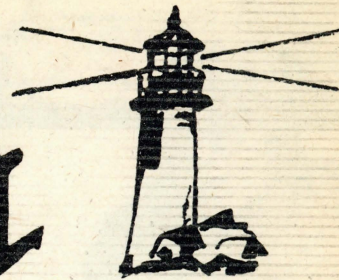


# The Beacon



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## Grade Inflation Questioned

### Dean's List Increases Again

By Mary Ellen Alu

Grade inflation has for some time been a topic of concern on the Wilkes campus, and when the number of students making Dean's List was announced for the fall-1976 semester, various people at the college began to wonder if grade inflation entered the picture.

This past fall, 428 students were named to the Dean's List with 68 students attaining perfect 4.0 averages. Enrollment was 2,072.

Comparatively when 2,074 students were enrolled at Wilkes for the fall semester-1975, 366 students were on the Dean's List. 382 students were named in the spring - 1976.

One factor that accounts for the increase in the number of Dean's List students last fall is that the eligibility requirements have been lowered. Previously, students had to carry at least 14 credits; now they need to carry at least 12 credits.

Mrs. Doris Barker, registrar, explained that the Academic Standing Committee voted to take requirements down to 12 credits. She said, "As long as 12 hours is counted as full-time, they (those carrying 12) should be allowed to be on the Dean's List."

Because of this change, 45 students who would have been ineligible last year were named to the Dean's List. Yet even without the change, 383 students would have made it - 17 more than last fall.

But according to Academic Dean Richard Soter, the Dean's List is running about 20 percent of the student population (428 is 20.7 percent of the 2,072), and so thinking about it in these terms, he said the number would not seem as high as it appears.

"If grade inflation is a factor, and I'm not convinced it is," stressed Dean Soter at various times, "we must overhaul the curriculum to insure that the instructional staff is enforcing rigor in the classroom."

He said that perhaps the whole thinking of who should be on the Dean's List should be evaluated. - (maybe those with 3.5 and above).

But Dean Soter made it clear that he is not sure grade inflation is occurring at Wilkes. He said there are so many factors involved in high grades "that one ought not jump to any decision."

Factors which Soter believes would have to be considered include: the mix of courses, SAT scores of entering students, students' high school records, motivation, majors vs. non-majors, late bloomers vs. students at loss of what they want to do; and level of classes - freshmen vs. seniors.

He said that before any decisions can be made on the matter, the data must be reviewed and interpreted.

Soter explained that grade inflation would negatively affect the college and its students because if employers and graduate schools find out that Wilkes students are overvalued, "they'd be wary of Wilkes grads. But this is a national problem."



Peter J. Liacouras

Peter J. Liacouras, dean of Temple University Law School will be at the Placement Office from 2 to 5 p.m. today to discuss law school opportunities at the university. This is the first time that Temple will be represented at Wilkes.

## Continuous Info Available Through New Hot Line

By Jim Edwards

Many times a phone call will come through the main college line concerning the location of a party or the score of a swim meet or the curtain time of a play and so on, inquiring about information that is not always readily available.

Starting Monday a new hot-line will be set up called the "Wilkes College Connection", which will play on a tape recording system up-to-date campus happenings 24 hours a day. The "Connection" was designed for the use of students, parents, and faculty members as well as being a public service to the community.

This new idea was started about a month ago through the joint efforts of Douglas Rubinstein, the new director of public relations, and George Pawlusch, director of news and sports information.

Research into hot-lines at other colleges was made by the Public Relations Office to see if this was a practical idea or not. They revealed that at Lehigh University, their hot-line received over 1200 calls one weekend from 23 states.



James Aikman, director of development, and Jane Manganella, public relations secretary, are preparing for the opening of the 24-hour "Wilkes College Connection."

"It is a new idea to this area and we're hoping a lot of people will use it," said Pawlusch.

"Our first step is to let people know about the "Connection". Since the number is not in the present phone book he feels it will take about six months to get the number spread around and used.

Right now it will only be used for campus announcements but Pawlusch commented, "we have

a lot of flexibility and can try different things with it".

The future of the Wilkes College Connection depends on its use but the public relations office has positive feelings toward it.

Again, the name of the line is the Wilkes College Connection and the number is 826-1135.

The telephone answering system was donated by an anonymous benefactor.

## SG Tables Fraternity Question

By Joe Buckley

were tabled until next week's meeting.

Mark Abruzzese, speaking for IDC, stated that President Capin, after being informed of students complaints about the slowness of Columbus Services, met with the president of Columbus Services to discuss the complaints. According to Abruzzese, the meeting resulted in having Columbus Services receive a 30 day grace in which the service would supposedly rectify any problems with the company's performance of its duties.

If the problems remain after the period of grace ends, then the college would begin reviewing Columbus Services' contract for next year. Abruzzese quoted the college president as saying that if the complaints continue, Columbus Services may not be here next year.

The following fund requests were granted by Student Government:

\$22 to Gary Toczykowski for the rental of a Colonel's costume (complete with top hat and beard) to be used during the Colonel's basketball games.

\$30 to the Human Services Committee for the purchase of new first aid supplies.

\$150 to the Committee for a Clean Environment.

In surprise commentary at the end of the SG meeting, Dean Baltruchitis praised The Beacon staff as "really good jour-

nalists." He stated to the SG body that "SG should say something nice about The Beacon since SG is usually so negative."

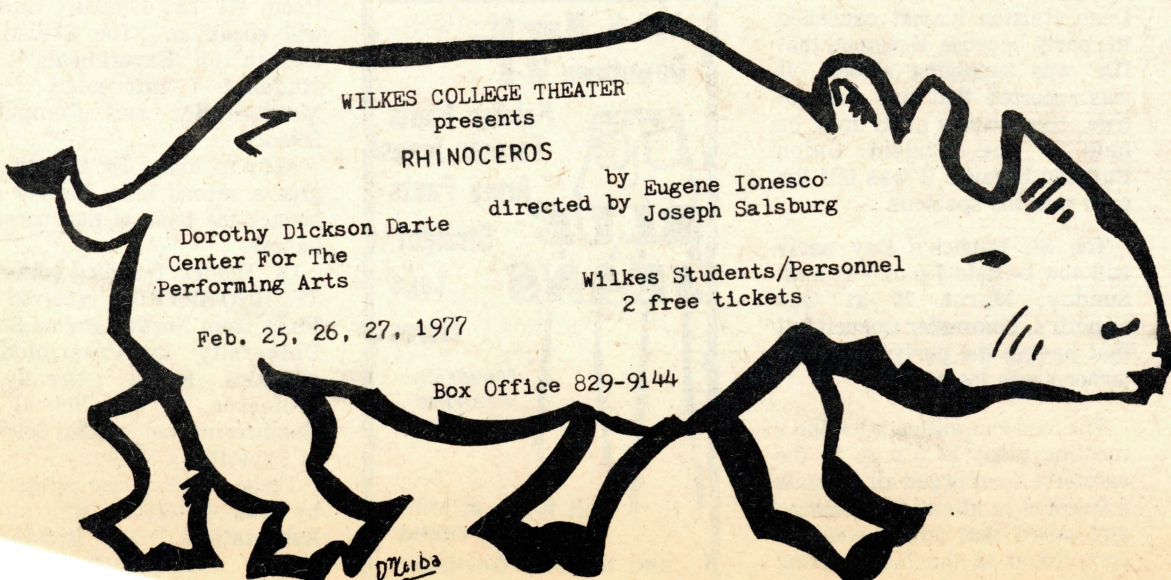
### Winter Weekend Starts Tomorrow; Schedule Listed

The Student Government presents the Paul Bunyan Winter Weekend February 18, 19, and 20, for all students, faculty and administration. The schedule of events for the Winter Weekend is as follows:

Friday, 9-1: There will be a barn dance in the gym with banjo pickin' and fiddle strummin'. The dance is free and so are the refreshments. A Wilkes ID will be necessary.

Saturday, 10-1: Fifty Dollar Volleyball Tournament will be played in the gym. The games should be a lot of fun and if you do not know how to play we will teach you. To be eligible for the tournament, a team must hand in a roster with the names of ten players (five girls and five boys) on a team. The rosters should be handed into the student Government Office on the second floor of Weckesser Hall. The deadline to hand in the rosters is Thursday, February 17, two days before the competition.

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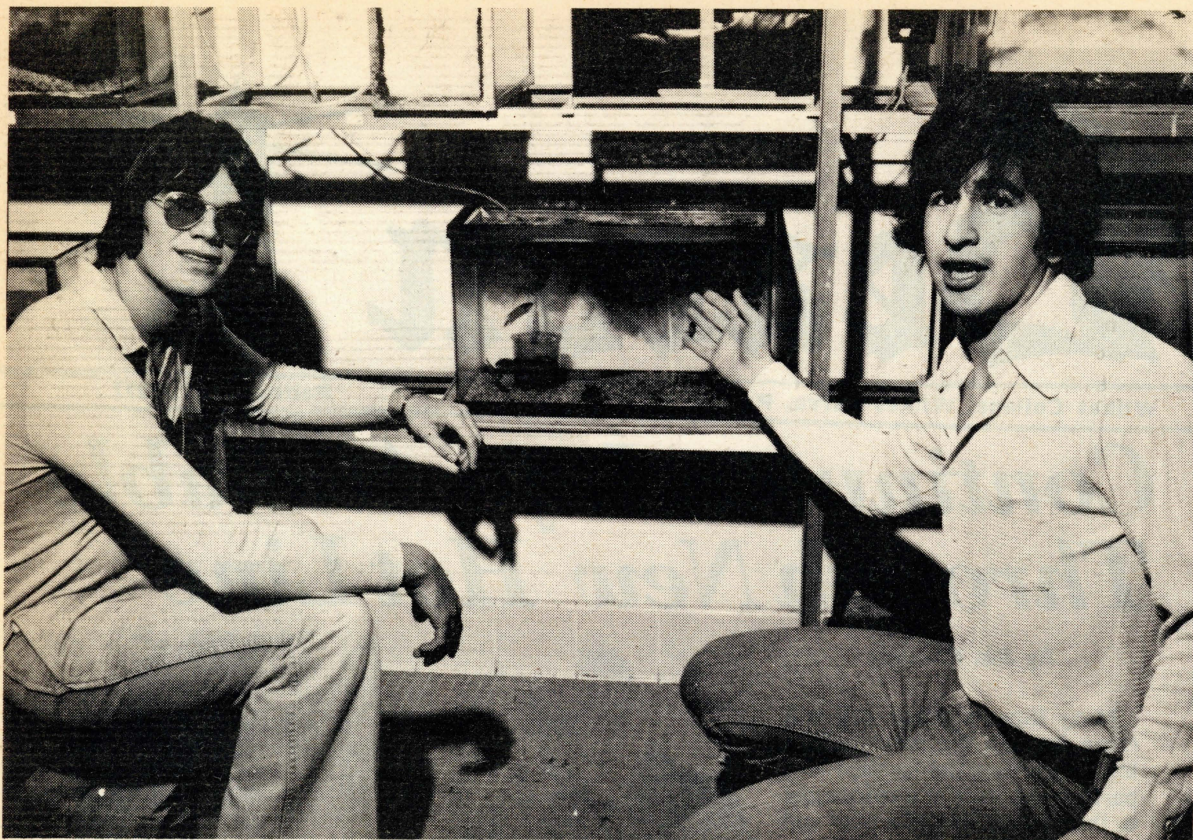
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## Campus Club Sounds Fishy

A new club is forming on campus. It is the tropical fish club, and is open for anyone interested in this hobby.

The purpose of this club is to understand the hobby better. Also, members will learn better methods for taking care of their own aquariums. "In recent months, collecting tropical fish has become a prominent hobby on campus," stated Jay Rappaport, one of the group's leaders.

Dr. Louis Rigley, a member of the biology department, will serve as technical advisor. He was asked to help the club because of his own interest in tropical fish. There are approximately 50 aquariums located on the third floor of Stark, mostly under Rigley's care. Some of the more interesting fish that live in Stark are catfish, cichids, and mouth-breeders (the mother carries her babies in her mouth).

The student founders of this club are Greg Miller and Jay Rappaport. Any student interested in pursuing this hobby is welcomed to join the club. "This

is for anyone interested in tropical fish, not just biology majors," stated Rigley.

Miller is excited over tropical fish and the club. He remarked, "This is a rather inexpensive hobby, but it is great fun."

The club, upon being chartered by the Student Government, plans a trip to Martin's Aquarium in Philadelphia. The group is planning very informative and

informal meetings for people with this common interest.

If you are interested in the tropical fish club contact Greg Miller, Webster Hall, or Dr. Rigley, SLC 351.

Shown, kneeling at the aquariums, are from left, Greg Miller, a sophomore biology major from Edison, New Jersey, and Jay Rappaport, a sophomore biology major from Winotd, Pa.

## Capin Disgusted At Maintenance

President Bruce Lear reported at the Inter-Dormitory Council meeting Sunday night that President Capin is disgusted with the maintenance service on campus.

Lear went on to say that Columbus Services, which is in charge of maintenance, are on a 30 day watch period. If an improvement is not seen within the

next month, search for a new maintenance company will begin for next year.

The major complaint against Columbus Services is that they are not completing their jobs in a reasonable amount of time. It also often takes as many as seven work orders to be filed before the job is even looked at.

It was reported that the proposed calendar of IDC, Commuter Council, and Student Government were considered and agreed upon by the administration. The new calendar includes starting each semester roughly one week earlier and therefore ending each semester one week earlier as compared to this year.

Under committee reports, the St. Valentine's Day party was not a success because of the poor attendance. Lear reported that Dean Ralston almost cancelled the party because of rumors that IDC was supplying alcohol. It was reported that this was not true. Next year's party may be held in the Student Union Building because it was felt the gym was too spacious.

The St. Patrick's Day party will now be held 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. Sunday, March 20 at Gus Genetti's. Commuter Council felt that having the party in the afternoon was too early.

The food committee is having a meeting today at 3 p.m. in the cafeteria. Lear urged all students interested to attend the meeting and noted that much was accomplished at the last meeting with great attendance.

## Summer Program In Israel Offers Learning Experience

Wilkes College will give graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to study the culture of Israel in the best possible setting - the State of Israel itself.

The summer semester study program, directed by Rabbi Abraham D. Barras, includes a three week tour of Israel, along with approximately two weeks of orientation and evaluation at

Wilkes. Six graduate or undergraduate credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

Students will study the history, political system, culture, economy, foreign policy, education and religion of Israel through regular course lectures, special lectures by members of the government and other institutions, and pertinent tours and field trips.

Regular course lectures and seminars will be conducted by professors from Israeli universities, government officials, business and labor leaders, Arab leaders and politicians.

Field trips will include visits to archaeological sites under expert guidance, the Western Wall, Mt. Scopus, Mt. of Olives, Bethlehem, Rachel's Tomb, Massada, the Jordan River, Caesaria, Rehovot, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Megiddo, Avdat, Safed, Tiberias, Golan Heights, Rosh Hanikrah, Acra Nazareth, Galilee, and numerous visits to museums and institutions of educational and cultural interest.

The course is open to all qualified students, especially those studying the social sciences. Students not regularly enrolled at Wilkes should consult with their respective department heads before registering.

The course is offered to graduate students under the titles of Ed. 597 and Ed. 598, Education in the Middle East: Israel, and Social and Political Structure of Israel, for a total of six credits.

The undergraduate course, Ed. 398 and P.S. 398, Social Foundations of Education in Modern Israel and Political Problems in Modern Israel, is also worth six credits.

The course begins June 20 at Wilkes College with orientation. Students depart for Israel on June 27, return July 17, and then participate in summation and evaluation from July 18 to 22.

Inquiries regarding fees, deposit and registration may be addressed to Rabbi Abraham D. Barras, Director, Summer Program in Israel, 236 S. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## Art Department Holds Rome Tour

The Wilkes College Art Department is sponsoring a three-week summer tour of Rome. The tour will run from May 24 to June 15, 1977.

Emphasis will be placed on the art, fashion, cuisine, and music of Rome. However, side trips outside the city will be made to Tarquinia, Trivoli, and Ostia.

Prof. William Sterling, chairman of the art department, and Prof. D'Vorzon, associate professor of fine arts will be tour leaders.

Sterling, who specializes in the Italian Renaissance, and D'Vorzon, a painter and print-maker who has lived in Rome, are well-versed in the culture. They will be placing most of their attention on both thematic and chronological developments through the periods of Etruscan, Republican and Imperial Rome, the High Renaissance, and the Baroque.

The tour will be offered as a 0-3 credit course. Interested students, and non-students are welcomed.

The approximate cost for the trip will be \$950. This will include round-trip air fare from Wilkes-Barre, room, meals, entrance fees, and ground transportation.

The group will be staying at the demi-pension in the Pensione, Adriana, centrally located in a piazza near the Pantheon.

Enrollment deadline for the trip is Friday, March 4.

For more information contact Prof. Sterling or Prof. D'Vorzon, Department of Art, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703 (824-4651, Ext. 480), or Jack Meyers, Director of Continuing Education, Wilkes College.

## Speaker SLC Today

There will be a speaker at Wilkes today at 11 a.m. in SLC Room 411. Dr. J. Stuart Hunter will speak on "The Statistical Design of Experiments" to students interested in Mathematics and Computer Science.

At 2 p.m. today, Dr. Hunter will give a second talk. He will announce the topic at the morning lecture.

Dr. Hunter, founding editor of TECHNOMETRICS, received his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in experimental statistics. He is currently a professor in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Princeton University.

These lectures are sponsored by The American Statistical Association, the Biometric Society and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

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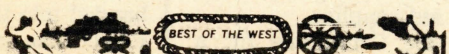


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# Manuscript Opened To All

"We'd like to get greater participation from the student body," commented Brian Boston, editor of the Manuscript, concerning this year's publication.

The Manuscript Society, which is marking its 30th year on campus, is still searching for works to be published in this year's issue of "Manuscript".

"It's hard trying to reach people," stated Boston. He explained that the Manuscript Society is open to anyone. Many misconceptions have circulated around campus in recent years and Boston and other members of the Society are trying to put an end to the rumors.

The Manuscript accepts works of prose, poetry, fiction, photography and art. The Society members select those works which they feel should be published.

## IDENTITY OF AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Boston noted year after year, students believe the works submitted are selected by the English faculty, which is incorrect. The members of the Society are given typewritten copies of the works to be considered. Only Boston knows the

By Janine Pokrinchak  
identity of the author, which is withheld from the other members until the work has been accepted for publication.

People who have submitted works to the Society for consideration are welcomed to attend the meetings.

As a matter of fact, Boston said, "We'd like to see more people at our meetings."

The deadline for submitting works to the Manuscript has not been set yet, but Boston commented that the deadline would probably be the end of March. A publication date will probably be sometime in April.

Ray Klimek, assistant editor, and Terri Williams, art editor, help Boston with the editorial duties.

## SPONSORS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the publication of the Manuscript, the Society has sponsored films. The group also sponsored some coffee houses last semester and is considering holding some this semester as well.

Advisor to the Society is Dr. Robert Heaman, who is currently

in Ireland. Dr. Lee Terry is acting as advisor during Heaman's absence.

The society is planning an Open House to be held on Thursday, February 24. The Open House will include refreshments and reading of poetry.

Anyone interested in submitting works to be considered for publication in the Manuscript can drop the works in the Manuscript box located on first floor of Kirby Hall or leave them with the English Department secretary also located in Kirby Hall.

## Trifold Forum Held Tonight

"Birth and Death: Choice or Chance? The Bio-Ethical Dilemmas" is the topic of a forum to be held tonight, February 17, at 8 p.m. in the Schaeffer Lecture Hall at the college.

Three brief presentations will be included in the forum. An introduction to the Bio-Ethical Dilemmas will be delivered by Dr. Jerry Wouri of the Philosophy Department; Birth and Accompanying Genetic Dilemmas will be offered by Dr. Lester Turoczi from the Biology Department; and Death and Dying by Rev. James Doyle of the King's College Religion Department.

Following the presentations, small group discussions will deal with the issues raised in the opening talks. A plenary session and a social hour will conclude the evening.

The forum is a presentation of the Wyoming Valley Campus Ministry, a group of people from the various colleges in Wyoming Valley who are concerned about ministry to higher education.

## Chem Society Commended

Dedication, good leadership, and hard work are some of the characteristics of the Wilkes College Chemical Society which have led the society to be perennially commended as an outstanding student chapter.

The Wilkes society is one of 49 student chapters affiliated with the American Chemical Society which has been chosen from 652 chapters and commended for excellence in the 1975-76 academic year.

Selection for this special commendation is made by the Council Committee on Chemical Education which reviews the activities of all chapters before making a decision.

Merit was awarded the Wilkes Chemical Society because of the extensiveness and intensiveness of its program and the outstanding record it has compiled over the year.

Organized some 28 years ago, the Wilkes group, being among the elite number of outstanding chapters, has set an example for others to follow.

By being affiliated with the American Chemical Society, the Wilkes chapter helps students interested in chemistry, develop attitudes of professionalism. Student affiliated chapters are organized at institutions granting degrees in chemistry or chemical engineering.



The new computer science major at Wilkes College will make good use of the existing computer science facilities. Discussing the merits of the program are left to right, Matt Middendorf, sophomore, Owego, N.Y.; Dr. John Koch, faculty member; Eric Jansen, junior, Valley Stream, N.Y.; and Dr. Joe Parker, faculty member.

## Program Added In Math Studies

After several years in the planning stage, a major in computer science has become a reality at Wilkes College.

With the rapid advances in computer technology and applications, computer science has now become an established area of study in American colleges and universities.

In response to growing interest among current and potential students, the Wilkes College Mathematics Department has been consolidating certain mathematics courses while expanding its offerings in computer science in recent years.

Dr. Bing Wong, chairman of the mathematics department, announced, "It is something that we have been working on for several years. Though closely allied with mathematics, computer science is actually a discipline of its own."

With the addition of the computer science major, the department will not only provide many of its mathematics majors with the opportunity to achieve double majors in two closely related subjects, but also at the same time attract many new students.

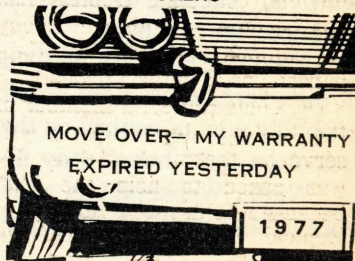
To meet the demands created by the new computer science major, two new faculty members have been added to the mathematics department during the past year.

Dr. John Koch, who holds his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, and Dr. Joseph A. Parker, who gained his doctorate at Cal Tech, both have extensive computer science backgrounds.

Coupled with the increased

student interest, the attainment of a qualified computer science faculty has also been fulfilled. Dr. Wong added, "We now have a total of six Ph.D.'s in our department and most of these people will work interchangeably in both areas."

### BUMPER STICKERS



## Exhibit Opens In Conyngham

The senior exhibit of Wilkes College fine arts major, Scott Key, opened Sunday, February 13, at the Conyngham Art Gallery.

Included in the exhibit are metal sculpture and pastel drawings. The exhibit officially opened Sunday evening at 8 with a reception.

Key's exhibit will continue on display to the public Monday through Saturday, February 19, from 1 to 9 p.m. daily.

Key, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Key, West Wyoming, is a 1973 graduate of Meyers High School.

## Film-Studies Course A First At Wilkes

By Nancy Kozemko

Dr. Michael Seitz, chairman of the Department of Foreign Language and Literature, has put together a new course entitled "Introduction to the History and Art of Film," to be offered this fall. It will be run as a three-credit topics course under Theater Arts 398, and will be the first cinema-studies course to be offered at Wilkes College.

Dr. Seitz, who will be teaching the course, said that it will include 14 Monday evening screenings of films, selected readings in film criticism and theory, and one weekly two-hour discussion section.

"I've always been a compulsive film nut," Dr. Seitz explained. "Films are probably the most significant form of artistic expression in the modern world. So many ideas and attitudes are conveyed, and sometimes created, by films."

The aim of the course will be to better acquaint students with the language of film, its history, and basic techniques and theories. "Every consideration; lighting, camera angles, composition within the frame, editing, sound; everything is an artistic choice," Seitz continued.

He feels that an understanding of film as an art form is important because, "Clearly, in this country, more people see more movies per year than read books." He added that study in this area might especially interest education majors since films are used so extensively in modern classrooms.

If the film course is successful, it may become a permanent addition to the Wilkes curriculum. Dr. Seitz said that he would like to see more advanced and specialized cinema-studies courses developed at Wilkes. Separate courses dealing with the Art Film, the Propaganda Film, the American Film, or the Documentary may be realized in the future.

The films will be viewed in the auditorium of the CPA, and there will be no limit to the number of students permitted to take the course. "We can accommodate any number," Seitz also mentioned that, in a cooperative effort, the departments of Foreign Language, English, Fine Arts, and Theater Arts recently applied for a grant to finance some new projection equipment for the CPA, which, if obtained, will be used for this course as well as other classes and campus activities.

Any students wishing to obtain a syllabus or any information about the introductory film course can see Dr. Seitz in his office in Kirby Hall, Room 201.

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# A Rose ... By Any Other Name ...

Last Monday was Valentine's Day, in case you forgot, and in accordance with the occasion, President Capin presented every female that works on campus with a red carnation.

This was more than a considerate thought for a man that is faced with rising operating costs, an energy crisis, recruiting, and the general responsibilities of keeping a college this size together.

Capin, in his few months as president, has proved himself to be a man with a surplus of honesty, consideration and integrity. He has accepted criticism and strove to rise above. He has listened to students' problems and tried to alleviate them. Capin is never without a kind word for the college or the individuals thereof.

It is to this means that The Beacon would like to wish President Capin a belated "Happy Valentine's Day."

## A New Slant On The Blahs: Winter Weekend

This weekend promises to be full of activities for all. Student Government has put a lot of time in the planning of Winter Weekend and it is our hope that everyone will take advantage of all the activities.

Since the weekend will be held on campus this year, the activities will be easily accessible to all. The weekend's activities will also be affordable to all.

Too often we all sit back and gripe and yell about "what is going on." Well friends, this weekend "a lot is going on" and with your support weekends of this type may be common occurrences on campus.

Rosetta Chiavacci and Norman Verhoog, co-chairpersons of the event, have spent much time and many headaches, and probably a lot of aspirin on the planning stages. With your participation their hopes may be realities.

Winter Weekend has a lot of possibilities, get out and support it, and most of all enjoy yourself.

## BEACON BITS

A social evening for history majors will be held Tuesday, February 22, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Sterling Hotel. All history majors are welcome to attend.

The Alumni Relations Office is attempting to identify current students who are the sons or daughters of Wilkes alumni. If your mom or dad is an alumnus of the College, please stop by or call the Alumni Relations Office, third floor of Weckesser Hall (Ext. 207) to identify yourself.

On Tuesday, February 22, there will be nominations for the classes of '78, '79, and '80.

Peter Liacouras, dean of the Temple University School of Law, will be on campus today from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Placement Office. Along with members of the Temple Admissions Office, he will discuss law school opportunities at the university.

A woman student from a foreign country is needed to speak about her country on Wednesday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laflin Boro Building. The student will be speaking to a junior girl scout troop. Call Mrs. Bartoli, 655-3279.

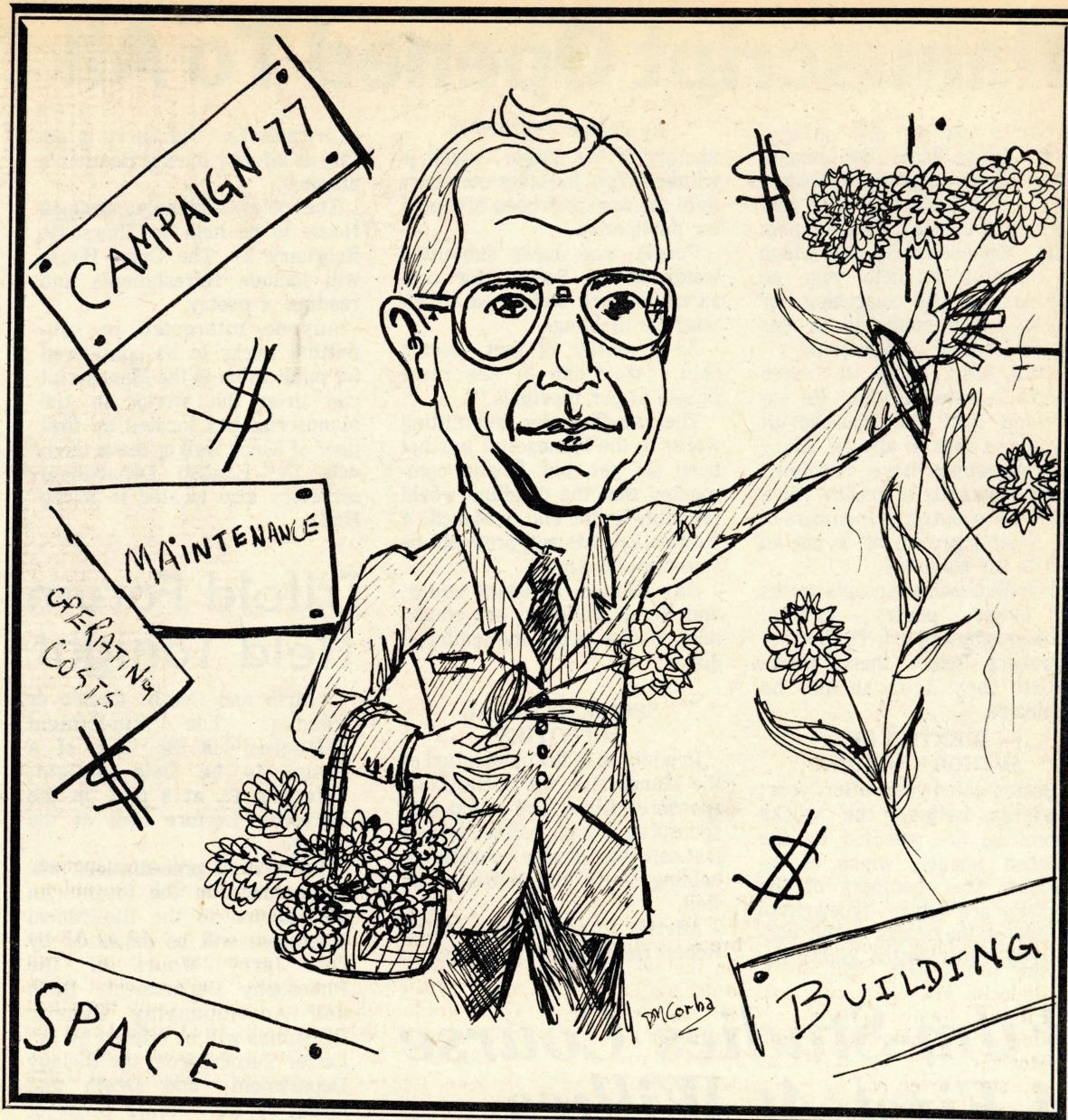
There will be an all-college movie, "Three Days Of The Condor" in the SUB on Saturday, February 20.

SG meeting will be held Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m., in Weckesser Hall.

Commuter Council meeting will be held February 24 at 11 p.m. in Kirby 102.

A Career Day "1977" is being sponsored by College Misericordia, King's College, Marywood College, University of Scranton, and Wilkes College. It will be held on Thursday, February 17 from 12:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Student Center at the University of Scranton, Scranton.

February 14 through February 28, the Sordoni Art Gallery will present the Northeastern Pennsylvania Scholastic Art Awards.



## NOTES, COMMENT

The majority isn't necessarily right.

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Too much talk loses most arguments.

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In case of doubt, don't borrow and don't lend.

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It's time to make plans for a summer vacation.

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## Puzzlers

1. Detective series starring Efreim Zimbalist Jr. and Ed Brynes.

2. Detective series starring Anne Frances as a beautiful blonde sleuth.

3. Detective Burt Reynolds in rough series about city detective.

4. British detective series starring three individuals with super-human talents.

5. Who are John Reed and Britt Reed? (what shows did they star in?)

Answers:

1. The Lone Ranger, and the Green Hornet (the same writer wrote for both shows)

2. The Champions.

3. Dan August

4. Honey West

5. 77 Sunset Strip

## Student Has Nose For News And Likes To Find It

To The Editor:

Living in a college community should not mean being cut off from the rest of the world. Being a dorm student has the disadvantage of not having an easy access to current national news.

What is going on in the world as it is happening is an important thing to know. Unless special time is taken out at 6:30 p.m. to watch the national news on T.V., a student does not know from two days to a week (when "Time" and "Newsweek" come out) what has been happening.

I say two days to a week, because so far I have not found an up-to-date newspaper in the library nor Sunday editions at all. I have asked at the desk and they always say they are with the

newspapers.

I feel this problem can be easily eliminated in one of two ways. First, the library staff could take the time each morning to put out the new editions. Also, if the library would care to save some money, they could stop the subscriptions of local papers. There are not that many students from such areas as Berwick and Tunkhannock to warrant their own newspaper.

The second answer to the problem could be if the bookstore would sell certain national papers, "New York Times," "Washington Post", etc.

Other college bookstores are doing this with good results.

Respectively yours,  
Pamela M. Keller

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**JAZZ BAND** — Monday's Jazz Band concert was the result of these students spending some of their free time rehearsing weekly in the Student Union Building. Shown during a break from rehearsing are, left to right, seated on the floor: Ron Bielecki, Wilkes-Barre; and Ed Richards, West Pittston. Seated on the sofa, left to right, Jon Boghosian, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.; Bob DeRiggi, Moscow; Tim Young, Palm; James Yosh, band director, Dover, N.J.; Joy Mayhoff, Dupont; Sandy Shotwell, Pottstown. Standing, from left to right, Al Collier, Highland Park, N.J.; Pete Grabko, Hudson; Dave Palanzo, Annville; Jim Nicholas, Hazelton; Tom Ralston, Wilkes-Barre; Ron

Reagan, Athens; Rich Cutler, North Massapequa, N.Y.; Bruce Kinney, Plains; Joe Cole, Scranton; and Jeff VanArsdale, Dover, N.J.

The Jazz Band was founded in 1973 by Albert Dunn, a 1975 Wilkes graduate. James Yosh assumed the position of the Band's Director when Dunn graduated. During its first year, the Band rehearsed at Bishop O'Reilly High School and the Dorrance Methodist Church, Kingston. Since 1975, the Band has been rehearsing in the Student Union Building.

The repertoire of the Jazz Band includes songs of some of the Jazz Greats such as Count Basie and Maynard Ferguson.

## 'Jazzy' Concert Enjoyable

by Wilma Hurst

The Pennsylvania debut of the Wilkes College Jazz Band proved to be a relaxing, enjoyable night of entertainment. The band, appearing as part of the Concert and Lecture Series, featured singer Angela Bofill.

Under the direction of James Yosh, the 18-member band played before a near capacity audience at the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts on Monday night.

The concert gave the audience an opportunity to sit back, relax, and enjoy the sounds of jazz. Although most numbers were obviously classified as jazz, there was still a certain amount of variety in the program and within the numbers themselves.

Tempo changes throughout the selections coupled with numerous solos and rides served as pleasing changes of pace during each song.

Numbers ranging from "Country Road" to "Down Basie Street" were interrupted numerous times by applause. Most, if not all, members were featured in various selections, and they showed that the band is

filled with talented individual players.

The saxophone section was especially good, and although the audience reacted well to every section, the sax players seemed to be the crowd-pleasers.

It was extremely gratifying to watch and listen to musicians who obviously enjoy playing as much as the audience enjoyed listening. Any performance is more effective when the performers themselves appear to like what they're doing.

The band proved it could play the blues as well as take on the big band sound, although the latter appears to be its strength. "Somewhere" from "West Side Story" had some moving moments, but there must have been something lacking in the arrangement, for it seemed that there should have been more to the number.

"In The Mood", performed without the benefit of the chickens, was a definite crowd-pleaser, as were tunes from Duke Ellington and other jazz and big band composers.

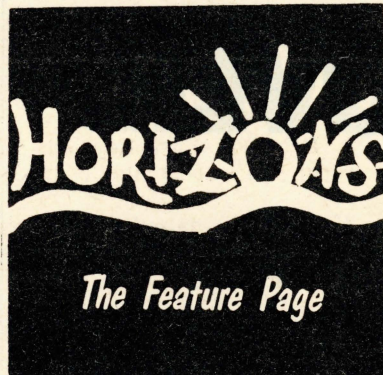
Angela Bofill, a Manhattan School of Music grad, is a

nightclub singer from New York and New Jersey. She is also the featured singer on the flip side of "A Fifth of Beethoven" by The Walter Murphy Band.

She added a new dimension to the program and was an excellent entertainer. Her voice was a bit too fragile-sounding to be really effective, however, although she was good in the lower ranges.

There were a few rough spots in the band's sound, a few muddy tones, a few just-missed notes, but they didn't harm the overall sound a bit.

With a good sound and an appreciative audience, the evening had to turn out right.



## THE WIZARD OF WAZ

### Valentines I Have Known

Last Monday was St. Valentine's Day and being the popular literary figure that I am I received a numerous amount of the little love notes. So I have taken this opportunity to print the gems of the lot. If yours wasn't printed that means it just meant so much to me that I didn't want to share your personal feelings.

Roses are fat,  
Violets are trim,  
You're like a rose.  
That's why you can't swim.

—Love, Coach of the Swim Team

Violets are smooth  
Roses are thorny,  
I'd rather read this column  
Than the one by Acornley

—Bob

A rose is a rose  
And I have been thinkin'  
How can you print  
This junk in The BEACON

—The BEACON Editor

A rose is so pretty,  
But thorns cause a tear,  
I liked this column better  
When you wrote it last year.

—Your Buddy, Marianne

Flowers are for the birds,  
That's what I've been preaching.  
With a column like this  
How did you pass student teaching?

—Forever, Mr. Johnson

We always liked roses,  
But we'd much rather beer.  
This column is not funny  
But it'll get a "ker-heeerr!"

—Joe and Gus

Roses are red,  
Violets make me cough.  
How come you're working  
And I am laid off?

—Eddie White, Vice President of the M.D.F.C.

Roses are red,  
Violets have pizazz,  
Someday our alma mater  
Will sound like our jazz.

—Jim Yosh

Roses in the Library,  
Violets in the SUB,  
What this campus needs  
Is another club.

—Steve Connolly

Roses are red,  
But I like to wrastle.  
When you beat my record,  
Then give me a hassle.

—Coach Reese

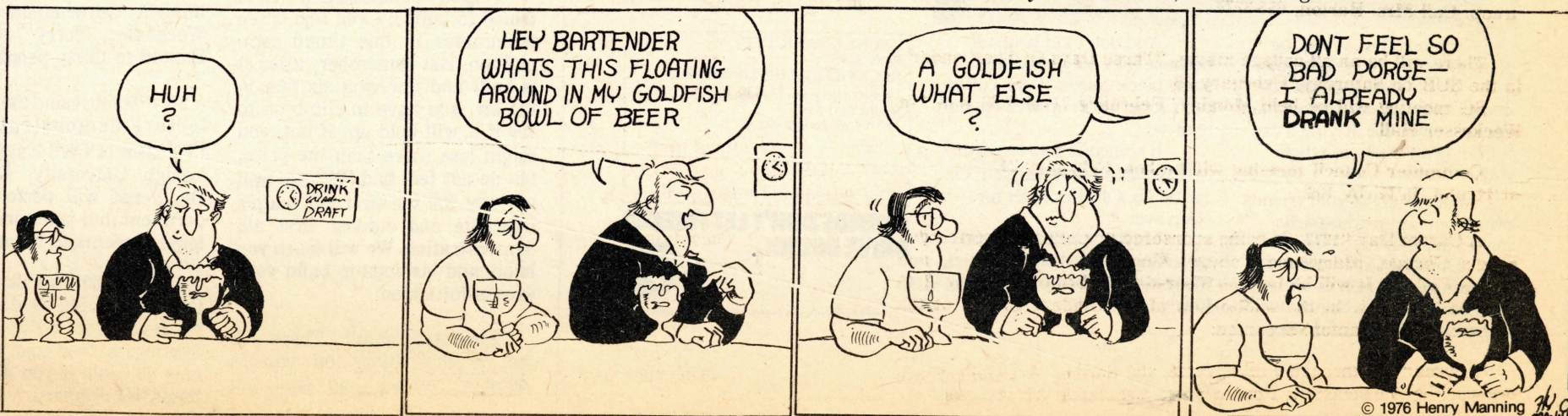
Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
If you liked this column,  
It's the nut house for you.

—The Wizard

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Q. Knock, Knock. Q. Who's there?  
A. Dwayne. Q. Dwayne Who?  
A. Dwayne the bathtub, I'm drowning.

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# March Is The Month For Financial Aid

It's that time of year again - when students who plan to return to the College next Fall begin making plans to apply for renewal of their financial aid packages for the year 1977-78 - academic year.

According to the College Financial Aid Office, application forms and instructions will be available at the Financial Aid Office, Chase Hall, beginning on March 1. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. As in the past, students applying for aid from the College must return the completed forms by April 15.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency will mail renewal forms to students who are currently receiving state grants. The deadline for filing the State form is May 1. The Basic Grants program will also mail renewal applications to current BEOG recipients. For those students not receiving State or Basic Grant assistance this year, 1977-78, applications will be available at the Financial Aid Office.

Two problem areas were highlighted by Financial Aid Director Richard Raspen, which in the past have sometimes resulted in students having serious financial difficulties.

The first is that for one reason or another, students do not file for all of the aid programs available to them. Every Pennsylvania resident should apply for the State Grant, just as out-of-state residents should file for their state programs if they are available, such as in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Vermont. And every student who will carry at least six credits a semester should file the Basic Grant application.

In fact, the College presumes that a student does file the applications, and builds an estimated grant into our aid package, so that if the student does not apply, he comes up short of dollars during the year. Just because a student was denied aid through a program in one year, that student should still at least file the forms. With changes in the family's financial situation, and changes in programs, it is impossible to "guess" at your own eligibility with any kind of accuracy.

The second problem area involves meeting filing deadlines. While the college will accept late applications and make awards until funds are exhausted, PHEAA, for example, will not even consider late applications until the second semester. So a student stands to lose as much as \$600 just from the State program by filing the forms after their May 1 deadline.

Raspen urges all students, whether or not they are currently receiving financial aid to (1) stop by the Aid Office during March to pick up the forms and instructions, and (2) file them before the filing dates as indicated.

Any student who has questions about financial aid programs, forms, or procedures should feel free to use the services of the Financial Aid Office.

## Scholarships Awarded To Two Local Students

Two Wilkes College French majors, Anita Meehan of Plymouth and Diane Polachek of Kingston, have recently been awarded scholarships for summer study in France. The awards, the result of a competition, were announced by Dr. Michael Seitz, chairman of the College's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

The two junior co-eds will spend the summer in a program in Tours, France, sponsored by Rutgers University. In addition to classes in the French language, literature and civilization, the program includes excursions to the magnificent renaissance chateaux, which are among the major attractions of the Loire valley area.

This rare opportunity was made possible by a special scholarship fund established by Lewis Salsburg of Kingston and his son, Robert Salsburg. The latter is himself a graduate French major of Wilkes College.



## D'Vorzon Commissioned For Mural In Scranton

Bernice D'Vorzon, associate professor of art at Wilkes, was recently commissioned to do a mural for the Community Medical Center in Scranton.

The 32-foot long mural, painted in acrylic paint on masonite panels, is an abstracted landscape with some feelings of Atlantis. Ms. D'Vorzon has another mural in Pennsylvania, at Percy Brown's in Allentown. The work, 9 by 60 feet, is totally abstract.

A native of New York City, Ms. D'Vorzon is a graduate of the High School of Art and Music, Queens College, and the Art Students League.

She received a B.A. degree in Fine Arts from the Cranbrook Academy of Art and an M.A. from Columbia University.

She has done one person shows at Brata Gallery, New York City; Wilkes College, Keystone Junior College, Everhart Museum, Scranton; and the Benson Gallery, Hamptons, N.Y.

The Wilkes educator was the recent purchase winner at the Everhart Museum, Scranton.

Until the new wing at the Community Medical Center is completed, the mural will be installed in the lounge on the neurological floor. In addition to the mural there will be an exhibition of art works by professional artists, including Ms. D'Vorzon. The opening reception will be Sunday, March 6.

# Self Defense Club Shows Where To Hit

By Jody Berg

"The hardest thing is to get a girl to hit you," explained Gene Gorski, president of the Karate Club while referring to the self defense course he's instructing this semester. "I'll stand in front of them and tell them to hit me and they just won't do it."

But when the girls finally do hit Gene, they learn exactly how to hit him and exactly where.

The self defense course began after an interest was shown in such an art last semester.

Unlike Karate, where one learns definite blocks and punches, the course is designed around individual needs of the students. For example, a girl might ask what to do if two guys grab her on either side and hold both arms. Gene sizes up the girl, taking into consideration her height and weight, and shows her a defense move best suited for her.

The core of the course is mental as well as physical relaxation because as Gene explains, "The most important thing is to be able to relax and have control over your body." Therefore, lessons are given in an informal atmosphere and limbering exercises are encouraged.

Guys as well as girls take the course just to try something different or to keep in shape for another sport.

The course is given on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00 at the gym or the basement of Susquehannock depending on which is available.

Anyone interested is invited to come, watch, and try it. Dress is casual - just wear something you can move in.

## New York Weekend Open To Students

Care to spend a weekend in New York City for only \$36? The Alumni Association is giving students and faculty the opportunity to join Wilkes grads on the "Alumni Weekend" trip March 25-27.

Buses will leave Wilkes-Barre Friday, March 25 at 2 p.m., and will depart from New York the following Sunday at 7 p.m.

Reservations may be made with Art Hoover, third floor, Weckesser Hall.

## Winter Weekend Events Cont'd. From Page 1

Saturday, 1-4: Paul Bunyan Events in the empty lot next to the gym. Everyone is welcome to observe or participate as they like. No need to sign up for the competitions ahead of time.

"Ice Cream Manufacturing" - You will be able to make your own ice cream right there and we have everything necessary. It just takes a lot of cranking on your part.

"He-Man Log Sawin' contest" - This is a timed competition and an opportunity to win your horse, girlfriend or mom a wonderful prize. The saw is a 6½ footer and takes two people to handle.

"Wee-Folk Log Sawin' Contest" - This is also a timed competition using a small bow saw easily handled by one person. We will have a boy's and girl's division with a trophy for each of the quickest log-sawers this side of the Mississippi.

without the use of modern day equipment. Brews, herbs and other techniques will be included.

"Boiling an Egg in a Paper Cup" - Dean Baltruchitis will demonstrate and lecture on the colligative properties of albumin versus the oxidation of paper under extreme conditions of temperature. Amazing, but true.

"Match and Ax Competition" - Do you have a steady hand guided by an eagle eye That is what you need to light a wooden match with an ax.

**SEE YOU THERE**

Saturday, 1-4 - Bingo will be played in the cafeteria. This is simultaneously with the Paul Bunyan events. So if you get cold, come in and have some free Dunkin' Donuts and hot chocolate. Lots of prizes.

7, 9, and 11- Two showings of the movie, "Three Days of the Condor." At the 7:00 showing, the Paul Bunyan Trophies will be awarded. Then at 9:00, the volleyball tournament winners will be awarded a fifty dollar check.

Sunday, 1-4 - Cross-Country Skiing - We will be skiing at the Muhlenburg Golf Course which is only fifteen minutes away (so you will need to provide your own transportation). Sign up in the Student Government Office in Weckesser. Sorry - skiing is limited to thirty people.

2-3 - "Science and the Bible" - A lecture-demonstration by Professor of Civil Engineering at Lehigh University, Dr. Pense. Dr. Pense will perform an experiment that is a miracle - or at least it seems to be one.

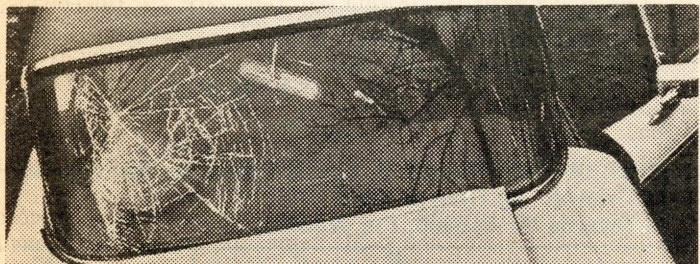
8:30 - 12:30 - Ice Skating - The Coal Street Ice Skating Rink is reserved for Wilkes College. Skating is free and skates are only 65 cents if you do not have them. ID required.

"Simple Art of Orientating" - This competition requires no experience, although it sounds like some complex type of moonshining. It is in fact a simple 25 yard compass-challenge course. We will teach everything you need to know and supply the compass. All you have to do is be first for the trophy.

"Tripod Construction" - A tripod is built by you and three teammates in this timed competition. But remember, after it is built and towering six feet in the air, you have to climb on to see if it will hold up. If not, you might lose more than the prize, but do not feel bad. We can still use you for the first aid team's frost-bite and outdoor first aid demonstration. We will teach you knots and lashings to build your successful tripod.

"First Aid Team" - There will be demonstrations on various outdoor rescues and first aid

# THE PARTY'S OVER.



All too often, when the party ends, the trouble begins. People who shouldn't be doing anything more active than going to sleep are driving a car. Speeding and weaving their way to death.

Before any of your friends drive home from your party, make sure they aren't drunk.

Don't be fooled because they drank only beer or wine. Beer and wine can be just as intoxicating as mixed drinks.

And don't kid yourself because they may have had some black coffee. Black coffee can't sober them up well enough to drive.

If someone gets too drunk to drive, drive him yourself. Or call a cab. Or offer to let him sleep over.

Maybe your friend won't be feeling so good on the morning after, but you're going to feel terrific.

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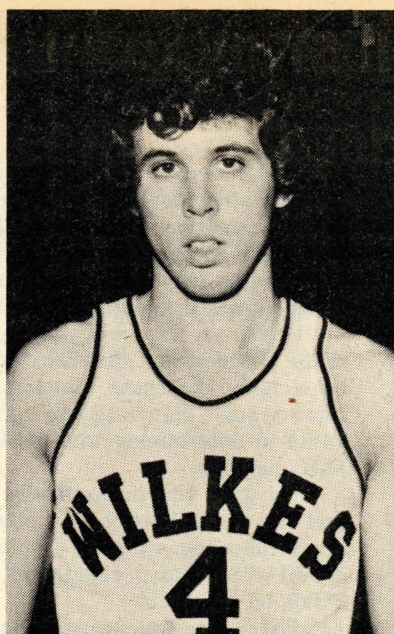
Terry Schoen

I hope someone had the presence of mind to send Mike Prekopa a copy of last week's Beacon. He turned out to be the star of the show and he's not even a student anymore.

The feature article on basketball player Terry Schoen had a few mistakes in it that we would like to correct. First of all, Terry mentioned the guards on the team that were picking up the slack created by his injury and the name of Kenny Hughes was omitted.

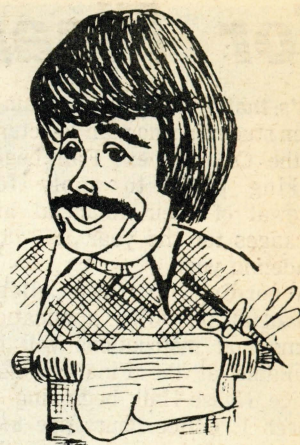
Secondly, and most importantly, a "negative problem developed" at the printers. Pictures got shuffled and we're still waiting for the real Terry Schoen to please stand up. (Sit down, Terry.)

I hope this clears things up. At right is a new professor at Wilkes in the plumbing department. Ms. Farrah for all of you faucet majors. At left is Terry.



Farrah Fawcett-Majors

A-Corny  
Look  
At  
The  
"Kernels"



by jeff acornley

## Urchins, Grunts Keep Their Role In Perspective

By David Orischak and Bob Welsh

The leading intramural basketball teams like Gino's, Sixers, Sons of Softee and others have been the primary recipients of publicity in this column, but what about the heart of the league, the Urchins.

This team has spirit that compares with the best of them; the only thing they lack is height. You see, in order to play on this intramural team one must meet one big or is it small requirement. You must be under 5 feet 7 inches tall.

It is the only team in the league that uses a step ladder during its pre-game warmup. It is also the only team with a center only 5 feet 4 inches tall, Tim Golden, alias Doctor G'. We had a chance to talk with Tim a few nights ago and discovered that he does not consider his height to be a detriment to his play at center. He has great confidence in his hyrdo-glide sneakers, which he himself patented, to make up any difference in his height.

The Urchins are still looking for their first victory, but to them, having a good time is more important. This team also has a policy that everyone gets into every game, even James Johnson, whose pregame warmup consists of two layups, three jump shots and six Schlitz.

Grunts, better known as the Vet's Club, is another team that has adopted the 'everyone plays' policy and has achieved great success with it as they are undefeated in B division play. When

the players from these two teams leave the game they do so with a smile and not with the begrudged feeling that seems to be present among so many other teams who like to take these games all too seriously.

It seems as though these two teams have captured the true spirit of intramural competition and we should all hope that some of this spirit touches us.

Division A games played last week saw USUC IV defeat Butler 71-59. Mike Super was high scorer for USUC with 21. The Playboys defeated Orien's Express 69-54 as Joe Slavoski dumped in 18 points for the winning cause. In the final A division game this week USUC was upset by the Sixers 67-56. The Sixers were led by John Duda's 18 points and the fine defensive play of Jim Michaels.

In B division competition, Northern Death beat the Harriers 36-35 in what turned out to be one of the many close games that night. J. Fisch and E. Ohmont each chipped in 13 points for the winners. In another close game, Grunts' Bob Rischman made a layup with only two seconds left on the clock to give his team a 51-50 win over the Moonshiners. Tom Rovinski was high scorer for Grunts with 20. In the Final B division Game, Slocoke defeated Hotel Sterling II 45-43. Big John was high scorer for Slocoke with 17.

### PERSONAL FOULS

Sons of Softee have come up with a new pregame warmup drill. Coach Yosh has instituted this drill in an effort for better conditioning of his team. Each player must run three laps around Bert Katz before every game.

### NOTICE

The 1977 EIWA Wrestling Tournament will soon be upon us and now is the time to apply for tickets. This years tournament will be held at Syracuse University. Since this is the college showcase of the best wrestlers in the country, tickets will be going fast. So apply now for your tickets to the event of the year and cheer for your Colonel grapplers. Ticket applications are available in Art Hoovers office on the 3rd floor of Weckesser Hall.

## Colonelettes Wind Season Down



**WILKES LADY CAGERS** — Kneeling, left to right, Karen Smallcomb, Dotty Martin, Sharon Wilkes, Sue Freda; Standing, Kathy Keating, trainer; Julie Kerrick, Lynn Yedlock, Mary Jo

Frail, Karen Olney, Debbie Yedlock, Nancy Johnson, Sue Ann Knight, Anita Meehan, Wilma Hurst, manager; Coach Wilma Schierer.

By Joan Vorbach

Lynn Yedlock paced the Colonelettes with 21 points on Tuesday, February 8, as they posted a solid 61-51 homecourt victory over Albright College.

Despite foul trouble, the Wilkes women managed to keep a comfortable lead throughout the contest, as they brought their record to 5 wins and 12 losses.

On February 11, Bloomsburg State rolled over the Blue and Gold with a height laden lineup to the tune of 75-47.

The Colonelettes did well in the first half, scoring 30 points, and coming up only 7 points short at the buzzer.

However, the second half brought a tenacious Bloomsburg man-to-man defense, which held the Wilkes' guns to only 17.

Prior to the Bloomsburg game, the Colonelettes lost Julie Kerrick with a strained ankle ligament, and Sue Anne Knight with a knee injury. Sue Anne will undergo surgery on Friday, February 18, for removal of cartilage.

The Colonelettes just couldn't bounce back on Tuesday, as they lost to Kutztown, 65-47.

Again, the first half was close. The point difference was only two throughout most of that time, but Kutztown used its quickness to

score three quick baskets just before the clock ran out. A long bomb at the buzzer put them ahead by eight.

The second half was frustrating for the Colonelettes offense, as Kutztown went to a man-to-man defense. Scoring only 21 points in

the second half, Wilkes fell behind early, and began substituting.

Sharon Wilkes and Karen Olney were high scorers with 12 points apiece.

The Colonelettes travel to Elizabethtown today.

## Dana Hall Girls Capture Co-Ed Intramural Crown

By Dotty Martin

Julie Kerrick ripped the cords for 18 beautiful points recently to lead Dana Hall to a 30-14 victory over Sturdevant, thus capturing the women's intramural basketball championship.

Other scorers for the victors were Ronna Colvin, 8; and Jerry Ann Smith, 4. All three girls were superstars on the hockey field for the Colonelettes last semester.

Individual scorers for the Sturdevant team were Geri Hoffman, 6; JoAnn Mican, 4; Jan Kadlecick, and Tricia Ryan, 2 points each.

Final standings in the American League were: Dana, 4-0; Catlin, 3-1; Barre, 1-3; Sullivan, 1-3; and Weiss, 1-3. In the National League, final standings were: Sturdevant, 3-0; Delaware, 2-1; Hollenback, 1-2; Susquehannock, 0-3; and Chesapeake, 0-3.

Leading scorers in the American League were Jerry Ann Smith, of Dana, with 33 points; Julie Kerrick, also of Dana, with 24 points; and Kathy Bozinski, of Weiss, with 11. National League leading scorers include Sue Freda of Hollenback, with 24 points; Jo Ann Mican, Sturdevant, 17; Tricia Ryan, Sturdevant, 16; Debbie Orbinati, Delaware, 14; and Mary Ellen Strong, Delaware, 12.

Sue Freda, a freshman from Hollenback Hall, held the record for the most points scored in a single game. Sue garnered 20 points in a contest against Chesapeake.

Ellen DuFosse of Barre, and JoAnn Mican of Sturdevant hold the distinct honor of having the most fouls called on them this year.

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# E-TOWN TONIGHT: PLAYOFFS AT STAKE

By Jeff Acornley



**TWO OUT OF THREE? —** Kenny Hughes drives around a pick by John Zapko. Both of these players had a large role in Tuesday's heart-stopper against Scranton. Hughes dumped in 10 points including a shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Zapko garnered 17 points including a hot streak at the start of the second half to bring the Colonels into contention. Kendall McNeil also had a large role with his hotdogging inciting the crowd as well as a 15 point, 14 rebound performance.

## BEACON SPORTS

## Wrestlers To Finish Schedule On The Road

By Earl Monk

The Wilkes College Wrestling Team concluded its home schedule last night against the Bisons of Bucknell and will take to the road starting this Saturday for their final three meets of the year. The Colonels were expected to tame the Bisons without too many problems, and then travel to Franklin and Marshall Saturday. They will finish the regular season next week with matches at Montclair State and Rutgers.

From the way the Colonels smashed Army this past Saturday their three road opponents had better be prepared to wrestle a team that is beginning to look unbeatable. The Colonels utterly crushed the Black Knights of the Hudson by a 43-0 score in a meet that once more highlighted the four senior guard-captains.

Rick Mahonski (126), Bruce Lear (150), and Dave Gregrow (190) all registered pins, while Lon Balum (134) won a lopsided 18-5 decision. All four concluded their home careers at Wilkes last night, and each was looking to finish up in a spectacular way. The four have contributed a 119-50-6 dual meet record in their four years at Wilkes, and have excited Colonel fans with their successes throughout the years.

The four seniors were not alone in their heroics against Army. Greg MacLean (158) and Gene Clemons (177) each won superior decisions to contribute to the victory. For Clemons it was his second victory of the week after winning a decision in last Wednesday's 24-13 victory over East Stroudsburg. In that Stroud meet Balum again was a standout, recording the only fall of the night. Mark Densberger (150) hammered out a 19-3 decision and heavyweight Don House continued his winning ways with another superior decision to finish off the Warriors.

So, with a 13-3 record (excluding last night's meet), the Colonels look to be on the way to their winningest season ever. Should they win their final four meets it would give them a 17-3 record and break the current record of 16 victories set in

1972-73. They have now won eight meets in a row and are flying high as they prepare for the road trip. Their three opponents are relatively good wrestling schools, but as stated before, the Colonels are looking awesome.

Coach Reeses' charges seem finally to have blended and the whole key may have been Lon Balum. The Colonels had seemed listless after losing to Syracuse and were fortunate to have five easy matches before Hofstra. Then Balum won the thrilling victory over Nick Gallo, Hofstra, and the Colonels went on to defeat the Flying Dutchmen 21-18. Since then, the Colonels have been overpowering. East Stroudsburg came to Wilkes with a 10-2-1 record and still the Colonels handled them fairly easily. Army came here with a better than average team and yet the Colonels shut them out with ease. The team appears finally to be living up to preseason hopes.

So, with the home season at an end, the Reesemen travel to Franklin and Marshall Saturday; Montclair next Wednesday, and conclude with Rutgers (February 26) in what has turned out to be a very satisfying season. The momentum has picked up, and they may be ready to make some noise in the Eastern Tournament (March 3, 4 and 5).

**GRAPPLING GAB:** Balum (14-4), Gregrow (13-3), Lear (13-3-1), House (12-4), Densberger (10-3), and Perry Lichtinger (9-2) have the best dual records on the team. . . Densberger, who is only a freshman, is the third ranked wrestler in the East at 142. . . Gregrow is ranked third in the East at 190. . . The Jayvees also continued their winning ways by defeating Stroud 23-15. . . Standouts were Rich Nordheim, Bill Karpovich, and Wade Fatoool, all freshman. . . Coach John Reese has been released on \$100,000 bail until his trail for the capital offenses he committed against the girls' basketball team. . . Judge Roger Bearde has been assigned to the case.

There were no discipline problems. There were no allegations of pot. There was no dissension. All there was on Tuesday night at the Wilkes gym were two local basketball teams who came to play. And play they did, in one of the most exciting games in the history of the rivalry.

Wilkes vs. Scranton. Just by the very nature of the geographical situation, this was destined to be a hotly contested matchup. But there was more at stake than bragging rights, this was a key game in determining who would qualify for the MAC playoffs.

The gym was dramatically hot and crowded and the decibel level was piercing. Scranton's large following swapped insults with the home crowd with as much rapidity as the lead changed hands on the court.

The setting was prepared for a tremendously exciting game. Both teams obliged.

The Royals of Scranton, defending National Division III champs and currently in the top playoff spot in the MAC, escaped with the overtime victory, but not before the scrappy Colonels of Wilkes extended them to the limit. They knew they were in a ball game.

The lead changed hands scores of times before Scranton took a 30-24 lead at the half. But the much maligned Wilkesmen showed their character and came charging out of the dressing room to rally and go ahead by one point at 14:38. The Colonels have been having a great deal of trouble this season during the latter portions of the game, and have been blowing leads with astonishing ease. This was not the case Tuesday as John Zapko hit four shots in a row to get the Colonels back in the game.

Again the lead see-sawed and it was tied at 53 with two minutes remaining and the Royals had the ball. Time for a little more drama. Scranton froze the ball and ran all but six seconds off the clock before they surged into the lead, 55-53. Tom Donahue, the Colonel quarterback who had just returned to the lineup this week from his ankle injury, took the inbounds pass and made a brilliant pass to Ken Hughes who was all alone because of the double-team on Donahue. Hughes calmly swished a 20-footer as the buzzer sounded, sending the contest into overtime.

Coach Rodger Bearde's troops scored first in

the extra period. But two in a row by Scranton's Phil Johnson iced the game for the defending champs.

It was a very frustrating contest for the Colonels because they played their best game of the year and lost. What looms bright in the wake of their heartbreak is the remaining shot at a much treasured playoff berth.

They travel to Elizabethtown tonight in a must-win situation. If the Colonels can defeat the Blue Jays they will be assured of at least a tie for a playoff spot. It is here that the MAC race gets quite confusing.

Scranton and Albright have already clinched two of the four berths. The other two are up for grabs between Upsala, Elizabethtown, Wilkes and Susquehanna.

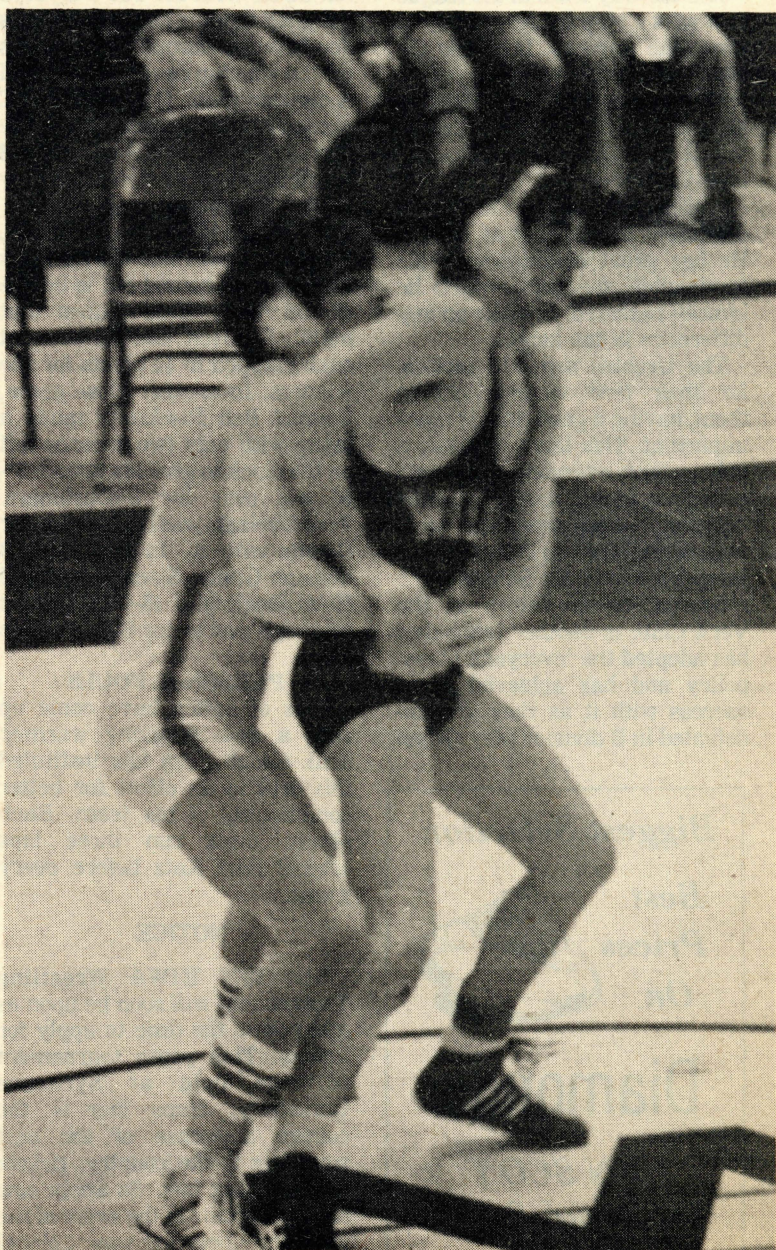
Susquehanna's chances are quite remote. They have one remaining league contest on their schedule and that is with Scranton. Even if they beat the heavily favored Royals, their hopes would rely on Upsala losing both of their remaining games. The Crusaders 5-5 record would not be enough to qualify because of their head to head losses to both Wilkes and Elizabethtown.

Upsala has the best chance to qualify. They have two games on their MAC slate. Back to back contests with Lycoming and E-Town on Friday and Saturday night will determine their position. All they have to do is split that card to assure them the third slot.

In all probability, the fourth spot will go to the winner of the Wilkes-E-Town contest tonight. Wilkes' 5-5 record will be enough to gain the slot on the merit of victories over both Susquehanna and E-Town, who also have 5-5 records.

If this seems confusing to you don't worry, it's confusing to just about everyone. There is also the possibility of either a three or a four way tie for the final two slots. That would cause a mini-playoff before the MAC's. It could get pretty hairy.

The bottom line is this however. The Colonels have to win tonight. If they lose they are automatically eliminated and if they win they are automatically assured of at least a tie for the berth. A stunning tribute to a team that was in shambles in mid-season.



**UNHAND ME YOU BEAST —** Colonels' Bruce Lear struggles to get out of the grasp of his opponent. He was one of the many Colonels to turn in outstanding weeks. The Wilkesmen are incredibly hot and hope to stay that way heading into the EIWA tourney in early March.