

Secrecy Surrounds Presidential Interviews

By Donna M. Geffert

Unknown to many individuals on the Wilkes College campus, interviews have been underway by the Presidential Search Committee, under the direction of U.S. Circuit Court Judge Max Rosenn, of applicants for the presidency in the conference room of Weckesser Hall.

According to Student Government President Ed "Zeke" Zaborney, one of two student representatives on the search committee, the men who are being interviewed are the "cream of the crop."

After studying over 200 applications, approximately 10 men have been invited to an interview by the 12-member committee.

Zaborney noted that the next interview session is scheduled for Monday, February 23, in Weckesser Hall.

Among the presidential hopefuls is a former U.S. Ambassador to Europe, Zaborney said.

The SG president also stated that no local people have been chosen for an approximately two-hour interview on campus.

Questions being put to the candidates deal with what the applicants feel is a liberal arts college and how they can employ the institution to better serve the community.

"I don't think that the committee is just going through the motions of a presidential search," Zaborney said. "I don't think they have a president picked yet," he noted.

Zaborney also related that many individuals want the challenge of being president of a liberal arts college. Many also come from state schools holding such positions as vice presidents and deans of colleges.

When asked about the secrecy employed

concerning the interviews and the names of applicants, the student representative explained that some of the applicants have placed themselves in a precarious position by applying for the Wilkes job. If word leaked to their present employers they may lose their current positions.

Zaborney stated, "I think the new Wilkes president will be chosen probably by the end of April."

He explained that it is a difficult decision to make since the president should be strong in the business world in his estimation.

Zaborney also feels that the student vote on the committee is significant although he maintains that he and Debbie Lataro, the other student representative, exhibit to the committee what the students want in a president socially.

He also believes if his vote in the final

voting process should be the ultimate tie-breaker in the presidential selection that his decision would be followed providing that the voting process depended on majority rule.

Senior Representative Debbie Lataro also voiced agreement concerning student participation in the search committee. According to her, the student vote had not been ignored when deciding which applicants would be interviewed. In this light, she noted that in the ultimate selection of president the student vote also would be considered just as any other vote on the committee. "I don't see how they could ignore it," she said.

When asked about the black woman applicant who was disqualified from the running, Lataro noted that the woman did not possess the high caliber of credentials like the other applicants.

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Rozelle Outlines 'Preferred Area' For Admission To Hahnemann

Dr. Ralph B. Rozelle, dean of health sciences and project director of the Wilkes-Hahnemann Medical Program here, responded to Student Government questioning Tuesday night regarding the status of in-state and out-of-state students seeking admission to Hahnemann Medical College. The program allows students to complete the requirements for a medical degree in family medicine in six years.

Much of the confusion, students say, stemmed from comments made last semester by a biology professor.

Rozelle said no out-of-state students will be admitted in next years program except those coming from "contiguous counties" in southern New York and northern New Jersey. He said that this "preferred area" is not a Wilkes policy but the joint selection committee's interpretation, based on past experience, of how the Hahnemann Admissions Committee will act. The joint selection committee is the College body that recommends candidates to the Hahnemann Admissions Committee, which has the final say.

Received letter

Students in the current freshman class, prior to entering the program, received a letter stating that students from this preferred region will receive preference over those who are not.

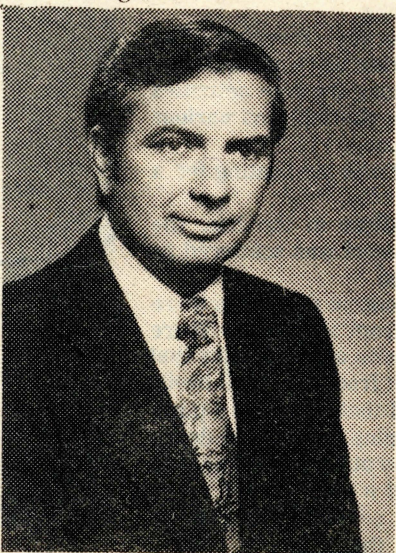
Rozelle indicated that as a result of the letter, approximately 80 students decided not to enroll at Wilkes. He said in the current freshman class, only 20 percent are from out-of-state.

The reasoning behind choosing students only from the state, this area, and certain counties in southern New York and northern New Jersey, Rozelle said, is that there is a better chance those students will remain in the area to practice medicine.

The purpose of the program, he said is to "upgrade health care delivery systems in Northeastern Pennsylvania." The ultimate goal of the program is "where every citizen will have a family doctor." The architects of the program hope

to improve primary medical care by putting more doctors in this area.

Rozelle said that the letter sent to this years' Hahnemann students, stating the preferred region, also indicates that students of exceptional ability that reside outside the preferred area will still be considered. He said that the student in this years' class outside the area, all things equal, must have a higher grade point average than an in-state student or student from the "contiguous counties." He said



Dr. Ralph B. Rozelle

every freshman in the program is aware of this. "It's clear what the letter means legally and otherwise," he said.

The sophomore class did not receive a letter as such, but Rozelle indicated "they will be treated equally."

Rozelle and Kanner explain

Both Rozelle and Joseph H. Kanner, director of testing and a member of the Wilkes joint selection committee, explained the reasons behind the "preferred area policy" at the meeting.

They said it has been found that roughly 60 percent of the medical students in the State of Pennsylvania, once they complete the requirements for a medical degree, leave the state.

Rozelle said state legislation requires medical schools, in order to be eligible for state financial assistance, must admit, over-all, 80 percent in-state students. "After all, it is Pennsylvania tax dollars supporting these schools," he said.

Kanner noted that there are some states which do not admit any out-of-state students. "The problem is now economic," he said.

Rozelle advised the members of the Student Government to keep in mind the long term goal of the

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Whoops, No Parking!

Del-Cap Detective Agency, the Pittston based firm hired by the College to police campus parking lots for illegal parkers, is compiling a steady, yet impressive list of motorists.

Two latest ticketees, both employed by the College with offices on the first and third floors of Weckesser Hall, returned to their cars earlier this week on campus only to find a red and white citation slapped on their windshields.

Acting President Robert S. Capin and Public Relations Director Thomas J. Moran are the two latest targets of the Del-Cao uniformed ticketman.

President Capin explained that he inadvertently forgot to renew his sticker, which caught the eye of Del-Cap's finest. Nevertheless, Capin, chuckling about the matter, said the agency is doing a "good job."

Moran, who is completely baffled about the ticket after displaying official identification on the dashboard of his car, declared, "Maybe I won't graduate now."

SUB May Encounter Close Scrutinization By Student Government

By Frank Baran

Responsibility for operating and maintaining the Student Union Building and two game rooms now managed by the Student Union Board may come under closer scrutiny by Student Government, if a proposal submitted Tuesday by SG Member Steven Esrick wins SG approval.

Esrick said the S.U.B. is not now used to its fullest potential because major improvements are required to make the facility more attractive and accessible.

Such improvements, Esrick contends, cannot be made by the present Student Union Board because the board lacks funds.

"The basic problem with the present arrangement," Esrick told the SG members, "is that the Student Union Board is not accountable to anybody and it's not responsible to the students."

Esrick and SG Member Joe Marchetti have co-sponsored a new constitution for the Student Union Board which would subject its management to considerable review by a committee of SG.

Under terms of the proposal, all board policies must be reviewed by SG and all non-operating expenses must be approved by the SG body. Also, monthly reports on board activities and finances must be submitted to SG and "at the time of this presentation, the director of the S.U.B. shall be present for questioning."

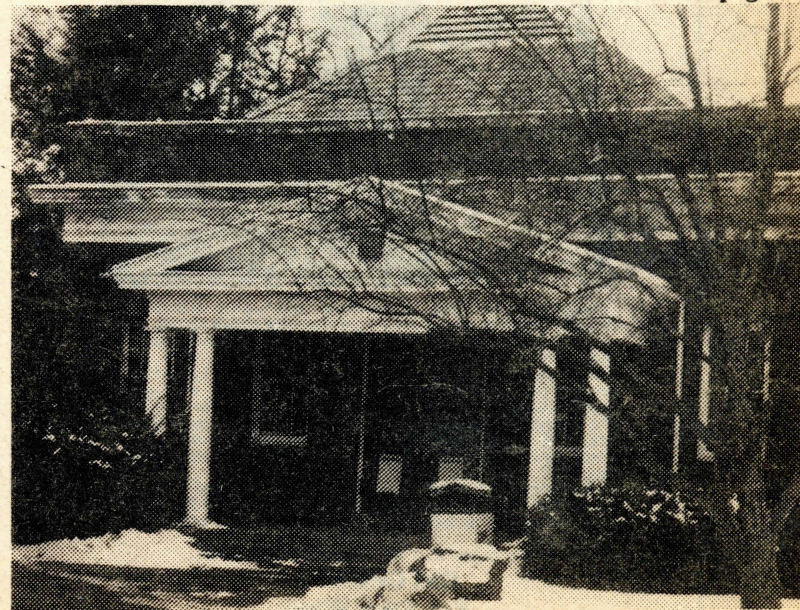
The Esrick-Marchetti plan also contains a three-part rider. The first part provides that all present board debts will be paid by SG. Since the drafting of the proposal, Esrick notes, the board has been able to repay its \$800 debt in full and now its books show a surplus of about \$30.

The second portion of the rider provides that "contracting bids to remodel S.U.B. facilities shall be obtained by the S.U.B. prior to the end of the 1976 Spring Semester. Said bids shall be submitted to SG for immediate consideration." Esrick estimated renovations to the building could amount to \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The final portion of the rider requires a "complete" SG investigation of the board after the first semester of operations under the new arrangement.

Esrick noted that the proposal would alter the original charter of the board. The board was initially designed to be self-sustaining, using profits from vending machines to finance all operations and maintenance. The proposal would instead recognize that "the prime reason for the S.U.B. to exist is to serve the students, hopefully breaking even in the process."

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SUB — With no funds to make repairs or improvements, the facility has taken on a run-down appearance.

Scheduling of Dances Creates Dissatisfaction

Lack of communication between campus organizations and classes in scheduling activities was the main topic of discussion at the recent Inter-Dormitory Council meeting, the first this semester.

Council Member Al Berger informed the council that the sophomore class was disturbed that IDC had scheduled a dance for Saturday night when there was a sophomore class dance scheduled for Friday. The Friday dance is a money making proposition for the class, with IDC planning a dance free of charge the next evening, Berger said they felt they would not have a good response.

Other members of the Council defended the Saturday night dance saying that since Saturday is Valentine's Day, the sophomore class should have anticipated there being some sort of activity that night.

The Council members acknowledged a lack of communication between organizations and classes in scheduling activities citing the fact that on one weekend there might be three or four events and then nothing for two or three weeks in a row.

A suggestion was made to organize an all campus activities calendar including sports that would be up-to-date. No motion was made regarding the subject, however.

In the course of discussion, a comment was passed about the New Men's Dormitory lounge not being used for parties. It was explained by Molly Dennison, IDC advisor, that too much destruction arose from having parties there because three and four hundred people would crowd into the area at one time. Council members pointed out that many of these were commuting students and that it was unfair to prohibit dormitory students to have parties because of commuting students causing damage. No resolution was made about using the lounge for parties.

The Council showed some concern over the future of concerts at Wilkes. Questions about having a concert without Fang Productions were

raised, but it was explained that this would not be financially beneficial.

Those dormitory students possessing a parking sticker may now park in the Bedford and Old Slocum parking lots and on Wright Street. The Council is looking into new places to park.

A suggestion was also made to work toward making it possible to obtain transcripts free of charge. The present charge is one dollar. No motion was made concerning this suggestion.

'Cat' Cast Creating 'Flavor' of South

Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning play "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof" will be the next Wilkes College theater production, to be presented Thursday through Sunday, March 11 through 14.

The cast and crew with director Jay E. Fields has been hard at work with the production since tryouts were held in December.

The cast came back to school two weeks early to begin work on the play. They spent between five to eight hours a day working on analysis of the drama. This work was not done on the stage but around a table in discussion.

The members also went to New York to see two currently-running Williams' productions: "The Glass Menagerie" and "Sweet Bird of Youth."

In trying to get a feel and a flavor for the show they had an Episcopal minister come in and speak, since the characters are of the Episcopal faith in the play. They also plan to attend a service.

The real treat was a full course Southern Dinner - to which all of the cast members came in "character."

For research on the play, director Fields read all of Tennessee Williams' works including 25 full length plays, 33 short stories, 2 novels, 25 short plays, autobiography and countless other books on the playwright.

Next week's issue will feature the cast of "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof."



Skiing since he was four and receiving his training in the Alps, no less, freshman Norman Verhoog, Berwyn, Pa., made a fine showing on the slopes and even walked away with a first place trophy in one of the ski competitions that was held.

However, striking a pose is no easy task even for the avid skier who took a spill moments after the first shot was taken.

Fun Weekend in the Poconos

By Fran Polakowski

A more perfect weekend weather-wise could not have been picked for the members of the administration, faculty and students of Wilkes College who spent it at the White Beauty View Resort in the Pocono Mountains for the annual Winter Weekend.

Although the turnout of those that attended was small it did not hamper the fun and activities that went on at the resort.

Upon arrival at the Pocono resort, cabins were assigned and the usual settling in process took place but shortly after with the choice of a hayride, skating party and bonfire, the all-weekend party began.

For those that wanted to come in from the cold or simply sit down and relax there was the choice of midnight films that same evening.

Following brunch on Saturday morning, the entourage soon went their separate ways according to their personal preferences. Among the free activities were tobogganing, sledding, ice skating, and various games such as pool and ping pong.

There was also snowmobiling and ice boating for a fee.

With a problem of brake failure in the bus, the departure to Tanglewood Ski Resort was scattered as those that went were car pooled.

With good to excellent conditions on the slopes there weren't too many complaints from the skiers. There were, however, a few mishaps with a pair of skis that were stolen and two injured feet from too small boots.

After an Italian smorgasbord that began at 6 p.m., the event for the Saturday evening was a free dance featuring "Brandy" which began at 9 p.m. and went on until 2 a.m. with free beer and a cash bar.

There were also parties that could be found in the individual cabins throughout the weekend with a special after dance party in cabin 12.

Slowly but surely the group shuffled in for Sunday brunch as they were nearing the end of their weekend excursion.

The buses departed from the resort around 2 p.m. and the finale of an all too short weekend was at hand. Saddened and tired the final trek came with the site of the Stark Learning Center.

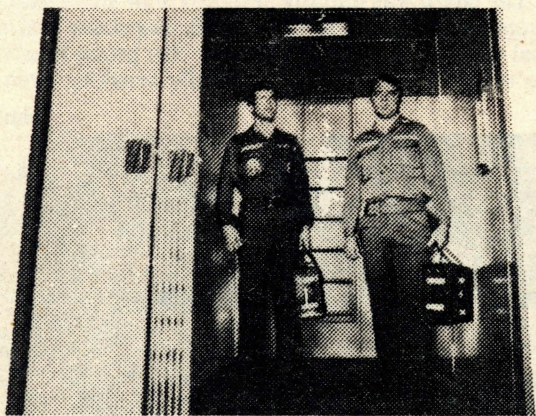


Photos By Fran Polakowski

One of the sports that can be enjoyed by all is skiing and students, faculty and administration took advantage of the good conditions this past weekend.

Chaperones Al Foderaro and Gay Meyers seemed to enjoy the day as they ready themselves for one of the many runs down the slopes.

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Freshman Presented With Award For Participation In Model U.N.

By Mary Ellen Alu

Trying to settle an international issue like the Lebanese civil war may sound like a difficult task for a college freshman, but Kathy Keating attacked similar problems recently when she participated in a model security council of the United Nations.

Miss Keating represented Mauritania in the council and brought back an award for "Runner-Up Best Delegate."

Since a student must be able to react to any problem which arises, Miss Keating prepared for the convention by studying international issues thoroughly and by talking to an official representative from Mauritania in Washington, D.C.

"You had to be ready to speak off the top of your head," she said, so she made sure that she would be ready.

Miss Keating explained that participating in a model security council helps students to better understand international affairs. "You see people in other countries react to problems based on their upbringing."

Some of the problems that she and 14 other students had to act on concerned Cyprus, the Panama Canal, Angola, and the admission of new nations to the U.N.

The model security council was conducted by Duquesne University and was held at the Pittsburgh Hilton.



Siles Invites Ballet Unit To Meet in '77 At Wilkes

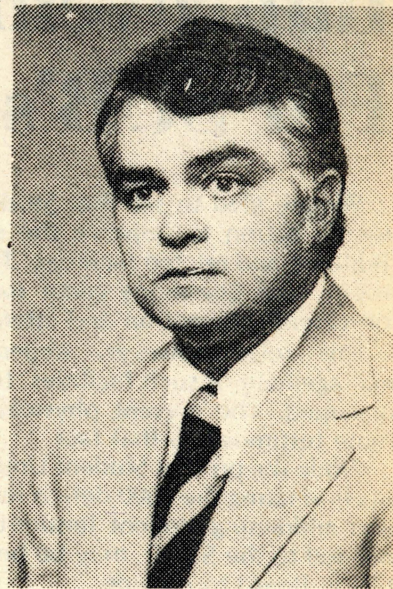
Dr. George Siles, associate professor of education and president of the Wyoming Valley Ballet Society, is coordinating the 1977 international meeting of the Northeast Regional Ballet Association, an event which will be hosted by Wilkes College.

Wilkes-Barre was recently selected as the site of the affair, and Dr. Siles suggested that Wilkes use its extensive facilities for the session.

The meeting will be held over a three to four day period in 1977, and will be scheduled so as not to interfere with classes.

Wilkes will provide classroom space and room and board for the participants.

Dr. Siles chairs a special five-member festival committee responsible for planning and coordinating the affair.



Dr. J. George Siles

SUB May Face SG Scrutiny

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The Esrick-Marchetti proposal received mixed reactions from the SG members. The most outspoken opposition was voiced by SG advisor Dean Edward Baltruchitis. Baltruchitis said the main problem was not the lack of accountability to SG but was the lack of a "good administrator." He indicated the facility should be managed by a fulltime member of the college administration, noting that he has not heard of any student union facility at any Pennsylvania college operated solely by students.

The Student Union Board was created in 1974 to operate the newly-opened Student Union Building. After a brief period of solvency, the Board plunged itself into debt during the management of Tom Marcy. Marcy's successor, John Zimmerman, has been widely credited for reversing this debt, and as of January 1, the board showed a balance of about \$30 in its account in the Finance Office.

According to financial statements released Thursday by Zimmerman, the board generates its income from pinball machines in the Pickering Hall and Commons gamerooms. Seven machines in each of the facilities provide a weekly board income of \$210.

The main expenditure for the board is payroll, which totals about \$75 per week. Refunds on machines cost an additional \$20 per week, and miscellaneous overhead expenses account for another \$15 per week. The board would realize a \$100 per week profit, but instead uses these funds to repay past debts.

Because there are no funds to make improvements or even major repairs to the building, the facility has taken on a run down appearance.

Activity Fee Increase Eyed

The saving of money was one of the major topics discussed at the recent Publications Committee meeting.

Debbie Morano, editor of the "Amnicola," discussed the financial troubles of the yearbook, especially highlighting the low number of subscribers from the student body.

Morano suggested a proposal to add an additional fee to the student's activities fee to insure that each student would receive a yearbook annually. The increase should not be more than approximately \$5, she noted.

It was suggested by Thomas J. Moran, who was acting chairman in the absence of Chairman Gay Meyers, that this proposal be submitted to Student Government for consideration.

The committee voted to support the "Amnicola" staff in its proposal before the SG body.

A subcommittee also was formed to discuss budget proposals for the BEACON, "Manuscript," "Amnicola," and WCLH Radio for the 1976-77 academic year. Members of the subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, February 17, at noon, in the conference room of Weckesser Hall.

Director of Financial Aid Richard Raspen also presented information regarding editorial and managerial scholarships for publication and broadcasting staffs. He requested that each candidate apply for state scholarships and basic grants before

accepting a Wilkes scholarship.

He explained that this would not decrease student benefits but would increase aid to the college providing students receive additional outside assistance.

Abortion Talk Set By SG Body

Dr. Frances C. Schaeffer, associate medical director of Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania, will present a lecture, "Abortion: The Right to Choose," on Wednesday, February 18, at 8 p.m. in the CPA.

Sponsored by CHOICE and Student Government, Dr. Schaeffer will also show a short film.

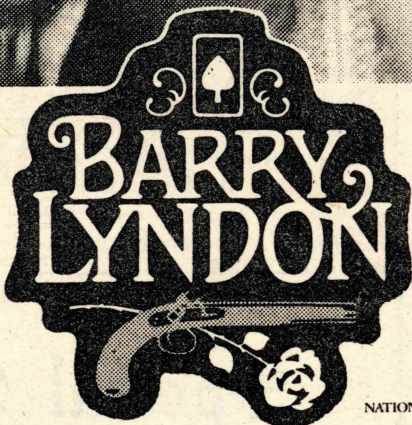
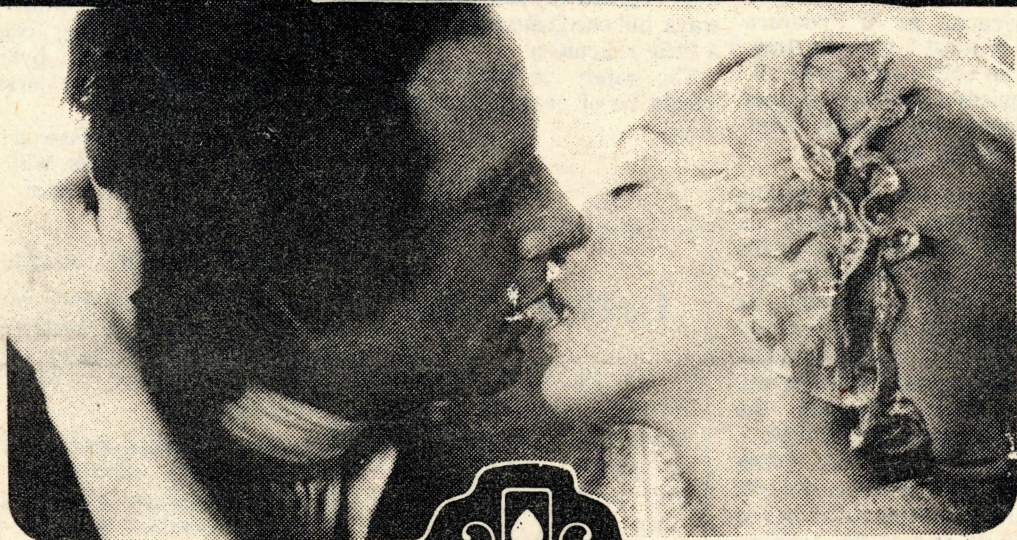
According to SG Advisor Ed Baltruchitis, this lecture has been scheduled to give another view on abortion, contrary to that presented by a local gynecologist, Dr. Paul Griesmer last semester.

Dr. Schaeffer has had professional experience as a professor of obstetrics and gynecology and coordinator of clinical affairs at Hahemann Medical College and Hospital.

She has also held the positions as the director of the Division of Perinatal Medicine and administrative director at Hahnemann, as well as chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Allentown General Hospital.

The lecture is open to the public.

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EDITORIALS

Improvements Seen For SUB's Survival

We are glad to see that Student Government is considering taking action to improve the services of the Student Union Building and related facilities. The S.U.B., Pickering Hall game room, and Commons game room can play a major role in on-campus recreation and interaction.

This role, however, depends largely on the proper management of such facilities. In the past, the S.U.B. was mis-managed. The present physical condition of the building is mute testimony to that fact.

While the present Student Union Board has made great strides in eliminating the \$800 deficit left by the previous management and addressing student leisure-time needs, the improvements needed to the S.U.B. may be beyond the scope of the Student Union Board to provide.

The BEACON suggests that the Student Union Board be abolished and responsibility for managing the S.U.B. and the two game rooms be turned over to a committee of Student Government. Such a move will increase accountability to the students for the operation of the facilities, as SG can shine a spotlight on the S.U.B. problems on a weekly basis, if need be.

Furthermore, major capital improvements are needed for the S.U.B. An ad hoc committee of students and administrators should be set up by SG and the administration to formulate a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the S.U.B. One of the things the committee should give top priority to is an interior stairway between the first floor and basement. Also, consideration should be given for alternate uses of the floor-space.

Once the study is completed, SG should fund as many proposed improvements as its budget permits. Indications are from SG that sufficient funding may be available, judging by SG Treasurer Howie Stark's comment at a recent session that he was genuinely surprised at the amount of money in the student activities account.

Improvements to the S.U.B. are imperative. The facility will never receive adequate use—and therefore, its vending machines will never make adequate profits—unless its appearance and services encourage patronage.

Otherwise, the college might just as well create another parking lot!

They Come And Go

Tomorrow, Al Foderaro will terminate his duties as housing director for a more attractive administrative position elsewhere. Foderaro should be praised for the way he handled the chores of housing and the rapport he had with the students.

We wonder, though, why in the last four years there have been six different administrators that worked in housing. This high rate of turnover might serve as an indication for the administration to re-evaluate the position from a standpoint of salary and time spent on the job. We'd like to have one or two stay around for a while.

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Letters to the Editor

SUB Director Notes Up\$wing

To the Editor:

As Director of the Student Union Board, I was enraged with the front page article on your last Beacon issue before winter vacation break dated Dec. 11, 1975 and the article on Feb. 5, 1976, which commented on S.G.'s report to the progress of the S.U.B. Joe Marchetti, S.G. Rep. to the S.U.B., made some contradictory remarks in his analysis of the S.U.B. in addition to an unsupported accusation.

Marchetti told S.G. "Art Hoover, the board's advisor, had just resigned because he received no cooperation from the director." Yet at a past S.U.B. meeting it was the same Joe Marchetti who recommended to the S.U. Board that the main floor of the S.U.B. be used for parties, even though he knew that Art Hoover was opposed to this practice and would resign before submitting to them.

Mr. Hoover may very well have resigned because, as Al Foderaro pointed out at a past S.U.B. meeting, to assume an active role as S.U.B. advisor requires a good deal of time and Mr. Hoover has various other jobs which occupy his time.

Marchetti told S.G. that "profits from the vending machines on campus have been consumed by the payroll." However, Marchetti recommended that the S.U.B. extend its hours of operations to nighttime (6-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.), even though this act would increase payroll expenses. The S.U. Board accepted the proposal to extend hours to night.

Now Marchetti, in his latest gripes, says that one of the reasons for the S.U.B. reaching its so called "lowest point" is that the building closes at 9 p.m. every night. I assume he expects us to stay open indefinitely and run a deficit.

On Dec. 11, 1975, Marchetti stated "the board will continue to go downhill unless something is done about the administration of it." To highlight just a few of the events held at the S.U.B. this past fall semester I will name (1) coffee-

houses (2) numerous dorm, class and club parties (3) film presentations (4) registration (5) theater arts production (6) jazz band (7) Manuscript Society lecture (8) Poli. Sci. Club "Aggression Session" (9) Ticket Sales outlet.

On Feb. 5, 1976, Marchetti stated that the S.U.B. is at its lowest point right now. However, a quick glance at the financial records reveals that since the S.U.B. commenced its operation in the '72-'73 season, it has closed the year in the red every year

EXCEPT this year under my first year as S.U.B. director.

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6-30-75 down \$800

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If this is an indication of the "downhill" of the S.U.B., I'd like to hear Marchetti's version of the "upswing".

John "Zimms" Zimmerman
Director of the S.U.B.

Salt Solution For Icy Walks

To the Editor:

Salt is an inexpensive solid substance which will turn ice into water. On the first two days of school, I almost "broke my neck" not less than ten times.

I'm not saying that Wilkes College didn't spread any salt on their walkways, but one grain every ten feet is a little ridiculous.

The safety of Wilkes students should be of great concern on icy days.

Sincerely,
SLIPPERY SAM

Employment Series Starts Next Week

Starting Thursday, February 19, the Beacon will publish the first in a series of articles dealing with employment opportunities that await the upcoming graduates.

Sandy Akromas, editor of the op-ed page, will report on the prospects for accounting, business, economics, education, history, political science, biology, chemistry, physics, sociology, psychology, English, theater arts, nursing and journalism majors.

Accounting, business and economics job opportunities will be the subject of the first report.

Hahnemann from page 1

Wilkes-Hahnemann Program -which is to produce "the best all-around person as a family doctor" to deliver care to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Steve Esrick, a member of student government, questioned Rozelle about allegations pointing to some faculty members who have claimed they geared grading and teaching methods to the tune of the Hahnemann program. Rozelle emphatically denied this saying that the Hahnemann committee does not tell faculty or anyone else how to operate.

Letter Policy

The BEACON welcomes letters from its readers. Letters to the editor must be typed, double-spaced and submitted by Sunday prior to publication at Shawnee Hall, 76 West Northampton Street or mailed to the editor. All letters must be signed; however, names will be withheld upon request.

Special Selections

The Journalism Society will meet today at 11 a.m. on the second floor of Shawnee Hall.

Last week's Commuter Council meeting has been rescheduled for today at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons. President Jackie Pickering will preside.

Tickets are now on sale for the Theta Delta Rho Dinner Dance, to be held Friday, February 20, at the Treadway Inn. Price of the tickets is \$20 per couple, and they are available from any TDR member or at the Bookstore.

A bicentennial exhibit is scheduled for Monday, February 9, through Sunday, March 14, at the Sordoni Art Gallery.

Inter-Dormitory Council, under the direction of Mike LoPresti, will meet Sunday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the Commons.

Student Government will meet on Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Weckesser Hall. President Zeke Zaborney will preside.

All seniors are asked to return senior graduation papers to the registrar's office immediately. These papers must be processed before diplomas are ordered on March 1.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the Lions Club International will discuss eye banks today at 11 a.m. in Stark Learning Center, Room 101. The presentation will include films and a question and answer period. All students, faculty, and staff members are invited.

The Senior Class Executive Council will meet on Sunday, February 15, at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the Commons.

The senior percussion recital of Tom Frew and Joe Ruder will be held on Sunday, February 15, at 8:30 p.m. in the recital room of Darte Hall.

Pinky's Puzzlers

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPECIAL

1. Where was Lincoln killed?
2. Where was Lincoln born?
3. What was John W. Booth's occupation?
4. Who was the doctor that set Booth's broken leg?
5. Eight people were convicted in Lincoln's murder, one was a woman who was hanged. Who was she?
6. What was the name of the play Lincoln was watching the night he was shot?

ANSWERS

1. Ford's Theater.
2. Although raised in a log cabin in Illinois, he was born in Kentucky.
3. He was an actor.
4. Doctor Sam A. Mudd.
5. Mary Surrat, who lived in a small town which is now known as Surratsville.
6. "Our American Cousin."

All-Around: Jack Brabant

By Janine Pokrinchak

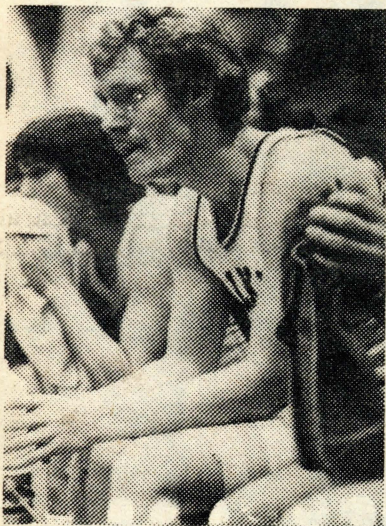
In looking back upon his four years at Wilkes, Jack Brabant says "I love it. I wouldn't have it any other way."

When he first came to Wilkes-Barre, his senior year of high school, Jack was very apprehensive and did not like the area. However, he likes the size of Wilkes and the fact that most services and activities are within walking distance.

Jack, a native of Glendale, New York, which is inside New York City, ("not upstate New York") enjoys the friendly atmosphere of Wilkes-Barre in general and of the college. Because of the size of Wilkes, the Gore resident is impressed with the fact that dorm students know most of the "dormies" at least by sight. On the other hand, Jack feels the dorm students do not know that many day students.

The gap between the dorm and day students seems to be Jack's major dislike. He would like to see commuters and resident students interrelate with each other more.

When asked what he would change if he had the opportunity, Jack answered, "I wouldn't change that much." The only complaint Jack had, was the regression of the party policy during his four years here.



"... AN ACTIVE PERSON"

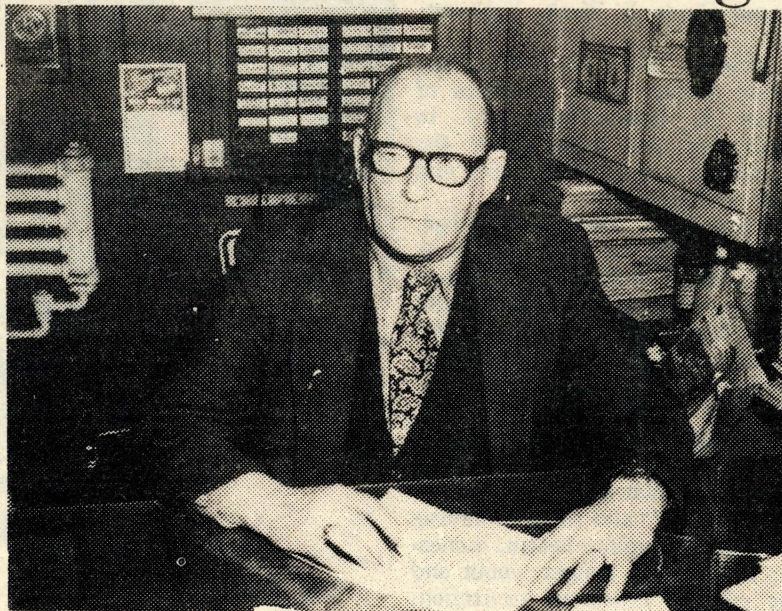
Jack is a business administration major with a concentration in economics. Basketball has taken up most of Jack's free time. This year, he has the honor of being captain of the squad. He is also a member of the Accounting Club on campus.

Describing himself, Jack claims, "I'm an active person." He enjoys participation in sports. Between basketball and classes, Jack passes the time in the usual manner of any other college student.

Jack's future plans include getting a job. He would like to coach basketball, and may take some education credits for a teaching certificate.

His advice to incoming classes is "to get out and get to know people right away." He feels freshmen should not let being away from home and grades bother them.

Maintenance Leader Asset to Wilkes College



Nelson Carle

By Joe Buckley

Who gave a Christmas party for foreign students who could not go home for the winter vacation? Who can always tell you what time of day it is by looking at his clock collection? Who can tell you what animals have been residing in what campus building?

The man who can answer all of the above is Nelson F. Carle, superintendent of buildings and grounds for Wilkes College.

The way maintenance work gets completed, according to Carle, is by having a good relationship with the 35 maintenance men and 12 students who work under his direction. "We get a lot accomplished that way," he said.

One way that Carle keeps his good relationship with the foreign students working with him is by taking care of their needs and making them feel happy in this country. "When they come here," he said, "they don't have a lot of things." He helps them get warm winter apparel, shoes, and even candy. Also, he said, "I try to help them out with anything they try to do," including helping a student put on the first pair of gloves he has ever seen.

This Christmas, Carle arranged a Christmas party for foreign students and paid for it himself. "It was a complete feast with a turkey, fruit, vegetables and two bottles of wine."

Always Available

The flow of carpenters, painters, electricians, truckdrivers, students and administrators through Nelson Carle's office is testament to his availability for impromptu and informal discussions about college maintenance problems.

One such discussion occurred during this interview when Andrew Shaw, assistant to the president for management and operations, came in to discuss the progress of the maintenance crews during the

semester break.

Shaw stated that "one of the problems confronting Carle and his crew is that while many of the buildings are beautiful on the outside, they were designed as private homes." "Therefore," he continued, "many of the problems that come up are unavoidable."

Animal Residents

Another aspect of campus buildings, according to Carle, is their attractiveness to members of the animal kingdom. Everyone has heard of the mice in Stark Learning Center and almost everyone has heard of the skunk who once resided in the basement of Ross Hall but they're not the only animals to invade Wilkes.

Maintenance men have spent a few fine hours chasing squirrels and bats out of 80 West River Street. Carle remembers one phone call from a baffled secretary asking him to remove a squirrel who had taken up residence in an office.

It also seems that Weckesser Hall is literally for the birds because, said Carle, pigeons and blackbirds are continually falling down the chimneys and have to be routed out of the fireplaces.

Nelson Carle doesn't keep any animals in his office but he does have a collection of clocks. "I lost about 80 in the flood," he said, "and only one was saved." It is still hanging on his office wall along with 10 post-flood additions. They all bong, chime and tick-tock in unison.

All-around Citizen

Along with coordinating and overseeing the maintenance operations of the college, Carle said, "I try to be a good contributor to the college and the community." Along with his giving help to foreign students, he is also a member of the Grapplers Club, the Harold Stark Club, and has received plaques honoring his \$100 yearly donations to Wilkes.

He also operates the Wheelchair Club, which provides wheelchairs to anyone who needs them anywhere in the world.

Decorating his office walls are at least 50 letters from various college officials and personalities, each praising his work and his crew or giving thanks and appreciation for his many efforts to help the college and students.

After getting to know Nelson F. Carle, it is easy to understand that the tributes paid to him are well deserved.



By Marianne Montague

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a time to share thoughts of love with everyone. Since I can't afford to go out and buy Valentines for all my friends, I thought I'd publish my wishes in my column. Special thanks goes to whoever the great poet was who first wrote the lines "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue." The lines aren't too profound but they sure as heck come in handy when you're writing Valentines.

To the English Profs:

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
May Shakespeare and Chaucer
Come back to haunt you.

To Dr. Reif:

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
May your classes never decide
To try dissecting on you.



To the Basketball Teams:

Violets are Blue
Roses are Red
May you always remain
At least two points ahead.

Seen in the Air Force Recruiting Office:

Roses are Red
Violets are Violet
Have you ever considered
Being a pilot?

To Mr. Abate:

I'll buy you a rose
I'll go out and pick it
If you promise to rip up
My Wilkes parking ticket.



To all my Profs:

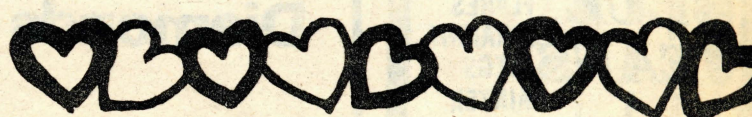
I'll buy you a coffee
And even a cup for it
(I'm not very smart
But I brownie to make up for it!)

To the Wrestlers:

I hope that this wish
Does not come too late
May you eat all you want
And never gain weight.

To Mr. Capin:

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
If anyone's right for President
It sure is you.



To the Swim Teams:

Violets are Blue
Roses are Pink
May you always remember
To swim and not sink.

To all my readers:

Thank you for reading
This junk every week
Even if it's not always funny
You can't deny it's unique.

I think that just about covers everybody. So let's everyone go out and spread a little sunshine on Valentine's Day. Guys — wink at an ugly girl. Girls — smile at a shy guy. It's a special day for love so — LOVE ON.

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Weather Watch WCHL Aired Friday Evenings

The Wilkes College Weather Watch, part of the exclusive programming of WCHL, tells you anything you want to know about the weather each Friday evening between 6 and 7.

In its first year, the Weather Watch team organized during the Fall Semester.

Composed of several environmental science majors and advised by Dr. Bruce Berryman, the team summarizes the past week's weather, provides a weekend forecast and explains some commonly-used weather terms.

Each week the group travels to the National Weather Service in Avoca to pick up weather maps depicting the national weather scene. They

then use the maps to interpret the weather and compile a summary for the program.

Local weather summaries and forecasting are aided by the weather observatory on the roof of SLC.

In addition to the current weather scene, the Weather Watch also provides informative notes on a number of weather terms. Frequently used in weather reports, the terminology is usually not explained and often not fully understood. The Weather Watch explains travelers' advisories, the "January thaw," clouds, snow flurries, flooding conditions, and even what to do in case of a blizzard.

Skiing conditions will also soon be included in the weekly program.



WEATHER WATCH—The college's own weather service is part of the expanded Friday evening news coverage of WCHL. Heard each week between 6 and 7 p.m., the group of environmental science majors provides complete coverage of the national and local weather scene.

Members of the Weather Watch team are shown in the WCHL studio. Seated, from left to right, are: Dr. Bruce Berryman, advisor; Jim Burnett, Olyphant.

Standing: Richard Hofman, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.; Bridget James, Wilkes-Barre; Jan Nicholas, Kingston; and David O'Hop, Duryea.

Circle K Proclaims 'We Build' Theme

The Wilkes College Circle K Club, currently is observing the ninth annual Circle K Week, February 8-14.

Circle K Week is a seven-day period during which members of Circle K International try to familiarize the public with the organization and its activities and seek new members.

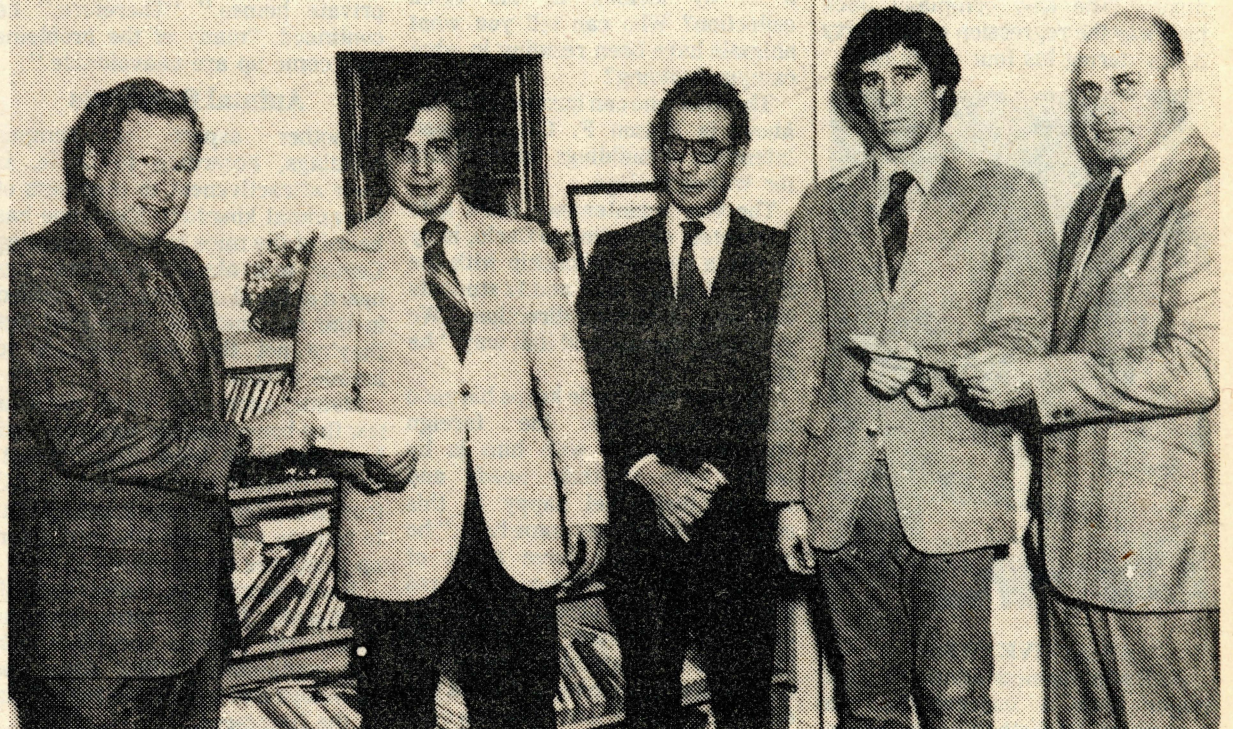
Founded at Carthage College, Carthage, Ill., in 1947, Circle K International is the world's largest college student volunteer group with some 10,000 members in over 700 clubs on college campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

During Circle K Week, Circle K Clubs will engage in such projects and activities as advertising their 1975-77 Administrative Theme, "Impact on Life," and their Emphasis Programs — public health, domestic, and foreign hunger, youth and the elderly, consumer protection, and other social priorities.

Under the motto "We Build," the objective of Circle K International is to provide college men and women with a means by which those students interested in helping others and serving society can find an outlet.



MUSH IN THE SLUSH—Winter is really a pretty time at Wilkes, sometimes sloppy and cold, but generally refreshing. These two Wilkes students discuss their plans for Valentine's Day outside Chase Hall, and prove that no matter what the weather, it's good to be together.



STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS—The Bache Halsee Stuart Company, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, recently made \$500 available to outstanding students in the Commerce and Finance field. Company members presented checks to two Wilkes College students who have outstanding records in this department.

Shown above, from left, David Drasnin, resident manager and vice-president of the firm, presenting a check to Joseph Rogowicz, Hunlock Creek, senior Commerce and Finance major; Dr. Robert E. Werner, chairman, Commerce and Finance Department; Thomas Runiewicz, Media, senior Commerce and Finance major, accepting a check from Carl Zoolkoski, accounting executive of the firm.

Presidential Interviews

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Lataro stated that the individuals who are meeting with the committee are of extremely high caliber, ranging in ages from their late 30's to early 50's.

"Acting President Robert S. Capin is also being considered," she stated. "We are aware that he would like the job and we are considering

his past and present record."

Lataro also related the reason for the clandestine efforts of the committee. Agreeing that many of these candidates are in delicate positions where their current jobs are concerned, she noted how some individuals outside the college are prejudging the committee.

According to Lataro, she was approached in the Housing Office by an individual from a local carpeting agency. He told her that he had heard from another source that the Presidential Search Committee had already made its selection and was just going through the motions.

"This is positively untrue," stated Lataro.

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Sports Chatter

By Paul Domowitch

NEWS ITEM: REFEREE NO-SHOW

And you thought last Friday night's basketball game between Wilkes and Lycoming was going to be dull. Well, as the 7-Up un-deer would say: "wrongo." Not satisfied with merely giving you the best in game competition, Wilkes felt obligated to give its dedicated fans the very best in pre-game entertainment as well. And the handful of people who came out to the S. Franklin St. gym (or Palestra, as Gerry Bavitz would say) last weekend, got a sneak preview of that great off-off-off-Broadway play, "Who Wants to Officiate?", which is not to be confused with its successful spinoff, appropriately entitled, "I Do, I Do."

For those who missed it, here is the story in book form. It's 8 p.m. — only fifteen minutes until gametime, and Colonel basketball coach Rodger Bearde is holding a gun to his head. Grasping a solid hold on the situation, I knock the gun away and grimly ask him, "can things really be that bad?" Indeed they were.

It was only a quarter of an hour till tapoff, and there wasn't a referee in sight. Ordinarily, game officials are supposed to be there one hour prior to the contest, and their absence now created a problem; how can you play a basketball game without officials? Immediately, bright fans started making ingenious suggestions to Bearde. Such as: "let the players call their own fouls coach," or "here is a striped shirt coach. Quick, put it on." Bearde's wife Addie, a registered varsity official for girl's basketball, even offered her services, but the Lycoming coach had the audacity to accuse her of "favoritism" (of all the nerve).

WILKES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR John Reese, who was present at the game to receive an award from the American Cancer Society, quickly got on the phone and called Bob Jones, who is the president of the local chapter of PIAA referees (and the owner of Hottle's), and pleaded with Jones to send him a pair of officials in a hurry (by now it was 8:20). Jones explained to Reese that it would be no problem — on any other night but a Friday. For the uninformed, Friday is high school basketball night in Wyoming Valley, and most of Jones' crew were booked.

Reese, being of sound mind, then raised the gun to his head. Nobody pulled it away, but it came to be that Bearde never actually put any bullets in it in the first place ("you old faker coach").

Then, another answer to the problem rose to the surface. Walt Ciolek, who is a varsity official in the valley, had come to watch the game as a civilian, but with Bearde and Reese prompting him ever so nicely (we are holding your kids hostage Walt), Ciolek hurried home to get his uniform. With yet a second official needed, Bearde called on 21-year-old John Rosick, who had worked the JV game a half hour earlier (John: "but I got a date coach." Bearde: "that's ok, we'll get you lots of girls if you'll do this for us").

Finally at 8:45, Ciolek appeared with gym bag in hand, and five minutes later, the curtain came down on "Who Wants to Officiate?"

GETTING A LITTLE more serious for a minute, one might ask what caused this problem. Well, it all started last year. Up to and including last season, Wilkes received their game officials from the ECAC (Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference), of which it is a member. If you recall, that's how we got Steve Honzo's services last annum. But the ECAC was demanding a pay hike for their referee's services this year, and Reese, the Wilkes athletic director, began looking elsewhere.

He had to look no farther than Harrisburg, where Charlie McCullough, executive director of the PIAA (Pennsylvania Inter-scholastic Athletic Association), offered to supply Wilkes with game officials at a much lower price than the ECAC was demanding. Money wasn't the only difference between the two organizations however, as Wilkes fans learned in the season opener against Lock Haven. Duke Maronic, who has since been advised by a multitude of people that officiating is not his calling (have you thought about the priesthood Duke?), had the Colonel crowd up in arms with some of the poorest refereeing ever witnessed.

But in Reese's defense, it must be added that all of the officials have not been as bad as Maronic (thank God for small miracles), and all of the ECAC officials are not as good, or as experienced as Honzo. Still, one has got to wonder if saving a couple hundred bucks was worth the aggravation and embarrassment that occurred Friday.

What caused the mix-up over the officials still is not known. Under the agreement with McCullough, Wilkes paid a lump sum at the beginning of the season, and were set for the entire year (the ECAC utilized a game by game agreement). Reese had understood that George Pawlusch, the Wilkes Sports Information Director, received a copy of all of the assigned game officials for the whole year. But such was not the case. Pawlusch did have referee pairings for some games, but Friday was not one of them.

WHETHER THE PIAA forgot, or whether they did not even know there was a game that night, will hang in question for quite some time. At 9 p.m. Friday night, no one was in the mood to search for an answer. They were just glad to see two basketball teams moving up and down the floor, and two officials watching diligently over the action.

NOTES: Rosick, a 1972 graduate of Wyoming Valley West, impressed a lot of people with his officiating in that game. To date, he has only worked one high school varsity basketball game in this area, thanks to a ridiculously out-moded seniority system among officials. But Rosick has got the makings to be a good one. Seniority system or not, he has a bright future ahead as an official and we wish him luck. . . Saturday's game with Lycoming down in Williamsport is a big one for the Colonel cagers, and in a small gym like Lycoming's, Warrior fans can intimidate a visiting team. The Colonels would certainly appreciate some local support, and they deserve it. . . Wilkes is hoping to hold its own basketball tournament next season. Possible entries include Iona, and Cheyney State. . . the golf team may travel to North Carolina during the semester break to get an early start on the season.

Capt. Lisa: Special Girl In A Very Special Role

By MARIANNE MONTAGUE

"I'm not one of the best swimmers on the team, but I want to be a good captain. A good captain promotes team spirit; something that is so important. When everyone's out there pulling for each other and for the team as a whole you have something really special."

Lisa Waznik feels very strongly about being a part of the Wilkes swim teams and especially about her role as women's captain. "Each swimmer has her own problems and own needs for recognition, so a captain has to relate with her teammates on a personal level. Happy individuals result in a happy team."

The junior music education major has come a long way from the days when she had to coax former coach Joe Shaughnessy to let her join with co-ed Maureen Maguire on an otherwise all-male team. Shaughnessy was skeptical but gave her an ultimatum. "If you can beat that guy in the white suit (Paul Niedzwiecki) — you're on the team. Lisa never beat Paul but Shaughnessy was so impressed with her dedication that she made the team."

SHE EVEN MASTERED the grueling butterfly stroke so that the team would have enough entries in the butterfly events. Two years ago, the co-ed team was very unique in the Wilkes schedule. Lisa recalls traveling to places where they

wouldn't let the girls swim.

"We couldn't understand why they wouldn't allow us to swim at Cathedral College. When we got there we found out it was a seminary and we couldn't even find a bathroom for girls. Then we understood."

Lisa relates other embarrassing incidents. "At Stroudsburg, we swam against some record-breaking male swimmers. Before the 200 freestyle race, I reached out to shake hands with a Stroudsburg swimmer and he grabbed my arm and kissed me. It was pretty embarrassing but the crowd loved it."

This year the one co-ed team has grown into two separate units; both coached by senior Rick Marchant. But Lisa feels they are still one team in spirit. "We were afraid that we'd lose something when we separated, but things just keep getting better. The teams still practice together and the guys and the girls come to each other's meets to cheer. When we went to Dickinson, the guys lost but their enthusiasm didn't die. They cheered the girls on to a victory, and were just as happy as we were."

"The comparison of a team to a family is used a lot, but I feel it applies. When we traveled to MAC's at Johns Hopkins last year it was probably one of the best experiences of my life. When you travel with



'Capt. Lisa'

people and eat with them and swim with them for three days, you get very close. It's a lasting closeness that results in a more cohesive and stronger team. And you know you have a lot of good friends who you'll always cherish."

Lisa's experiences on the Wilkes swim team reflect the growth and importance of the sport at the college. The women have finished the season with a 2-2 record and are off to a fine start. Swimming may never be as popular as wrestling or basketball at Wilkes, but it is equally important in its influence on student growth and fulfillment.

IM Basketball Gets Underway

The Wilkes intramural basketball league opened up its 1976 season with four games on Tuesday, February 3. Opening night brought out a lot of good basketball and a rash of high scoring.

The opening game saw Gino's defeat the Rams 87-71. In this game the Dudick brothers teamed up for 45 points while Gene Marinelli cashed in 22. All in all, Gino's displayed an explosive offense, but their defense left something to be desired.

In the second game, Webster Wings were defeated by the Spastic Troopers 83-62. High scorers for the Troopers were Jeff Finkle with 26 and Ray Ostroski, 24. In another game Smokey's Bears beat Sons of Softee 49-44. Ken Suchoski starred for the winners with 22 points.

In another high scoring game Butler defeated Lil Warner 77-69. Butler posted three players in double figures, with Andy Kresky scoring a league leading 29 points. While Kresky was performing his acrobatics, Miner was beating Roosevelt 66-48. Bruce Jackson, Nick Lazorak, and Charlie Sullivan scored 14 points each for the winners.

The Faculty made their debut on Thursday night, when they handed Slocum A a 69-44 loss. High scorers for the Faculty were Craig Austin, 19 points, and Billy Winter with 13 points. Old muscles take time to warm up, but, when they do get warm, Joe Skvarla will probably contribute more to the winning effort of the Faculty.



THANKS—John Reese, director of athletics at Wilkes College, is pictured receiving an award prior to Friday's Colonel-Lycoming basketball game, from Sharon Ehrli, the American Cancer Society's "Miss Hope" of 1975. The presentation is in appreciation for the athletic department's help in making "Athletes Against Cancer Night" such a great success. Miss Ehrli, with the help of the Wilkes College cheerleaders who went around the gymnasium at halftime with collection canisters raised quite a bit of money for cancer research.

Stroud 'Upsets' Wilkes, 23-20

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA., Feb. 11 — A penalty point against Colonel 177-pounder Dave Gregrow, didn't seem too vital when it happened, but it meant the difference between victory and defeat for the Wilkes matmen last night, as East Stroudsburg State College upset coach John Reese's squad, 23-20.

The Colonels, 20-19 loser's to Hofstra Saturday, were lethargic against the Pocono matmen. They lost bouts, that they should have won and wrestled poorly in still others. ESSC won five of the ten individual events, and drew in yet another.

COLONEL LIGHTWEIGHT ROY Preefer found himself down early, and just couldn't make up the difference, as ESSC broke out to an unexpected 4-0 lead on Randy Tillman's 13-4 superior decision over the Wilkes junior.

Tillman put Preefer on his back in the opening seconds and nearly showed him the lights with a tight cradle, but Preefer stayed alive until the buzzer. The Blue & Gold 118-pounder closed the gap to two in the second period, on a takedown and two-point nearfall, but from there on it was all downhill, as Tillman collected back

point twice more and counted to victory.

Reese substituted freshman Matt Simone for regular Rick Mahonski at 126, but the rookie was no match for the Warrior's once-beaten Greg Shoemaker, losing 7-2.

Simone took the early lead on a first period takedown, but the advantage was short-lived. Shoemaker escaped and utilized a takedown of his own, on his way to his ninth straight dual win.

SORELY IN NEED of a win, Wilkes co-captain Lon Balum got his team just that, but not without some unexpected trouble from ESSC 134-pounder Galen McWilliams, enroute to a 5-3 decision.

Bruce Lear, with his head heavily taped to protect a laceration suffered in Saturday's match with Hofstra, dropped down to 142, and did some cutting of his own into the Stroud team lead, with an ever-so narrow 9-8 decision over sophomore Jody McMullen.

The victory didn't come easy for the Wilkes sophomore, however, as he needed a third period penalty point and a hard-earned riding time advantage to cut the Warrior advantage to cut the Warrior advantage to only one.

Freshman John DeSalvo was the Colonel's sacrificial lamb going to the slaughter, as Reese threw the rookie in against Stroud's NCAA Division II runnerup Gary Kessel.

Kessel put DeSalvo on his back four different times during the 150-pound bout, but could only pile up points in the 20-1 win that put his team up by six. DeSalvo's lone score came on a third period escape.

Stroud, beset by injury all year, had disaster knock on their door once again at 158, when senior Jack Miller was carried off the mat in a stretcher, after suffering an apparent dislocated elbow ten seconds into his bout with the Colonel's Greg MacLean. MacLean, by virtue of the default win, tied the team score at twelve.

THE WARRIORS' JACK Miller took down Jim Weisenfluh early in the first period, and it was the last time he saw the mat from up top, as Weisenfluh did it once again with his famous cradle; flattening Miller in 3:50.

A stalling call with 45 seconds remaining in the bout, cost Dave Gregrow a victory

as the blond Colonel 177-pounder had to settle for a 3-3 draw with Stroud's Skip Falcone.

The battle between the two juniors was nip and tuck all the way, with Falcone taking the lead first, but Gregrow recapturing it midway into the second period.

An escape at 2:07 of the final period gave Gregrow a 3-2 advantage, but Falcone tied it with the penalty point.

Warrior 190-pounder Darwin Brodt, who last year beat Jim Weisenfluh, rolled back from a slow start, to pin Bart Cook with only ten seconds left on the clock, to give Stroud new life, and a 20-20 tie with only the heavyweight bout remaining.

STROUD HAD SECOND stringer Bill Katinowski warming up all during the 190-pound bout, but with the match on the line, Mike Stambaugh, who had been out three weeks with a knee injury, arose from the bench and went out to face the Colonel's Danny House in a battle that would decide the match.

Sure enough, Stambaugh had little if any trouble in piling up a 16-7 decision over House, who fell behind right from the start.

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Colonel Cagers Coming Of Age

It's been a long time in coming, but the Colonel cagers have finally transgressed through adolescence into a long overdue, long awaited essence of manhood.

You have heard it more than once this year. "They're young. Just give them time," or "if only they had a year under their belt."

But until last weekend, time was not on Wilkes' side. Then, coach Rodger Bearde's club arose from mediocrity and inconsistency and replaced them with brief flashes of brilliance against Lycoming six days ago in a 75-60 win, that has put them right back in contention for a Middle Atlantic Conference playoff berth.

THE REAL PLUNGE to maturity however, came Monday night against Bloomsburg, when finally the pieces fell into place, and the Colonels realized for the first time that they are indeed a talented ballclub.

For senior guard Mike Prekopa, the realization was a strange one. He felt as if he had been there before; perhaps in a prior life. And indeed he was, if his sophomore season can be classified as a prior existence.

It was during that campaign that the scrappy backcourtman broke into the Blue and Gold starting lineup, and earned himself a spot on the all-tournament team at the Scranton Holiday tourney. Those were good days for Prekopa, but until about a month ago, they seemed only to be fond memories of

what was, and what could have been.

It was then, that coach Rodger Bearde inserted the McAdoo resident back into the Blue and Gold starting five, and the reincarnation of Mike Prekopa has been magic ever since.

Defensively, Prekopa has always had a reputation as being one of the best. But his offensive capabilities have been questioned. Not because he lacked the ability, but because he lacked the confidence.

NOW, IN HIS final collegiate season, Prekopa has found the confidence he lacked, and it may well be that asset that could carry Wilkes past Lycoming, Scranton and Elizabethtown, and into the MAC playoffs.

As the days pass, the conference picture becomes a little more clearer, and it appears that the Colonels must win two of their remaining three MAC encounters to qualify for the playoffs. A win Saturday night down at Lycoming would take a little pressure off of the Colonels going into their battle with Scranton on Tuesday at the Long Center. But Lycoming will be no pushover on their home court.

A few weeks ago, no one would have given Wilkes a plug nickle for their chances of making the playoffs. But that was a generation ago, when it was a "boy" battling the odds. Now that boy has turned into a man, and no one is laughing any longer.

—DOMOWITCH—



NOT JUST STANDING AROUND—Blue and Gold cage coach Rodger Bearde is pictured up off the bench (surprise!) during recent game with Bloomsburg State. He certainly can't be complaining about his team's performance. They annihilated the Huskies 76-60 for their third win in a row.

MAC AT A GLANCE

	W	L	PCT			
Phila. Textile	7	0	1.000	Roger Galo, Juniata	7	142 20.2
Scranton	5	1	.833	Jack Brabant, Wilkes	7	133 19.0
Upsala	5	2	.714	Emery Sammons, Phila. Textile	7	119 17.0
Elizabethtown	4	2	.666	Fred Wittich, E-town	6	101 16.8
Albright	4	4	.500	Rick Binder, Albright	8	134 16.7
Lycoming	3	4	.428	Paul Cuttice, E-town	6	98 16.3
Wilkes	3	4	.428	Dan Jones, Albright	8	124 15.5
Susquehanna	3	5	.375	Dave Kirk, Upsala	7	108 15.4
Juniata	1	6	.142			
Delaware Valley	0	7	.000			

SCORING

Dave Long, Susquehanna	8	173	21.6
Dennis Pastucha, Del. Valley	7	148	21.1

REBOUNDING

Bill Conroy, Lycoming	7	88	12.5
Jim Hickey, Upsala	7	82	11.7
Jim Edwards, Phila. Textile	7	77	11.0
Dave Long, Susquehanna	8	85	10.6
Jack Brabant, Wilkes	7	70	10.0

What a difference a couple of years can make! Throughout the late sixties and early seventies, Misericordia's annual clash with the Wilkes girl's basketball team was "easy pickins" for the Highlanders, as they continually blitzed the Blue and Gold year after year.

But the days of embarrassment have concluded for the Wilkes-women, and now the shoe is on the other foot. The turnaround began last year, when Miseri hosted the Colonelettes up in Dallas, and found their guests to be very rude; suffering a 74-51 shellacking.

Last Saturday night, the trend continued, as Wilkes broke away from the Highlanders in the second half, to win convincingly 37-28.

Sharing scoring honors for Wilkes, who are now 3-3, were sophomore Karen Olney, and juniors Dottie Martin and Barb Long with eight points apiece. Olney once again did a tremendous job off of the boards, and led her team in that department with fifteen.

Wilkes broke out to an early lead, but ran into offensive problems throughout much of the first half. Misericordia narrowed the gap in the opening minutes of the final half, but coach Debby Moyer's team began employing a full court press, and caused several Highlander turnovers.

Long, held scoreless in the first portion, picked up four easy buckets against Miseri in the second half, as Wilkes fast broke right to the end, when Moyer emptied her bench.

More optimistic than ever that they can become the winningest Colonelette basketball team in history, they traveled to Reading Tuesday afternoon for a road meeting with Albright, and will remain away from home tomorrow, taking on powerful Bloomsburg St.

The Colonelettes will be out to avenge last year's 79-59 defeat at the hands of the Huskies, who are regarded as one of the finest women's cage teams in the state.