the board of trustees to voice student opinion, report to the student body, and provide better rapport between students and the board. The proposal must go through several other groups before it becomes final.

Basketball Games To Benefit Drive

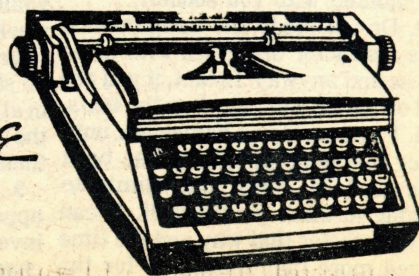
Two basketball games will be held in the Wilkes College gym on Sunday, April 4, at 7 and 9 p.m. for the benefit of the Wilkes Fund Drive.

Tickets will be on sale at the door with all proceeds going to the Wilkes Fund Drive.

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Time Will Tell For Champs

BY JEFF ACORNLEY

The 1976 edition of the Wilkes College lacrosse team will take the wraps off a brand new season on Saturday. The defending MAC champions will have their work cut out for them during the course of this campaign. Repeating as champs will be a very difficult task indeed.

They have lost much of the highly-valued experience that made last years' squad champions. On the bright side, they have seven returning lettermen, but on the realistic side they have also lost seven to graduation.

It is very difficult to win consistently with a lineup bulging with inexperienced freshmen. Despite all the promise and future hope that a good crop of freshmen

always brings, there is still needed a steady influence if there is to be immediate dividends.

Coach Chuck Mattei says, "If we weren't the defending champs, this would have to be considered a rebuilding year. We had a very disappointing Florida trip. Our freshmen discovered what college ball was like.

"It is much tougher competition and much more contact is allowed compared to high school lacrosse. This final week of pre-season practice has been used to correct some of the mistakes that we made in Florida with hopes of being ready for the opener."

EVEN THE COLONEL'S limited experience has received a fatal blow. Senior

tri-captain Craig Austin is lost for the year because of torn ligaments in his knee. Other veterans returning however, include the tri-captains Billy Winter and Fred Lohman. Two years ago Winter led the nation in scoring, and he will have to return to that form after missing most of last year with a leg injury, if the Colonels have any hope of back to back MAC crowns. Midfielders Bruce Davis, Kurt Franke, and Nick Lozorak are back also, along with Mark Davis at attack.

If the Colonels can survive their very tough schedule during the first portion of the season, they just might surprise a few people. Their calendar consists of eight conference opponents and two very good

non-conference foes.

Dickinson is the Colonels first obstacle in what could be a very important match. Dickinson is generally regarded as the MAC darkhorse, with a much improved squad and could give Wilkes some problems especially since they have never beaten the Colonels. That is what is commonly called motivation.

It looks to be an exciting season not only for the Colonels, but for the entire league. It is very well-balanced and should be competitive.

The Wilkes team has a lot of character and is certainly capable of overcoming difficulties as they have in the past. It promises to be a very exciting season.



THE OUTLAWS— BEST OF THE 'B' Outlaws Shoot Way To 'B' Title; Clock Strikes Twelve For Troopers

The Outlaws ended the valiant cinderella effort of the Spastic Troopers two weeks ago, when they gunned their way to a 63-57 victory, to capture the "B" Division title of the Wilkes Intramural Basketball League.

Once again, it was the extraordinary outside shooting of guard Tom McIntyre that led the way for the Outlaws. McIntyre finished the game with 26 points, and was named the MVP of the tournament.

High scorer for the Troopers, who deserve a great deal of credit for their play in the tournament after being seeded eighth, was Ray Ostroski. Ostroski, playing with a badly

injured hip, still managed to keep his club in the game right until the end.

Outlaws Jim Eiden and Dennis Thompson began finding the range early in the second half, and helped take the scoring load off the back of McIntyre. It was then however, that the Troopers made their bid for the lead on the shooting of Ostroski. With two minutes remaining in the game, they trailed by a mere three.

Doom came seconds later though, when Thompson was fouled and made both ends of a one and one situation, to put the game out of reach, and his club into the throneroom.

Thompson and Eiden both finished the night with 15 points.

McIntyre, Thompson and Eiden from the Outlaws, and Ostroski and teammate John Knesis were selected to the BEACON's all-tournament team. Knesis saw very little action in the championship tilt because of an injury, but it was his play in the Trooper's semi-final victory that got them to the championship round.

INTRAMURAL TIDBITS: Intramural softball rosters are asked to be turned in to IM director Joe Skvarla no later than April 15. Skvarla's office is located on the second floor of Weckesser Annex.

Diamondmen Stacked (cont'd from p. 8)

with junior Jim Michaels and former Meyers all-scholastic Dave Hungarter spelling him at the hot corner. Both Michaels and Hungarter will also be used at DH also. Another junior, Terry Schoen, will back up Trethaway at second.

AN AWESOME OUTFIELD corps is headed up by possible pro prospects Steve Leskiw and Mike Supczenski. "Wink" was the Colonel's first diamond all-American in history last season, leading the nation in slugging percentage (.869), third in RBI's (1.33 per game), and third in triples (0.33 a game).

Soph centerfielder Supczenski is what Domzalski calls "they key to our whole attack." One of the finest defensive outfielders in the league with a strong arm and superlative speed, "Super" also swings a potent stick. Last year, he led the club in runs scored (21), hits (27), hit two home runs in one game, and batted .360.

Senior Tony Schwab, who became a legend in local high school ball, when he was named the

Wyoming Valley Conference's MVP as a 14-year old freshman, will start in left. On the recent trip to the Southland "T" led the Colonels in hitting (.454).

These three starters will be backed up by sophomores Bill Hockenbury and Bill Polaha, and freshman Steve Grasley. All three can fill in ably at any time.

The designated hitter role is expected to be filled by freshman Lou Elefante, a left handed hitter with plenty of power.

Last, but certainly not least is veteran catcher Jack Keller, who has been a starter since he broke in as a freshman four years ago. Jack is an excellent defensive catcher, and has been ripping the ball to all fields thus far in pre-season workouts, giving Domzalski even more reason for optimism.

Backing up the Frenchman will be sophomore Ken Suchoski, who didn't come out for the team last year, but tore up American Legion ball with his fine bat.

Sports Chatter

By Paul Domowitch

THE BATTLE FOR TALENT: PART II

Pretend for just a minute that your a salesman, and the product you are selling is none other than good ole' Wilkes College. Tough job, right? And even tougher if you are Rodger Bearde, and vying with a dozen other salesmen (oops, excuse me—coaches) for a cage prospect.

The first inclination would be to lie ("Listen kid. You come to Wilkes, and we'll give you a new corvette as soon as you set foot on campus. Attending classes is optional, but you do have to show up for graduation in four years. You'll have your own room with wall to wall carpeting, color TV, and a pool table. And if you get bored with all that, we have chicks waiting in line outside the jocks' dorm."). Some coaches do use a pitch very similar to that, and it makes Bearde's job that much tougher, because a lot of impressionable high school athletes with big heads believe that garbage.

BEARDE LIKES TO do everything with a personal touch. He explains, "the first time that I meet an athlete at a game, I'll give him my name card, and just say hello, who I am, and where I'm from. Then I'll follow that up with personal letters." Bearde emphasizes the word **personal**. "The personal touch gives the athlete the feeling that Wilkes is a very personal school—which it is. It's the people and the close atmosphere here, that we try to sell to a prospect."

If Bearde really wants an athlete, he'll find something out about the boy's family, and see what he is interested in studying when he comes to college. "If for example, he were interested in psychology," Bearde said, "then I would send him all the information I could find on that particular field of study at Wilkes." In other words, straight talk—not five.

Bearde also finds out if the prospect can graduate in four years. If he can't then he shys away. He's interested in the student-athlete, not the athlete-student. "Most of the kids I'm after do have pretty good grades," he adds, "because we recruit basically from the Catholic Leagues instead of the Public. The academic standards are a little higher there."

Keeping right in line with the personal aspect, Bearde will send a prospect a little note in the mail after an exceptional performance in a tournament game, in the hope of persuading him to send in that all-important entrance application.

Bearde's charisma likableness, and outright honesty are the key reasons for his success as a recruiter; those and the fact that he has built a winning basketball program in the half decade he has been at Wilkes.

THERE ARE OBSTACLES standing in Bearde's way, however. The first is the academic standards at Wilkes. It's tough to get in, and even tougher to stay. A coach can suggest a relatively easy program setup for a freshman athlete, but he can't go to class for him.

The out-moded academic requirements at Wilkes also turn off a lot of recruits. The prospect of having to take four semesters of a foreign language (a ridiculous rule in the first place) has turned quite a few kids away from the college gates.

The lack of much athletic scholarship money is another problem. Bearde can't offer an athlete much in the way of money, unless he is poor. And come 1979, all full athletic scholarships outside of Division I will be stripped away.

And what does Bearde say to a black athlete? Wilkes is a predominantly white college, and for an out of town black student, it can get mighty lonely in the beginning. In fact, Wilkes has given new meaning to the initials BYOB (bring your own brood). Needless to say, the odds are stacked against Bearde from the outset. But he's learned that if you don't overcome them, you're stuck with a loser.

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**DOMZALSKI**

Crown Within His Grasp

Diamondmen Stacked; Open With Allentown

BY EARL MONK

The Wilkes College baseball team will open their 1976 season Saturday afternoon at home against Allentown College; a season that already has been earmarked for success.

Depth and experience keynote this year's Colonel ballclub. Not only does coach Gene Domzalski have a host of returning starters back, but should one falter, or injuries crop up before season's end, there are able replacements at every position.

Gone from last year's 14-4 club are pitchers Paul Hughes and Jerry Bavitz, outfielder Chuck Suppon, and catcher-DH Mark Omolecki. Replacing this quartet is a host of talented freshman, who strengthen an already fine team.

THE PITCHING STAFF will feature the "Big Three"; junior southpaw Jim Stehle (15.5 strikeouts per game last year—tops in Division III), and sophomore righthanders Barry Harcharufka (3-1) and Andy Kresky (4-1, 2.37 ERA, no-hitter vs. Scranton). Complimenting these three will be Joe

Delozier (2-1 two years before sitting out a year of action), freshman Danny Pisarcik (all-scholastic at Meyers High, and two saves in the team's pair of wins down South last week), and kuckleballer Manny "Wilbur" Evans, who Domzalski called "our most pleasant surprise down South."

A strong offensive and defensive infield adds to the Colonel optimism. Probable starter at first base will again be sophomore Neil Bavitz, who is coming off a tremendous year. As a rookie, he hit .349, and led the team in doubles with seven.

At second base is the incomparable senior co-captain, Dave Trethaway, whose .479 batting average last year would have led the nation, if not for an ankle injury late in the season, which left him one at bat short of qualifying for NCAA honors.

Senior Greg Snyder (.312) will fill out the keystone combination with Trethaway, with junior Don McDermott (.328) rounding out the starting infield at third. McDermott will also be utilized at first,

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**HARCH'**

Part Of The 'Big Three'

Rokita And Company Battling Heavy Odds

Wilkes College tennis coach Tom Rokita does not have one of the most sought after jobs in the country. Tennis is a minor sport at Wilkes, and that is an acknowledged fact.

Essentially, there is nothing wrong with the administrative attitude toward the sport, because small independent schools like Wilkes simply cannot financially support every sport the way they would like. Unfortunately, that little piece of business logic doesn't make Mr. Rokita's job any easier.

He doesn't exactly have students flocking to his door to try out for the team. He does well just to have a complete squad.

The bad weather early this spring has severely hampered any preparation for the regular season. It is very difficult to play tennis in snow shoes and mittens.

Four starters are back from last year's squad, including number one singles player Judd Davis. Also returning intact is the Colonels best doubles combo of Gary Paich and Fred Bohn. Another returnee is Mark Abruzzese with newcomers Bob Klein, Gary Krupenski, and John Thalenfeld rounding out the starting team.

The Colonels are competing in the College Bowl tournament tomorrow with Binghamton State, Scranton, and Kings, in the hope of getting in some competition before the regular season starts.

The season opens Saturday at Ralston Field, and the team will be lucky if it wins half of its matches. But they have a classy coach, and they are playing the game because they enjoy it. In a way that is all the prestige they need.

Success is an elusive goal, and no one knows that better than golfers Larry Gurnari and Mark Jarolen. For three years now, they have tried to bring the Middle Atlantic Conference golf championship back to Wilkes, and for three years they have come up short.

As they stand on the threshold of their fourth and final collegiate season however, they are optimistic that it's time for a change. Explains Gurnari: "insufficient pre-season practice, lack of depth, and disappointing tournament performances by Mark and myself have hurt us the last few seasons."

"We've taken care of the first problem, the second appears to have taken care of itself, and the third is up to me and Mark." Indeed, the Colonels of coach Rollie Schmidt do appear to have their best chance for an MAC title since they captured two

back to back crowns in 1971 and 1972.

Both Jarolen and Gurnari rank among the top five in the league, and sophomore letterman Kenny Dunlavage gives Schmidt a solid number three man as well. But the key may lie beyond that; in the all-important fourth and fifth slots.

Letterman Carl Holsberger, Len Malshefski, and Don Olekszul are back, along with another veteran, Rick Cronauer. But all eyes are on the freshmen. Seven rookies are vying for a spot in the Colonel lineup, and if one or two can establish a name for themselves, an MAC crown may not be far away.

Heading the "kiddie corps" are Jeff Fritt, Old Forge; Bryan Hoynak, Lakeville; Dave Kollar, Drifton; Steve Nielson, Mountain-top; John Ralston, Wilkes-Barre; Joe Skladany, Mountaintop; and Sandy Pensieri, Plains.

Miss Pensieri is the first woman to ever compete on the Wilkes golf team, and in addition to being an excellent golfer, the pretty blond will no doubt be a big lift to team morale. Hoynak, Nielson, Ralston, and Skladany all made the trip to North Carolina, and rate an early edge over the fellow yearlings.

Other Colonels who could see action are Steve Bloomberg, Wilkes-Barre; and Stan Kuren and Joe Wilkes, Nanticoke.

The team will open up the 1976 season tomorrow afternoon, participating in a tri-angular match with Haverford and host Lebanon Valley. "The first few matches have never been much of an indicator," explained Jarolen, "but it will be different this year."

"We've gotten in a week of very valuable practice, and right now, I think we're ready for anyone."

BEACON SPORTS

One Last Title Chase For Jarolen And Gurnari

Highlights And 'Low' Lights Of Dixie Tour

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH

On the trip down, they talked of sweeping through the South just as surely as Ulysses S. Grant did, little more than a hundred years earlier. But when it was over last Friday, the Colonel diamondmen stood at 2-3.

They had not matched Grant, nor any other Dixie conqueror. But that is inconsequential. The purpose of the trip was to gain experience, and that is just what they did.

It was the first opportunity this scribe had to make the trip with the team, and by the time the week had come to an end, the notebook was flooding with jottings written down during the week-long stay in Maryland and Virginia.

There were on-the-field highlights:

Pitcher Manny Evans—keeping Randolph-Macon at bay with his knuckle ball, on his way to four shutout innings, and his first collegiate victory.

—Tony Schwab's three-for-three, and three RBI performance against R-M.

—Freshman Lou Elefante's bases loaded, 400-foot triple in that same win.

—Danny Pisarcik coming off the bench in relief against Randolph-Macon, and salvaging the 8-7 win.

—Beating Maryland University 6-4, in a scrimmage at College Park, less than two hours after a five hour drive from Wilkes-Barre.

—Joe Delozier's four shutout innings in the twin bill loss to Richmond.

—Mike Supczynski's two run triple in the win over Maryland.

And then, there were the on-the-field "low" lights:

—The 9-0 loss to William & Mary, that featured seven Colonel errors. Coach Gene Domzalski termed it "the worst performance by any team he's ever coached," and swore it would never happen again.

—Three Colonel baserunners being picked off against Randolph-Macon.

—Managing only two hits in the 5-0 loss to Richmond in the opening half of a Friday twin bill.

—Having rallies killed in both the fifth and sixth innings of the second Richmond

game, when runners were thrown out at the plate.

—Mike Supczynski, and Neil Bavitz missing the final three games of the trip because of injuries. Super jammed his thumb, and Cub pulled a leg muscle.

And there were the off-the field highlights:

—The cockroaches everyone kept finding under their bed at William & Mary.

—The trip through Williamsburg that saw us go down the wrong way on two different one way streets, and through somebody's front yard ("hey y'all come in and have some chicken, here?").

—The strange takeout service at the pizza place in Williamsburg ("pay me now, or...pay me later.").

—The girls' dorm at Randolph-Macon ("hi there, I'm Hong Kong from Luzerne.").

—The bush fans down at Randolph-Macon. They had a name for every pitcher Wilkes used (knees, fat boy, and no-neck).

—The fifteen minute trip from Randolph-Macon to Richmond that took more than an hour (Coach: "I know it's

around here someplace.").

—The sight of twenty guys from Wilkes-Barre singing "America the Beautiful" as they marched across a bridge on the Richmond campus (what did you expect? The girl's school was two miles away).

—Those pictures of Ursula Andress.

—The drunken fans at Richmond, that were heckling the Wilkes outfielders all afternoon ("Hey centerfielder, you and the rightfielder oughtta get together and run some sprints.").

—The whole team going to see "The Creature From the Black Lake" at a theater in downtown Richmond.

—The party that last night in Richmond at the hotel.

The gold van running out of gas twenty miles outside of Hazleton on the ride home.

It was a trip to remember all right. The week together brought a close team even closer, and on the trip back, Domzalski said of his squad: "I'm really proud of this team. You couldn't ask for a better bunch of guys." In another month or so, they may prove just that to everyone else as well.