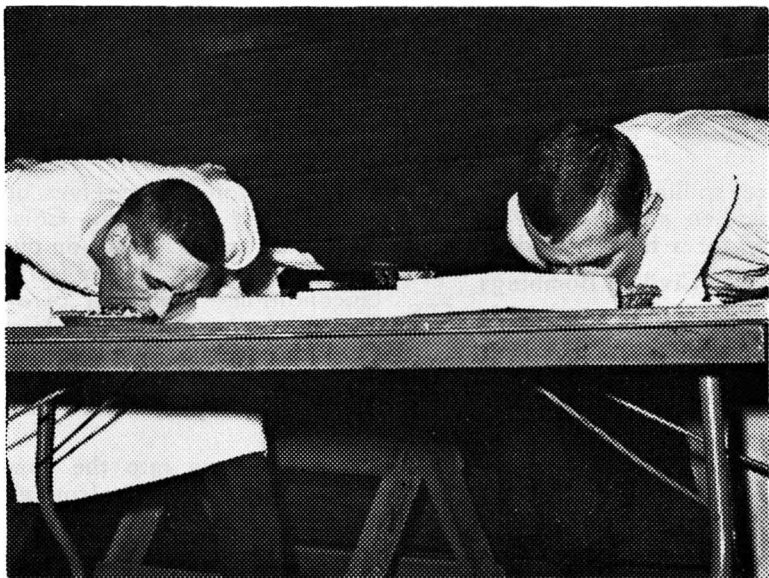


# BEACON Backs Cox In 'Chop' Competition



Dr. Harold Cox and Joe Chanecka discuss Yankee table manners.

Free cherry pie and a collection of "oldies but goodies" records will set the historical atmosphere of the Cherry Tree Chop to be held tonight, February 18, at the College gym. Log-sawing and pie-eating contests will highlight the event.

Representing "the Establishment," Dean George Ralston and basketball coach Ronald Rainey will work out the traditional rivalry with student gridders Ralph Hendershot and Rich Roshong. This clash will take the harmless form of a log-sawing contest. Later, in the glutton contest, Dr. Harold Cox, upholding the honor of the South, will attempt to bolt down more pie than student Joe Chanecka, representing the eastern Pennsylvania you know what's. The winner receives the honor and pleasure of pasting the loser with the remainder of the pies.

Profits from this event sponsored by the Lettermen are for the Lettermen's

# College To Host ICG Conclave

The Intercollegiate Conference on Government will hold its regional convention this Sunday at the College. The all-day session will convene in Stark Hall, and an executive council meeting of the regional officers and advisors of the various participating schools will take place in the Theatre for the Performing Arts. In addition to the College, other schools at the convention will be: Mansfield State, Lycoming, East Stroudsburg State, University of Scranton, Lafayette, Kutztown, King's, Eastern Pilgrim, Cedar Crest, and the Hazleton extension of Penn State University.

Close to 200 students are expected to attend to debate bills and discuss strategy in preparation for a three-day Harrisburg Convention the first week in April. Based on a model of the Pennsylvania state legislature, nine screening committees will be set up to debate bills before presenting them before the general assembly. Those bills which win acceptance by the general assembly

will be given the support of the entire Northeast region against the four opposing regions of I.C.G. at Harrisburg. Members of the executive council will decide on the candidates for speaker and clerk at the state-wide convention. Last year's candidate from the Northeast region, Tom Jackson of the University of Scranton, was elected as speaker of the entire convention.

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Tickets may be purchased from any Letterman or at the door.

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## Rabbi Barras Relates Plight Of US, Rome

by J. Rock

In a recent assembly, Rabbi Abraham D. Barras, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, compared present United States conditions with those which existed at the time of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. His topic was entitled "The Nation's Spiritual Pulse."

He stated, "It is not false pride to assert that in many ways America is the greatest nation in the history of mankind. Built upon the foundation of freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, free enterprise, and universal education, a nation has been molded under God which has demonstrated the potential glory and grandeur of human collective achievement. Nevertheless, under God we are subject to moral judgment, and it becomes vital for us in an age of crisis to strengthen the moral and ethical foundations of our national and individual lives."

### Five Causes of Collapse

Using Edward Gibbon's *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Rabbi Barras took the book's five main causes of the collapse of Rome—corruption of its commerce, corruption of its civil servants and government officials, the waste of public funds on amusements and luxuries, the increase in marital infidelity and divorce, and the decay of religion—and applied them to the present by using examples.

Discussing the last cause, the decay of religion, Rabbi Barras said that more and more people are joining churches and synagogues, but they are doing so only because of social acceptability and necessity. He claimed that religion has never been weaker than it is today. The Rabbi warned, "As we take the nation's spiritual pulse, we are proud of the many signs of strength and vitality. But we must also be forewarned that unless our religious ethics receive concrete day-by-day implementation, then the moral foundations of our life will crumble and place into dire peril our freedom and our future."

## Finalists To Compete For Best Dressed Title

by Carol Okrasinski

The annual judging of the College's best dressed coed will take place in the Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, February 27. The contest, sponsored by the Associated Women Students, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will consist of judging in each of three categories: campus ensemble, daytime traveling attire, and evening dress, all of which must be selected solely from the finalist's own wardrobe.

The College's ten finalists were selected by members of AWS from suggestions placed in boxes in the cafeteria and the Bookstore. *Glamour* magazine sets the following qualifications for girls entering: poise, general good grooming, tastefulness in selecting styles and colors befitting the candidate's features, and good sense in managing a clothes budget.

These girls chosen from the College are: Leslie Calamari, Nona Chiampi, Helen Dugan, Elaine Geida, Michelle Hastie, Maureen Savage, Liz Slaughter, Mary Lynne Strevell, Cheryl Tarity, and Mary Anna Zezza.

Among the judges of the contest will be Mr. Stanley Gutin, Dr. Francis Michelini, and Mrs. D' Curko, Mimi Wilson, a graduate of the College and formerly of AWS, will be commentator for the program.

Entertainment will be provided at intermission, and refreshments will be served after the affair. Admission is 25¢.

Co-chairmen of the contest are Carol Foresta and Marie Persic. Committee members, who also selected the finalists and assisted in co-ordinating the affair, are: Peggie Gee, secretary of AWS; Joyce Turner, treasurer of AWS; Linda Fusaro, Barbara Lewis, and Erica Tilts.

The following finalists have been chosen: Maureen Savage, a junior elementary education major from Exeter, is a member of WAA, the Education Club, and cheerleading squad. She was recently selected Snowflake Princess at the Winter Carnival.

Helen Dugan, a member of the Beacon, is a junior English major from Trucksville. She has been a member of the basketball team and parking lot committee.



### CONTEST FINALISTS

Those girls chosen to compete in the Best Dressed Coed contest on February 27 are, in the first row; Cheryl Tarity, Nona Chiampi, Mary Lynne Strevell, and Michelle Hastie. In the second row are Liz Slaughter, Maureen Savage, and Leslie Calamari. In the third row are Mary Ann Zezza, Helen Dugan, and Elaine Geida.

is currently a member of Cue and Curtain, Kickline, and social secretary of Weiss Hall.

Mary Lynne Strevell, a junior secondary education major from Neptune, New Jersey, resides in Hollenback Hall. Her activities include captain of the Kickline, president of WAA, treasurer of Hollenback Hall, co-chairman of the Homecoming pep rally, and member of the Education Club and Biology Club.

Cheryl Tarity, a junior elementary education major, resides in West Pittston. She has been a member of TDR, the Executive Council, and French Club, and recently has been chosen Snowflake Princess.

A member of the Amnicola, Mary Anna Zezza is a senior elementary education major from West Pittston.

Michelle Hastie is a junior psychology major from West Pittston.

Sophomore Nona Chiampi is a member of the Forum, Biology Club, and Letterwomen. Her major is biology and she lives in West Pittston.

Liz Slaughter, sophomore psychology major from New York City, resides in Sterling Hall. Her activities include cheerleading squad, Cue and Curtain, WAA, and I.D.C.

A sophomore psychology major from Levittown, Elaine Geida lives at Weckesser Hall.

## Senior Pianist To Perform

The College department of music will present the senior recital of R. Jackson Berkey on February 19 at 8 p.m. Berkey, a B.A. piano major, has been heard on college programs for the past three seasons. He has performed with the Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic and on Canadian Radio with the Niagara Falls Philharmonic.

The recital will be presented at the College Center for the Performing Arts. Following his recital a formal reception will be given.

Berkey's program includes the following selections: Beethoven's "Sonata in D, opus 10, No. 3 (Presto, Largo mesto, Minuetto-trio, Rondo)"; Chopin's "Scherzo No. 1 in B minor"; Persichetti's "Ninth Piano Sonata, opus 58"; and Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." In connection with the last part of the performance, four members of the art department will exhibit their paintings in the lobby.

A student of Ann Liva, Berkey will audition at Juilliard School of Music in September, for admission to graduate school.

## Heart Fund To Sponsor Benefit Dance

Under the leadership of Wilkes, King's, Wilkes-Barre Business College, and the Penn State Center, the Wyoming Valley Heart Fund dance will be held tomorrow night at Irem Temple from 9 to 12 p.m.

Terry McNulty, WARM disc jockey, will be master of ceremonies. Music will be provided by three bands: the Rhythm Blues, the Travelons, and the Whazoos. Special guests include Eddie Holman, the Carvels, and other surprise guests. Donation is \$1 and all proceeds will be given to the Heart Fund.

### TICKETS AVAILABLE

Reserved seat tickets are now available for the upcoming Cue and Curtain productions of "The Lottery" and "The Apollo of Bellac." Open to all members of the College community, their families and friends, the productions will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday evening, February 25, and Saturday evening, February 26. Admission is free. Tickets may be secured through Miss Millie Gittins at the Bookstore, or at the Theatre box office through Stephen J. Gaval, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Editorials

APATHY UNDERMINED

Again we turn the focus of our editorial comment to apathy, the apparently all-pervading attitude among students (and perhaps also faculty) at the College. As editors, we state our views about current situations on campus, and apathy, because it is not merely current but recurrent, is a constant subject of these opinions.

The terms "lack of interest", "indifference", and others are often used to avoid repetition of the word itself, but the criticism is still the same: We, as a student body, are generally apathetic toward the activities offered us by the College. We are just as weary of writing about it as most students are of reading about it.

It is with definite pleasure then, that we write the remainder of this editorial, for we have found one area of campus activity which is thriving — that of intramural sports. In a recent edition of the BEACON, one headline stated, "Thirty Teams Vie In IM (intramural) Basketball." On each team there must be at least five players; in other words, there are on these teams 150 men on the first strings alone. Add this number to the number of coaches, managers, and second string players, and the total is boosted to well over 200 students involved actively in a College activity. Totaled with the participants in intramural football and softball, the number becomes impressive.

This is not to say that other areas of activity are neglected or ignored by the students, but in no other organization that we can think of is there such an enthusiastic (judging by the teams' names and the inferred effort put into finding them) participation. Whatever the reason for the participation, we commend the men involved and congratulate those responsible for generating the interest.

THE ELECT SELECT

We have become aware of and are consequently displeased with the manner in which the finalists for the best-dressed coed contest are chosen.


We mean not to throw aspersions on those coeds already chosen as finalists; indeed, we sincerely compliment them.

However, our quarrel is with the way in which they are singled out for this honor. We feel that a panel of seven girls arbitrarily deciding who the finalists shall be is not the best way to handle the situation.

If this panel were composed entirely of previous finalists, then we would not question its qualifications for elevating other girls to the same select circle. But since they are for the most part of no particular modish distinction, since they are in truth no more qualified than the rest of the student body, we feel that a fairer solution to the problem would be to have each class nominate a number of candidates, from which finalists would be chosen by a general vote of the student body.

WHAT • WHERE • WHEN

- BASKETBALL — Moravian — Away — Tomorrow, 8:30 P.M.
- SWIMMING — Elizabethtown — Home — Tomorrow, 2:00 P.M.
- WRESTLING — Dickinson — Away — Tomorrow, 8:00 P.M.
- WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY — Tuesday
- BASKETBALL — Albright — Away — Wednesday — 8:30 P.M.
- SWIMMING — St. Joseph's — Away — Wednesday — 4:00 P.M.
- ASSEMBLY — Miss Leslie Frost, "The Meaning of Culture"



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Viewpoint '66

IRC Exec Advocates Vigorous War Policy

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles to be submitted by members of the IRC. Through this media, the club hopes to stimulate interest in and debate about current affairs. Topics discussed in the BEACON will be debated at the following Tuesday meeting of the IRC. Membership is not a pre-requisite for attendance, and it is hoped that all interested people will come and participate.

by Michael Devlin

Decisive military victory should be our first consideration in Viet Nam, then unconditional surrender of the enemy, and finally a peace settlement from a position of strength rather than from one of stalemate.

Realistic Views

Americans should be realistic and forget about terms such as wars of liberation, escalation, de-escalation, civilian targets, military objectives, and all other paraphernalia used by both sides to disguise the exact nature of this conflict. It is war, bloody, brutal, and fiendish; a war in which both sides have engaged in practices reminiscent of the Nazis in Warsaw during World War II. This war must be won soon. No nation is so wealthy and strong that it can maintain prosperity at home when the cream of its youth and the bulk of its taxes

are spilling all over the rice paddies and inhospitable jungles of a hostile land.

Civilian Bombings

To win the war, the U.S. should engage in saturation bombing of the North, including the so-called "civilian targets" of Hanoi and its port, Haiphong. This, however, will not win the war alone. We must engage the enemy with the best equipment available; better food and medical supplies must be made available to both U.S. and allied troops; and more recuperation centers should be built for the wounded and the worn-out allied soldiers who are doing their best. Why should we have the right to deny them anything?

Northern Rebellion

The civilian population of North Viet Nam, if made the subjects of numerous incendiary raids, will become restless and eventually rebellious and thus help to force their leaders to capitulate; or they might desert in such large numbers as to leave Ho Chi Minh a ruler minus subjects. These

measures would themselves go a long way in forcing Communists to sue for peace on our terms when we are ready for it. Unconditional surrender of all Communist forces in South Viet Nam should be the only terms upon which we would enter into negotiations with the enemy.

The entrance into the conflict by support groups from all SEATO members, France, Great Britain, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Thailand, would give a big lift to the war effort. New Zealand and Australia already have token forces serving with allied units, but not nearly enough. The increased manpower and additional equipment would help to relieve the pressures upon allied troops already there, thus enabling the allies to send fresher soldiers into battle. In addition, an alliance of eight nations fighting Communist aggression together in one common purpose would do much to discourage the Communist leaders behind the conflict.

Far-reaching War

This war goes further than a mere jungle war in a distant land, away from any immediate concern other than casualties. This is a war that will determine the fate of the whole southeastern area of the globe.

The free world cannot afford to incur such a defeat, for the productive labors of 185 million people, a population which rivals that of the United States, would revert to the Communist war machine. We would lose 65 per cent of the world's supply of natural rubber. We would lose 50 per cent of the world's supply of tin. We would also lose large supplies of copra, petroleum, palm oil, and abaca.

Chinese Aggression

Red China sees Southeast Asia as the answer to her two most pressing problems: food shortages and the population explosion. The Southeast Asian peninsula is the natural area for Chinese expansion, and the war we are fighting there today is a result of the failure of Red China to provide a decent standard of living for her people. Why then should the defenseless people of Southeast Asia have to suffer for the shortcomings of the egotistical, totalitarian Red Chinese overlords?

The position of the U.S. and Great Britain in the Far East is also at stake there, especially the fortress of Singapore and the islands of the Philippines. Thus it is evident that there are many reasons why we fight in that far corner of the world.

Ask no quarter and give no quarter; the Communists will give us none, as they proved in Korea, so why should we be merciful, when we will only get a kick in the face as our reward? We will suffer the same fate as many other civilizations if we fail to face up to the challenges of the Communists. Our fate will be deserved if we cannot recognize our proper responsibility and fulfill it.

Name Withheld

Letters to the Editor

Candide Accused Of Superficiality

Dear Editor:

It is rather interesting, I feel, that Candide has chosen to call A. H. Kook a "twentieth-century Voltaire." It appears that Candide has learned somewhere that Voltaire was supposedly renowned for his scathing remarks about conditions which he felt should be scathed. Voltaire was disturbed by what he felt was the prevalence of man's inhumanity to man in a hostile universe. In particular, Voltaire attacked the idea that certain conditions must be tolerated simply because they are part of a pre-established harmony, a term which man had invented solely for the purpose of rationalizing the injustice and inhumanity of the world.

Faulty Connection

Exercising his little knowledge of Voltaire, Candide feels he sees a connection between the scathing attacks of the former and the scathing attacks of A. H. Kook. In truth, there is a connection between the two, but such a connection is a compliment to A. H. Kook and not a sneer at his position; however, it is a sneer that Candide very obviously intends.

Like Voltaire, A. H. Kook has attacked the inconsistencies of his world. He protests against the asinities which bind together certain individuals in certain cliques, namely a smoldering dislike for the challenges which learning offers them, and a jealous hatred for the person or group which excels in thinking differently — in short a xenophobic reaction toward a nyone daring to be intellectual. Now, of course, A. H. Kook has not attacked conditions of the stat-

ure as those condemned by Voltaire, but he has protested; he has denounced; and that which he has protested and denounced is worthy of his protests and denunciations.

Self-Cultivation

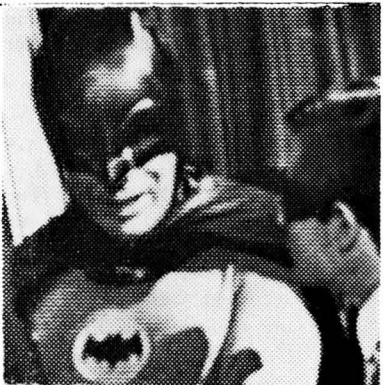
A. H. Kook is not content. Hooray! For from discontent comes progress, even though one may find somewhat painful the solution that all one may be able to improve is oneself, that all one may be able to do is to cultivate one's own garden, the moral of Voltaire's Candide.

The College's self-styled Candide reflects a superficial grasp of the names he has chosen to bandy about. He has indeed complemented A. H. Kook, though such was not his purpose. His series of probable situations ("rejection from his favorite caf table") is an unsuccessful attempt to employ the ridiculous in assaulting a position with which one does not happen to agree. Such an employment of the ridiculous in this situation reflects a too-obvious disdain for those who dare to be different, a too-obvious disdain for intellectuality. How dare "Candide" assume such a name when he obviously has no conception of Voltaire, nor of Candide, nor of the moral lesson of this work! This Candide's unbearable use of the 18th century as a motif for his attack on A. H. Kook is intolerable. I too can quote Francois Marie Arouet from my world history text. How dare Candide proclaim himself intellectual when he is so obviously ignorant of concepts in depth, when his only claim to knowledge arises from his grasp of the surface!



# Deluded Student Exposes Batman

by BR — 008  
**Zap-Pow-Blam** — and Batman puts an end to the foul trickery of the fiendish Riddler and his evil Molehill Mob — of course! As he inconspicuously streaks from the scene in his nuclear-powered, quad glass-packed exhaust Batmobile with California mags, Boy Wonder Robin is heard to say, "Great heavenly sunshades, idol, you triumphed again."



HOLY POPCORN! IT'S BATMAN!

Up to this point the life of this bold hero has been truthfully depicted, but what most wholesome fans do not realize is that Batman's true identity has been distorted. Millionaire sportsman Bruce Wayne readily accepts the undeserved devotion and acclaim of Batman's dedicated audience while the **real** Batman carefully keeps his precious secret from all but one — **Beacon** reporter 008.

I, BR-008, have had my suspicions as to Batman's true identity and I hereby present my case to all misinformed Batman followers of the world. Batman Wayne must be obliterated from your minds as I reveal the supporting evidence which leads me to be convinced that the true wonder, the real idol, the authentic enemy of evil is seen daily on the College campus. Yes, a mild-mannered, small-college personality is really the unrelenting preserver of good and destroyer of evil.

By means of a microscopic trans-

mitter which I ingeniously placed in a left rear filling of this suspect's upper jaw, I heard him boldly exclaim, while he thought himself far from human ears, "What could be keeping Robin, when he knows his duty awaits at Wilkes?" When confronted with this clinching evidence, the suspect gave the unlikely reason that he was talking about the Robin Red Breast returning for the zoology majors to observe.

His slick answer did not fool agent BR-008, though. By interrogating a secretary I learned of an untimely slip our suspect had made, which the secretary had overheard. As she passed an open door she distinctly heard him say, "Life should be brought out into the open; the shelving of mysteries is cowardice." The stating of this typically Batman theology placed our subject's secret identity in greater danger of exposure. But this master of escape calmly explained to me that he was merely speaking of the placement of magazines and books in our new library and those who wanted to keep the older volumes of mysteries under lock and key showed no trust in the student body and were only being cowardly.

As my evidence grew more conclusive, Mr. X became more evasive. He refused to comment on Johnny Carson's recent statement that the Dynamic Duo running around in their long underwear were sort of a Huntley and Brinkley Fruit-of-the-Loom. He also declined statement on the current psychological analysis of Batman and Robin. (See Miss Olson — Anthropology department.)

Although my subject refutes all my findings and with witty finesse shatters all my evidence, I am convinced that our own quiet Mr. X is also the dynamic leader of the world. I do hereby urge all students of evil doings to reform, for that tall dark figure seen late at night on our very campus is the real Batman — Holy Haberdashery! His true identity can be found by combining all the above information, applying it intellectually, and learning to be very evasive when picked up on Peeping Tom charges.

# Forum Renews Efforts With Cheifetz' Speech

by Andrea Templar  
Somewhere under text books and term papers and blue books, the Forum got lost last semester. But, in anticipation of the coming spring with all its clearing processes, and with the assurances of growth and promises of winter's uplifting, the members of the Forum are organizing a working re-statement of their objectives.

The Forum functions as an academic platform where students may talk to students, where they are able to establish their particular viewpoints of their individual interests, or where they may present their work in their area of study.

One of the Forum's principal objectives is to give the student the opportunity to combine his academic and social lives and to create an atmosphere in which he can share in the luxury of learning over coffee. The Forum works under the assumption that every student has areas of interest which he is eager to discuss with other students.

President Phil Cheifetz will reopen the Forum on Thursday, February 24, at 8 p.m. in Chapman Hall. In accord-

ance with established format, Cheifetz will present a 30-to 50-minute talk followed by a discussion with his audience. Cheifetz's purpose will be a clarification of Marx's use of the Hegelian dialectic in his formulation of the Communist movement.

Anyone wishing to speak at a Forum meeting may contact Mr. Stanley Gutin, the club's advisor, Phil Cheifetz, or Andrea Templar. Members of the faculty are welcomed to attend the meetings, which will continue from their reinstatement to the end of the semester.

"To do two things at once is to do neither."

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# FRENCH INSTRUCTOR RELATES ADVENTURES IN PEACE CORPS

by Irene Norkaitis

A new addition to the language department this semester is Charles Sweeney, an instructor in French. Mr. Sweeney has had much experience on all levels of teaching, ranging from kindergarten to college and university. He has taught in various schools throughout the world.



MR. CHARLES SWEENEY

Mr. Sweeney received his B.A. in Spanish from Mexico City College, his M.A. in French from Middlebury College in Vermont, and spent his last year of French study in Paris, where he enjoyed the customs and ways of the people whose language he was studying.

Before World War II, Mr. Sweeney was a music major at Los Angeles City College. After the war his love for the clarinet was replaced by what he considered a more practical pursuit — a teaching degree.

#### Varied Experiences

Since obtaining his degree, he has taught elementary and high school classes for children of migrant workers in upstate New York and Connecticut. He also found teaching in a school for emotionally disturbed children rewarding, but felt that this was not his type of work. Mr. Sweeney found teaching the fourth grade a challenge and enjoyed it because the results were plainly visible.

Mr. Sweeney was a volunteer in the Peace Corps for two years. While in the Corps he was sent to the University of Nigeria, where he taught with instructors from India, South and West Africa, England, West and East Germany, Ireland, and America. He found that the climate of this area was relatively comfortable, although

situated only five degrees from the equator.

#### Students Older

Most of the Nigerian students were serious-minded and interested in politics and the affairs of their country. In general, his students were older than students in our country, many in their early twenties. They were able to understand French grammar quite readily, but had difficulty in pronunciation because of the musical quality of their own language, which was carried over to the foreign French.

Since tuition was beyond the means of most people, the students Mr. Sweeney taught were from the wealthier families of the region. Top students from the area were also enrolled in the school, since competition scholarships are offered by politicians and others who wish to encourage the education of Nigeria's youth. While teaching in Nigeria, he taught the University first graduating class.

The University itself was new, with modern dormitories and buildings built around 1960-61, and national, and patterned on a land-grant system. It is built on a plateau 1000 feet above sea level. Mr. Sweeney considered the University a combination of American and English-type universities, applied to the needs of the country. It is primarily a college of agriculture, dealing with farms, crops, and cattle. The Nigerian people at the time of his tenure were learning how to cultivate and improve their native crops without contaminating them with the tsetse fly, the main cause of sleeping sickness, the nation's predominant disease.

#### Wonderful Experience

Mr. Sweeney found it amazing that a university of this size could be built

in such a short time. Although he recalls his teaching there as a "wonderful experience," he did find it unrewarding because his accomplishments were lost in the vastness of the university.

Mr. Sweeney found that many of the basic problems facing the students were the credit system, required courses, class attendance, and eating cafeteria style. Their idea of sports was English style: the team, a closed group or club; the coach, hired to instruct and not to substitute or manage the team; an elected president, former of the team.

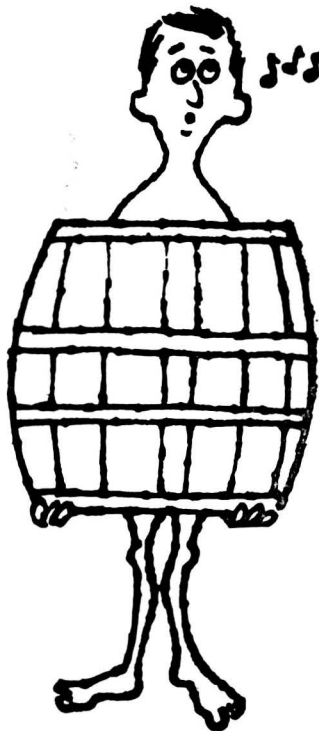
Mr. Sweeney enjoys participating in such sports as tennis and golf. His golf score he does not wish to disclose. While in Nigeria he roomed with a tennis instructor, but had the misfortune of having his arm in a cast for eight months. He was thus unable to take advantage of his roommate's ability.

## Frosh Nominate

A freshman class meeting was held recently to nominate students for vacated class offices. The offices of president and secretary are now open.

Nominated for president are: Jim Ambrose, Charles Aquilina, Mike Clark, Joe Frappolli, Tom Koblish, Bill Leishear, Paul Olsen, Robert Reynolds, and Paul Wender.

Those nominated for secretary were: Bernadine Adonizio, Joan Brobyn, Rosemary Haydock, Pat Luzenski, and Chris Sulat.



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# Coach of the Year PAPER NAMES SCHMIDT

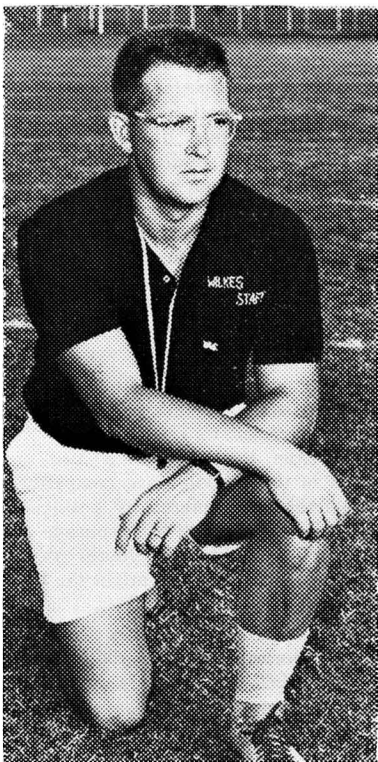
by Walt Narcum

Wilkes continues to receive recognition for its outstanding grid season as Coach Roland Schmidt was honored by the **Sunday Independent** by being named the 1965 Coach of the Year. Schmidt received this honor for leading the Wilkes gridders to a 7-1 mark and the Middle Atlantic Conference's Northern Division championship during the past season.

To symbolize this high achievement Schmidt was presented with a wrist-watch by the **Sunday Independent's** Tom Heffernan Jr. at the paper's fifth annual All-Scholastic Banquet. This was the first such award ever made by the **Independent** and it is expected to become an annual event. Each year the recipient of the award will be chosen from the ranks of all high school and college coaches of all sports in Wyoming Valley.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Earl Morrall, 10-year veteran of National Football League play and successor to Y. A. Tittle as quarterback with the New York Giants.

The **Beacon** wholeheartedly agrees with the **Independent** in its choice and adds its congratulations to Coach of the Year Rollie Schmidt.



ROLAND SCHMIDT

# Miner Captures Division Crown

by Bob Thompson

In intramural basketball action last week, the top teams remained undefeated with Miner Hall copping the title in the Blue Division of the Dorm League with a perfect 4-0 slate. At this printing, the YMCA is now in sole possession of first place in the Gold Division with Butler and Hainna still in contention with 2-1 records.

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The Independent League reached the mid-point of the season at the conclusion of the week's play. The Northern Division is led by Soupy's Sensations and the South by the Trojans, both sporting 2-0 slates. Runners-up in the South are the Unholies with one win and no losses. The East and West crowns are still anyone's with only a few games having been played in each. Currently the top teams are the 'Ckinas and Adiabats in the East and the Straps and F Troupe in the West.

Anyone with a question concerning intramurals can contact Glenn Klinger at the Y.M.C.A.

In last week's sports action, the Wilkes grapplers copped their eighteenth straight victory by defeating Lycoming College 20-9. The Colonels' cagers finished the week with 1 win and 2 losses, downing Drew University 95-73, and bowing to Lycoming College, 100-95, and to Upsala College 78-76. On the swimming scene, the mermen added 2 losses to their log by succumbing to Lycoming, 64-30, and to Pennsylvania Military College, 64-31.

Coach John Reese's wrestlers, ranked third in the nation in small college circles, won six out of nine bouts in the Lycoming contest. John Carr, at 177-pounds, posted the Colonels' only fall of the contest by pinning Bob Fleming of Lycoming in 8:35 and thus clinching the meet for Wilkes.

Ed Witczak, one of the five freshmen in the Wilkes starting lineup, set the Colonels on their way with his hard-earned 9-4 decision over Garry Guasp, last year's 123-pound Middle Atlantic Conference champion. Jim McCormick followed Witczak with a 4-0 decision over Dale Samuels. After Lycoming captured the 137-pound bout, the Wilkesmen bounced back to take two in a row with Vic Altonen blanking his 145-pound opponent, 11-0, and Joe Wiendl, at 152, decisioning Steve Saerfel, 10-3. Al Arnould, in the heavyweight class, topped off the meet by decisioning Joe Ketner, 15-4.

## TRACK

All men interested in forming a track team this spring are asked to send their names and events to Howie Weinberg c/o the **Beacon** or to contact him at 823-6403. Weinberg feels that there is enough genuine interest in track at Wilkes to form an inter-collegiate team. Approximately 40 participants are needed before any such team can be realized.

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# Chanecka Gains Honors For Outstanding Play

by Bob Thompson

Joe Chanecka, co-captain of the basketball team, has been selected as this issue's "Athlete of the Week".

In the last three cage contests Chanecka has led the Wilkesmen in the scoring department with twenty-two, eighteen, and twelve points respectively. Chanecka, at 5 feet 11 inches, was also one of the top rebounders and playmakers. He took charge of the team in making big comebacks in these last three games. This season he is third in scoring with 192 points, second in assists with 32, and third in rebounding. Currently he is seventh in the league in foul shooting with thirty-six for forty-six.

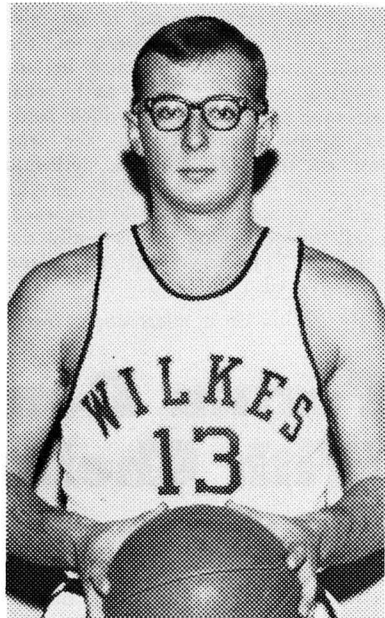
Chanecka has played varsity basketball for four years and has been co-captain for the past two seasons. He merited this honor by displaying leadership, ability, and a desire to play. He has earned four letters for his outstanding cage play.

Chanecka is a senior business administration major from Binghamton, New York, and is proctor of Hainna Hall. The **Beacon** wants to take this

and retired to the lockers with a 42-37 lead over the Vikings. Upsala managed to chop down the Colonels' lead early in the second half but were unable to forge ahead. As the half continued the teams matched each other point for point. With 7 seconds remaining in the contest Upsala scored on a long shot by Coccozza. With the score tied 76-76 the Wilkesmen brought the ball down to the Viking net but were unable to score until after the buzzer sounded.

## Swimming

The Wilkes mermen recorded a 1-5 log with defeats at the hands of Lycoming College and P.M.C. The Wilkesmen were able to cop only one individual first place win in each meet. Both were copped by Jon Carsman. Against Lycoming, Carsman captured the 200-yard breaststroke in 3:12.1 and in the P.M.C. contest he took the 100-yard freestyle even in 58.1 seconds. The Wilkes relay team also copped the 400-yard freestyle relay event in the P.M.C. meet with a 4:11.8 time.



JOE CHANECKA

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