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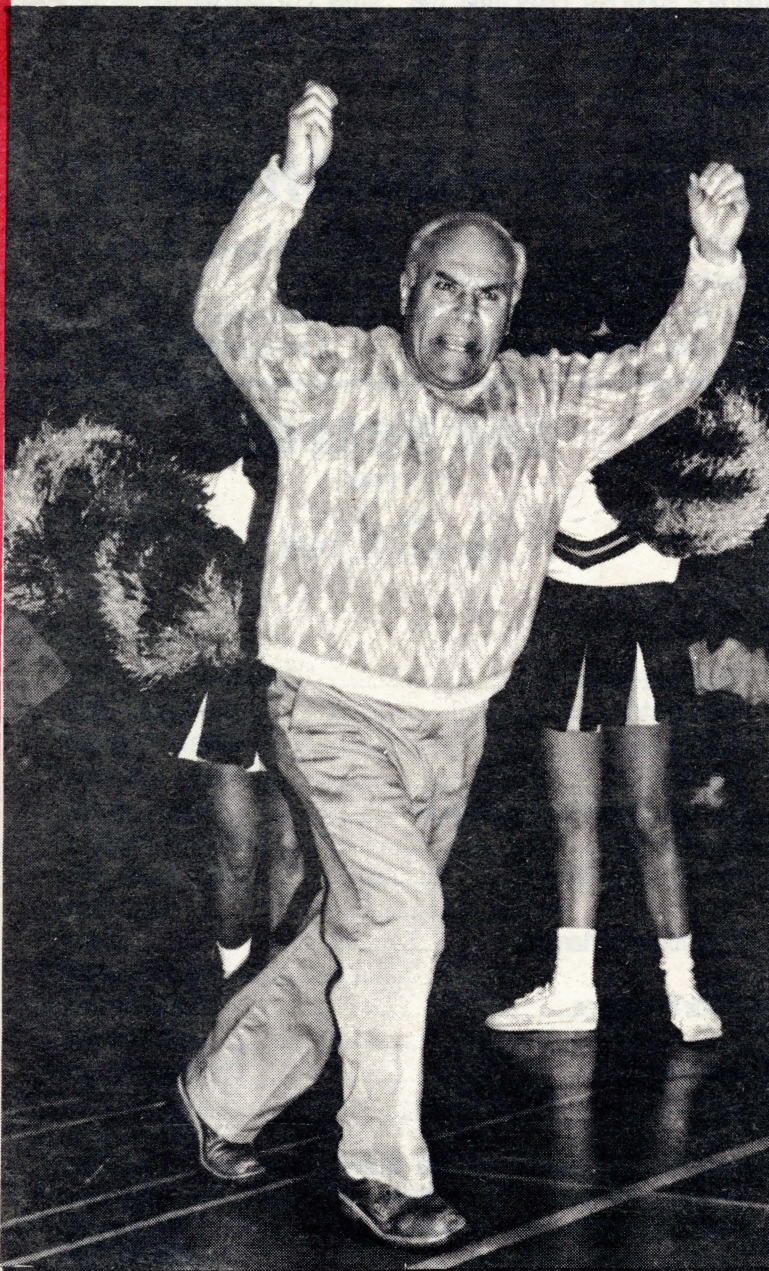
On Valentine's Day.....

Have a Heart - Give Blood

by Elizabeth Mazzullo

a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, February 14 in the Wilkes gym.

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from 9:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, February 14 in the Wilkes gym. The Human Services Committee, Circle K, Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) and Commuter Council (CC) will help the Red Cross and offer prizes during the Valentine's Day drive.



Giiiiiiiiiiiiive Blood!

Dean of Student Affairs George Ralston gives it all. This Thursday he will donate his 116th pint of blood. As another great humanitarian once wrote, "...who would have thought the old man to have had so much blood in him?" Shakespeare

Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) and Commuter Council (CC) will help the Red Cross and offer prizes during the Valentine's Day drive.

WCLH-fm will broadcast live from the gym from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will give donors an opportunity to win free albums.

The Human Services Committee plans to provide escorts and to help set up and tear down the equipment, said committee representative Lisa Mikulis.

Circle K will also probably send helpers, according to club president Patti de Cosmo.

Both IRHC and CC will offer prizes to donors.

IRHC will award two \$25 prizes, to dorms with over 25 and under 25 residents respectively, IRHC president Neil Douris said.

The dorm in each category with the highest percentage of donors will receive the \$25 award, Douris added.

CC also plans to offer prizes, according to CC president Brian Potoeski, but has not worked out the details yet.

"We wanted to set a goal of 300 pints," said Dean George Ralston, who plans to donate his 116th pint Thursday.

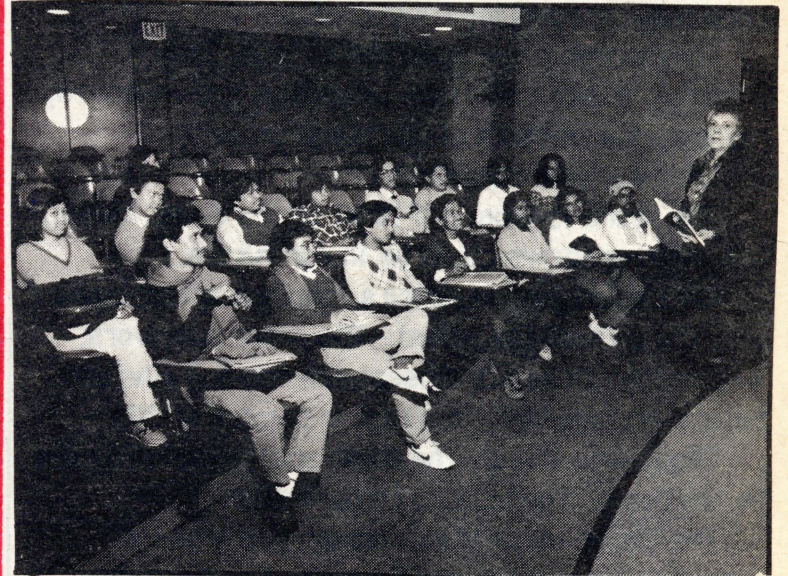
Ralston emphasized the need for giving blood.

"The blood supply is very low because of illnesses in the winter. The Red Cross has called us to tell us they're almost at a critical level for giving blood to hospitals," the dean said.

"Blood is necessary for life, and it's something a person can't give to himself. There's nothing

students will do that's more important," Ralston said.

The dean added that the date of the Valentine's Day drive "just happened," but "gives us a little gimmick to promote."



Shown above with Registrar Doris Barker are the new Malaysian students. In the first row (left to right) are Badarussamin Idris, Samat Sarib, Zainal Abidin Mohd Yusuf, Omar Kassim, Noraini Hassan, Norhamimah Daud and Fatimah Jamaluddin. In the second row are Norizan Abd Razak, Zakaria Ibrahim, Hamdan Shaari, Roslan Abdul Aziz, Mohd Yusri Mohd Shariff, Rosli Muhamad, Badrul Aziz Muhammad and Badariah Zainal. In the third row is Aminah Arshad.

Malaysian Engineers Register at Wilkes

by Kim Manganella

Seventeen Malaysian students are now attending Wilkes as engineering majors.

According to Barbara King, foreign student adviser, the Malaysian government spent a great deal of time investigating schools with excellent engineering credentials before deciding that Wilkes met all the criteria.

The size of the school was important in the decision to choose Wilkes because the Malaysian officials wanted the students to have access to faculty and counselors.

They were "very impressed" with the Engineering Department, with its faculty and with its curriculum.

A major point in the

selection was the fact that the engineering program is accredited by the American Board of Engineering and Technology.

All educational expenses incurred by the new students will be paid by the Malaysian government.

Malaysia covers the southern half of the Malaysian Peninsula, the island of Singapore and most of the northern part of the island of Borneo. The South China Sea separates the island and the peninsula by 400 miles.

King also said that Wilkes has students from several other countries, including Switzerland, Japan, Lebanon, Taiwan, India, Syria, Pakistan and Jordan.

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Editorial

Reaganomics Hits an All-Time Low

The high priest looks in awe at the symbol of his god.

Worshippers file in anticipating a humbling ceremony celebrating their creator.

They worship the governor of life. They worship what made them what they are--masked, mutant, descendants of the human race.

They worship the BOMB.

The scene is from a "Planet of the Apes" movie, but the characters could be in our future.

Ronald Reagan, America's favorite actor, could play the part of the priest. The other survivors, who happen to be his closest friends and advisers before Armageddon, join him in bomb worship.

Those who live by the bomb shall eventually die by the bomb. There is no compromise.

The vision motivating Reagan's new budget proposal lacks depth and breadth. The President, erroneously believing he has a mandate, wants to cut domestic programs drastically and increase defense spending.

As Sunday's Philadelphia Inquirer put it: "The President proposes to starve programs that help people in order to fatten programs that kill people." The problem is more serious yet.

Adding to a stockpile that can already destroy the world a hundred times over is not only redundant, but expensive.

To foot the bill, Reagan plans to cut student loan programs, Urban Development Action Grants, the federal job training program, and federal aid to state and local governments.

Yes, this is the same man the majority of Americans voted into office, the same man the majority of college students voted for, and the same man who believes he can do as he pleases because of his November victory.

Now he stabs us (you) in the back. As many as one million students may be affected by the loan cuts. Many students here need loans to pay for college. Those students not able to afford Wilkes next year can thank Reagan.

Reagan is selling out the people who supported him in November--in the name of deficit reduction. A Reagan deficit reduction we will never see, just more bombs.

If we cannot reverse Reagan's direction, the future looks bleak.

Let us hope that we are not waiting for what could be Reagan's greatest and most devastating role: as producer, director, and star of the next--and last--"Ape" film, "Bonzo Rules the Lifeless Planet."

Attendance Lacking at Activities, Student Says

To all students:

Time after time it's been said that there is nothing to do at this school--that we never have any student activities. People say if there's an all-college activity that they'd go, yet when they're scheduled, attendance is extremely poor. The organizations at Wilkes try to plan activities as often as possible which are both enjoyable and at reasonable prices.

Too often, activities have resulted in low attendance, and the few people who do go have to suffer. Two examples of such apathy are the Christmas and Valentine's dances of the 84-85 school year. The few who were

there most likely remember the low turn-out.

Those who complain about the lack of how hard people in this school work to organize some social activities for you. Stop complaining and attend.

The little money you spend to go out to one of these dances most likely will be less than the money you spend at a bar or on a couple of bottles of liquor.

There are too many people who say, "Well, I'll buy the tickets later." Later always turns out to be after the deadline. These are the people who are ignorant regarding the restaurants that require a head count in advance. There are deadlines which people should

realize exist. Too often, we're taken advantage of.

What else can we organizations do to let Wilkes students know that activities are planned? We put the events on the calendar, publicity is up, by word of mouth and ticket sellers are all attention-getters. Apparently these things aren't effective. Give suggestions to your representatives or any organization member to improve this.

You're bored because you don't take the effort to find out what's going on. Don't expect others to take the blame for your boredom any longer.

A Concerned Student

Car Towing Frustrates Student

To the Editor:

Like many other Wilkes students this year, I'm fed up with the present parking situation on our campus.

I recently had my own car towed and in the process had my emergency brake cable severed to the tune of \$41.50 to have it repaired.

The College response will be, you should have applied for a permit. Well, I did and found that it is more difficult to get a parking sticker than it is to be accepted to this College! Each student is rated according to a point scale with the nursing majors and students with internships getting first priority. Not even an RA, who may need their car to transport an ill or injured student to the hospital, is guaranteed a sticker.

Two students got tickets on their cars for "being parked on the grass," even though the grass was under four inches of snow! Is Wilkes College that desperate for the \$2.50 that tickets get put on cars for parking on grass that no one can even see?

The College could make a more sincere attempt at solving the parking problem for dorm students. They could explore the possibilities of working out a deal with the city garages for lower rates or paying a flat rate for use of the parking meters on Northampton and Franklin Streets.

Some of you will say this letter is sour grapes. Well, it is but I pay enough money to go to school here, so it's my right to

complain when my car gets towed from a lot when I chose not park on the street due to the poor snow removal and risk the

chance of the car being hit.

Thank you,
A Frustrated Student

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Cellar Rats Warn Tobacco Chewers : Don't Spit

Dear Editor:

The twelve members of the Student Center Board (SCB) would like to warn the students who choose to spit tobacco in our Cellar to use some courtesy and responsibility or to get out.

We consider The Cellar to be a place for commuter students to relax--they have virtually no other place to go. To this effect, the SCB diligently tries to keep The Cellar reasonably clean and civilized, but the 'Spitters' make civilization for The Cellar an impossibility.

One might ask why? First of all, they amuse themselves by drawing huge phallic symbols on the tables. They are apparently oblivious to the fact that women often clean the tables. The drawings happen to be difficult to remove when drawn in ink. Secondly, the Spitters never know when or how things get vandalized, yet the area where they congregate is usually the most abused. For instance, french fries get carefully stuffed



Cellar workers are fed up with messes such as the one above.

in the radiator vents and ketchup splattered on the walls, chairs, tables, and floor. Not to mention more serious vandalism.

Thirdly, their most annoying pastime and the source of their nickname is chewing/spitting tobacco (snuff). This means that each one carries a cup or can filled with saliva and tobacco juice. We know this because these cups are daily left sitting around or

spilled on the tables and floor--left for us to clean up in addition to their less revolting trash. This is not to mention the spit sometimes dripping from the walls. We will not describe the nausea these sights and smells induce.

One might also ask if we've communicated with them in the past concerning these issues? Our initial response was making signs saying, "Please keep The

Cavern (Cellar) clean." Then we got more specific: "If you spit, please clean it up!" Their response was spitting on the signs. Secondly, we tried asking them to clean up the mess themselves (This was before they used cups--they spit directly on the floor). Their response was throwing a mop at the member who ventured to ask. Thirdly, we had Dean Hoover (our adviser) "speak" to them--to no avail. And finally, last semester, our director (Cress) wrote them a nice letter--no response.

But one might ask, what's the big deal? First, we are full-time students committed to being involved on the campus; we run the entire Student Center by ourselves, making video games, pool, ping pong, music, widescreen television, movies, and so on, available to students. In order to make the basement a more pleasant place to relax, we devoted an entire weekend (18 hour days) and over \$1,500 to painting The Cellar.

Furthermore, we hired an alumnus, Donna Mazaika, to do graphic designs in addition to our paint job. Finally, we clean many times a day in order to keep The Cellar tolerable if not pleasant. So when our friends the Spitters spit on the walls we painted, and the tables we wash, we think we have cause to be annoyed.

Let the Spitters be forewarned that the SCB Cellar Rats won't tolerate their behavior any longer--they will be removed for the remainder of the semester if it persists.

Signed,
Cress Shallers
Kathy Hyde
Karen Cassidy
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Disorganized Intramurals Frustrate Student

To the Editor:

Wednesday night I had the pleasure (or shall I say displeasure) of attending the first night of "intramural" basketball.

To begin with I thought intramural sports were for people who were not on a scholastic team. That night I saw J.V. basketball team members as well as part-time students and even graduates actually playing

on intramural teams!!!

What upset me the most was the organization!! The games were scheduled to start at 10:00 p.m., no one even showed to set things up until 10:30 and the games did not start until 11:00!!

The referees had no whistles or any kind of time keeping equipment, and one of them actually asked me (a spectator) to keep score!!

No one even knew about the

time of the games until Wednesday morning. The whole thing was just a shambles!

The main reason I was motivated to write this letter was after seeing the reaction of the players after the games.

Most of them were also disgusted with the whole program, and I even heard a lot of them say that they might not even continue to compete in the intramurals.

The only decent intramural

program this school has is the floor hockey league. They post their schedules a week in advance and they even keep statistics on the various teams!

The basketball intramurals need people as enthusiastic as the hockey league organizers are.

What it all boils down to is the fact that the students of Wilkes College need some kind of physical activities to give them something else to do besides

studying and partying.

The college desperately needs to re-evaluate their intramural program and those individuals who organize them. It's obvious that someone is getting paid a lot of money for doing nothing! We need people who will be dedicated to organizing some worthwhile activities for the students of Wilkes College.

A Frustrated Student

Resident Parker Complains

To the Editor:

I am an angry student with an IRHC parking permit. Monday, February 11 I attempted to park my car in my assigned lot and found it full. I was forced to park on the grass and chance a ticket.

Upon checking the cars in the lot I found several cars with no parking permits, unticketed. I also found a car with a faculty parking ticket and several cars with parking stickers for other lots.

I checked with the parking

guard, and he told me that none of the cars in that lot were on the tow list so he couldn't tow them. I inquired how many times a car must be ticketed before it can be towed, and he responded by saying he wasn't sure, he didn't know the system any more. Wonderful, I must suffer for his lack of knowledge.

I think it is time Wilkes establishes a parking policy and sticks to it. My first suggestion would be to put gates on the lots. The faculty lots have gates. Why don't the student lots?

I am tired of trying to fight

for a parking spot in the lot where I belong. I am tired of parking in the tiniest little spot, where my car can be hit and already was.

It is time Wilkes College and IRHC sit down and solve this problem. With my permit I am supposed to be able to come and go and still have my spot. This is not so. Please get your acts together.

Thank you,
A Frustrated Parker

COFFEE BREAK...



**The Beacon staff is
taking a coffee break
next week. We
will resume printing February 26.**

Talent Show Still a Popular Attraction

The annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters talent show was staged Sunday night at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Friends Forever, the Wilkes Chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, has sponsored this fund-raiser for several years.

Attendance at Sunday night's performance proved that the talent show continues to be a very popular attraction on campus.

"We had a good turnout--about 400 people," said Karen Sabbak, president of Friends Forever.

The show featured 10 student acts and a benefit

appearance by the Ballet Northeast, whose dancers did an excerpt from the popular Broadway musical "Cats."

Also featured were several Little Brothers and Sisters, who appeared as "Cyndi Lauper and Friends"

Masters of Ceremonies were Joe Fulco and Cress Shillers.

Judging the acts were faculty members Dr. Robert Heaman, Dr. Michael O'Neill, Dr. Lester Turoczi and Dr. Wagiha Taylor. Big Brothers/Big Sisters staff member Eileen Gallagher also served as a judge.

Cash prizes were awarded to the following:

First prize - \$100 to "Chicago II," starring Gary La Rocca, Paul Chmil, Doug Tarcas, Mike Williams, Jim Lobardo, Don Gallade, Chris Mundo, Matt Baker, Nick Driscoll and Neil Forte.

Second prize - \$50 to "The Perpetrators," starring Al Emondi, Mike Robbins, Stan Giza, Paul Herbener and Dave Bryant.

Third prize (a tie) - \$25 each to "Private Heaven," starring Lisa Paddick, Don Gallade, Jim La Farto, Nick Driscoll, Tom Casay, Sue Serafin, Ted Leininger and Cliff Bralkin, and to "The Savoy

Sultons," starring Rob Olivia, Phil Jonna, Steve Fidjic, Jimmy Cliff Bralkin, Ted Leininger, Waltich and Gary La Rocca.

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Mathematics Placement Examination

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will administer the Mathematics Placement Examination on Thursday, February 14, at 11 AM in SLC 411.

Students are reminded that all those who have entered the College (freshmen or transfers) fall semester, 1984, or later, must exhibit "mathematics competency" (see p. 68 of the Bulletin).

We do not plan to give this test again until summer, 1985.

CPA Gets Sound System

Showcase Theatre recently donated funds to Wilkes College for the purchase of the new sound equipment for the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Showcase uses the center for three productions each year.

Alfred Groh, director of the CPA, said, "This generous gift will benefit many other college and community cultural groups."

Senior Notice

Any senior who plans to graduate on May 19, 1985 and has not obtained the required senior forms is requested to pick them up at the Registrar's Office immediately.

Also, if any senior has not returned the completed forms to the Registrar's Office, please do so as soon as possible.

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Learning More Than Textbooks Could Ever Teach

AFTERTHOUGHT

by Thomas J. Monsell

I met some people who would blow your mind.

Just as I was beginning to give up most of my faith in people's good natures, a unique collection of individuals stepped into my life in the form of an internship.

To fulfill my requirements for graduation as a communications major, I was required to take an internship with an established business in my "field of interest."

I chose a newspaper called the Sunday Dispatch. (True, it's not mentioned in the same breath with the New York Times.) Or, I should say, I think someone up there chose the Dispatch for me. Not just for the practical experience, but for the invaluable breaths of fresh air I've swallowed every time I'm around the people who make up the paper.

Lately I've been burned by some people whom I never thought would go out of their ways to make me look like an idiot. I was beginning to lose my

desire to deal with people, good or bad.

Then I walked into the offices of the Dispatch.

I have never been enveloped with such warmth in my life. I did a double take and thought to myself, "This isn't the way a place of business should feel."

You're probably wondering what I'm talking about. "What's the deal, Tom? Was the heat turned up all the way? What do you mean by warmth?" The warmth I'm referring to has everything to do with people. The people at the Dispatch are not only fine newspaper people, as is evident from the final product, but go out of their way to make you feel as if they're honored to have you around.

I never in a million years thought I would ever say that about my first "real job." I never thought I would ever say

that, period. The thing that impressed me the most was the fact that there I was, a lowly intern, nervous to show I belonged, being treated by individuals who have been in the newspaper business for many years as if I already belonged.

I owe a lot of the restoration of my faith to Eddie Ackerman, who, according to my friends Kathy Hyde, Timmy Williams, myself and probably everyone whom Ed has come in contact with, is "the most genuinely nice person whom you could ever pray to meet."

I've known Ed for about a year. I had the pleasure to be around for his debut as a teacher here at Wilkes. He was great, but he'll be the first to disagree. He doesn't think he has what it takes to be a teacher. He wants each and every student to get a 4.0. His faith in people is infectious.

I expected Ed to be the nice guy I had grown accustomed to, but the sincerity didn't stop with him.

Kevin McDonnell, whom I had also known from Wilkes, blew me away with his patience and good nature. He took the time out to explain things that I'm sure if I had been at another paper, I would have been shoved off in some corner to learn by myself. He made me feel a confidence that I haven't felt in a long time.

In my mind I had tried to conjure up an image of what I thought my internship would be like before I started. Never once did the owner of the paper pop into that image. I always thought the owners of big money-making businesses were the type of people who only exist behind a thick door.

The thick door is accurate, except in my image it was

always shut, and in reality the door is always wide open. John Watson Sr., more affectionately known as Pidge, is the publisher of the paper and doesn't have to deal with interns if he doesn't want to, but he has taken the

time out to talk to me and to tell me some amazing stories, which is not what I expected from such a distinguished person. Blown away again.

But it didn't stop there, either.

Everyone I came in contact with, from editor-in-chief John Watson Jr. (or Chick) right on down to the ladies who operate the typesetters, let me know that I was welcome and that I wasn't just extra baggage.

I hope this experience of working with such a group of delightful people isn't going to spoil me. Then again, I shouldn't think of it as being spoiled. I should be thankful for the opportunity to see what life in the working world should be like. I guess I'm lucky. I've got a good feeling about that nasty real world, and I'm only 21. I bet that's a feeling a lot of retired folks never knew. Thanks goes to the Dispatch.

There's More To Valentine's Day Than Hugs and Kisses

by Gail Steidler

February is good for something.

If not for a Monday off on Washington's birthday, how about for Valentine's Day?

Ah... Valentine's Day. The day we traditionally send our sweethearts or intended sweethearts candy, flowers and love notes. It's a day most of us welcome, yet a day few of us know much about.

The origin of Valentine's Day dates back to the 13th century. It is named for St. Valentine, an

early Christian martyr regarded as the patron saint of lovers.

St. Valentine was beheaded because he loved a girl who was the daughter of a bigot and refused to denounce his love for her.

There are several theories as to how the romanticism of Valentine's Day began.

One of these theories relates the choice of February 14 to the medieval European belief that birds begin to mate on this date. This notion suggested that lovers should exchange gifts on the 14th. Once the custom was

established, "Valentine" came to be applied to both the persons and their tokens of affection.

The religious significance of this day is now overshadowed by the non-religious customs associated with it. These customs seem to suit our needs perfectly.

"Valentine's Day is another example of popular society twisting the real meaning behind a legitimate holiday to satisfy its own immature and materialistic whims," one anonymous senior said.

Valentine's Day does, however, allow people to

express deep and sincere feelings toward others without being regarded as hopeless romantics.

"Valentine's Day is a day when you should extend yourself that much further to let friends and loved ones know how much you care," senior Eric Reno said.

However, some of us just aren't romantic types. Perhaps you've thought to yourself, "Sure, a card or a flower would be nice... but no, forget it." That attitude is okay. There is nothing wrong with needing a little extra nudge.

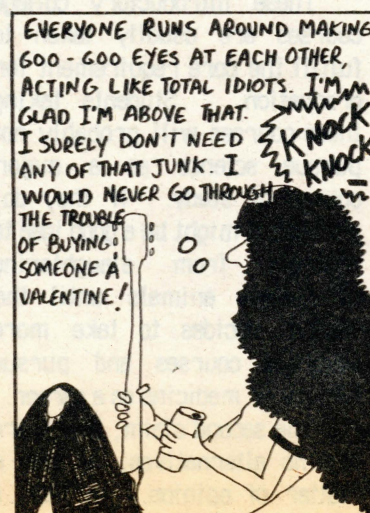
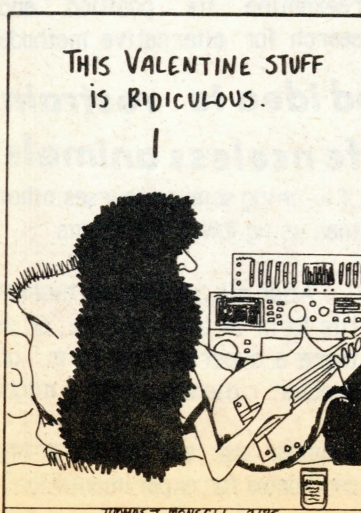
Of course, there are those of us who cannot make heads or tails of the whole idea of Valentine's Day. These people don't need an excuse to express themselves. They'll do it whenever they feel it's right.

But I bet those people feel pretty special when a pink and red Hallmark card is slipped underneath their door from someone who cares enough to send the very best.

It works both ways. Valentine's Day is a day most of us look forward to and enjoy making special for someone.

by Thomas Monsell

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Freshman Biology

To Kill or Not to Kill?

by Mary Jo Golden

As you walk through the third floor hallways of Stark Learning Center, you notice an odor that is not particularly pleasing to most students. It is an odor to which some freshmen will become accustomed. Although you try to escape from the smell, curiosity causes you to glance quickly into the labs as you pass by. Inside, students can be seen hunched over trays containing lifeless forms.

"...it is only fitting that students study animals to get a better understanding of how different organ systems function together."

The odor is that of tissue preservative, and the students are freshmen biology majors who are dissecting fetal pigs as part of their laboratory exercises.

Dissections are an essential part of a biology major's education. Since biology is considered to be the study of life, it is only fitting that students study animals to get a better

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understanding of how different organ systems function together.

When the organ systems can be seen and their interrelationships understood, other areas such as physiology (the study of organ function) and histology (the study of tissue structure) can be discussed.

Other topics discussed may include the body's response to varying external factors of the effects of disease.

Occasionally, an animal is sacrificed in order to demonstrate a principle that cannot be seen in a preserved specimen. In all cases, the procedure is done humanely so that the animal does not suffer unnecessarily. Seeing the actual

process rather than reading about it often benefits the student.

Besides aiding in understanding course material, the use of animals in freshman labs also gives biology majors some exposure to the work that they will be doing after they receive their undergraduate degrees.

Most biology students are interested in careers either as health professionals or as researchers. Those interested in the health sciences will benefit from labs dealing with animals. They will get an idea of what human anatomy is like because mammalian systems are very similar to each other. Those students interested in pursuing graduate degrees through research may be spurred on by some aspect of an animal's anatomy or physiology, an aspect that could spark an interest to do research in that area.

Some animal enthusiasts believe that animals should not be utilized for educational purposes. It is, however, probably the best means of

instructing students. Processes that are necessary for even a basic understanding of the healthy functioning of an organism often cannot be demonstrated in specimens such as plants or bacteria.

Plants are also living organisms but no one seems to be in a hurry to organize an S.P.C.P. (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Plants). Granted, plants do not have as well-developed nervous systems as vertebrates do, but

"Occasionally, an animal is sacrificed in order to demonstrate a principle that cannot be seen in a preserved specimen."

they do have some utility, providing oxygen needed to sustain life.

Other animals, such as worms or starfish, are sometimes used, but they also do not have the complexity necessary to demonstrate the higher life processes.

It is for this reason that we must look at higher-order specimens. The difficulty comes in determining where to draw the line. How highly developed

should the animal be before it should not be used for educational purposes? Obviously, for a freshman lab, humans are too far along the phylogenetic scale, but the fetal pig is adequate for a demonstration of mammalian systems.

As the freshmen biology majors work to learn as much as they can about the animal in front of them, they begin to ignore the smell of preservative. The connections between the

functions of the heart and lungs become clearer to one student. Another student, already thinking of becoming a physician, is eager to go on to more complicated animals.

Outside the laboratory, non-biology majors are intent on escaping from what looks like a scene from a horror movie, and some are unaware of the benefits that can arise from this learning experience.

by Robert J. Boyle

It wouldn't be true to say that all the scientific research and experimentation involving living creatures is without worth, but it can be said that a great deal of it is nothing more than the senseless and unethical wasting of precious animal lives.

Critics of the latter statement are quick to point out that tremendous medical knowledge and improved lifesaving techniques have been derived from these experiments, and I agree. But this is not where I see the injustice.

"In fact, the student could certainly learn more from examining a living frog than from ending its life."

What I question is the use of laboratory animals in basic and introductory science courses.

I believe this is unnecessary torture and slaughter and should be stopped. However, it would appear that the academic community disagrees with this assessment and recognizes these

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unproductive experiments as having a purpose.

After a 20-minute interview with a respected member of the Wilkes College biology department, I came away with three reasons for this type of experimentation.

First, the professor explained, "It is important the student understand that by direct experimentation he can be positively sure his results are

factual."

Second, the professor stated, "The use of laboratory animals becomes necessary because there are no alternative methods to illustrate various biological laws."

Third, he felt that these experiments make science

courses more interesting and intellectually stimulating.

The first point, which implies that a student can only learn through direct experimentation, is simply a matter of opinion. I cannot see why a biology instructor teaching an introductory science course could not ask the students to accept the results of experiments conducted many times before. After all, what is at stake here is the life of a living creature.

These introductory college courses are usually taken to fulfill the core requirement for graduation. Students taking these courses will probably not pursue science as a major course of study. If they do, perhaps it might be a good idea to restrain from slaughtering defenseless animals until the student decides to take more advanced courses and pursue biology or medicine as a career.

The second claim, that there are no alternatives, is also a matter of opinion. In fact, a recent Newsweek article

examines the new, ever-expanding uses of the computer as a learning tool in the biology lab.

The article reported that a computer firm called Scholastic Incorporated is presently marketing "Operation Frog." This computer program simulates dissection by projecting the color image of a frog and various dissecting instruments on a display terminal.

The student uses the computer controls to choose the proper instrument and remove the desired organ, which is

"...it might be a good idea to restrain from slaughtering defenseless animals!"

similar in size, shape and sequence of removal to that of a real frog.

After the "frog" is completely dissected, the student reassembles it, and the frog hops away. This unfortunately only happens on a computer screen.

Finally, the professor's last

claim is less valid than the first. How he sees the execution of a lower life form as interesting or intellectually stimulating is beyond my comprehension.

I believe a student's interest could be maintained by the use of Scholastic Inc.'s new computer program or even by the use of a detailed video. In fact, the student could certainly learn more from examining a living frog than from ending its life.

I would like to encourage the academic community to reexamine its position and search for alternative methods

of teaching science courses other than using lower life forms.

After all, is man the highest life form in the universe, or is there a superior life form on another planet who might

consider our species as prime candidates for experimentation?

Valentines

Roe,
Happy Valentine's day to the girl who is the key to my happiness and the most important person in my life.
Love Eric

Cheryl,
We at the Beacon would like to express our deepest thanks to you for everything you've done for us and everything you continue to do for us. Happy Valentine's Day.
Everybody

To Billy,
A year and four months and you still blow my hair back. You're the best.
Love ya Linnie

Hap,
You are so "special" to me that words could never describe how much I LOVE YOU!

Tom,
You've made me feel so great again. Thank you for proving how much I mean to you. We've been through a long haul but every day is just a growing and learning experience which can only make us stronger in the end. Let me make life worth living! I do love you.

4-EEBA,
Cathy

Cathy,
I'll always be a rich man as long as I have you.
I love you, Tom

Dear Chrissie,
Another year? It's hard to believe! Happy Valentine's Day, cutie. I love you.

Chris

To the ENGINEERING CLUB,
As long as we know the basics we don't need to go wrong.
The KOOK

To the VW boys of Evans Four, your cars may be hot but soon there will be something hotter!
The Cellie!!

Marc Graves and Mickey Lockwood score some points with us and be our Valentines!!!!
Love,
Your two favorite fans.

Paul,
Thanks for always being there when I need you! You're the best thing that ever happened to me!
Love you, Perri

Dear Halfpint,
Thank-you for saying "yes." I guess that we'll be spending a lot of valentines together!!
Love your bestest buddy

Dear Dave,
You're my inspiration and you'll always be my number one guy. Happy Valentine's Day. Love you always and forever.
Debbie

Frannie,
You have been here for me in times of happiness and times of tears. I want to thank you for being a true friend.
Happy Valentine's Day,
Love Paula

Alison B. I LOVE YOU!

P.S. "HEY BABY I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY!!!"
Love TEX

To my main person,
You are my life blood, I need you to need me and I need you to love me. I need you to always be true and I need you to get my head together. You will make me a success, never lose your faith in me and us.
Love your main person

Randy R.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, me

Tony D.
Happy Valentine's Day!

To you know who,
You're a dead man.
from you'd better know who

To Leona,
"YOU"
People may come,
And people may go
But then there is only one you.
The individual snowflake
who is unique in many ways,
In tenderness, beauty and virtue,
All of which make up you
When I speak
you understand
When you smile
I just melt.

Your radiance is way beyond compare,
and your beauty,
I bask in when near.
My thoughts of you,
Fill both night and day,
not only of you,
but of the time spent together
All of each I would not trade
for all the wealth of the world.
You have touched my life
in oh so many ways
by just being you
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love

Aarron

Anne Elizabeth,
The days are many since I saw you last
I cannot escape this past
I only wish you the best
for you deserve it
It is over a year since we last spoke
It may be over
But the feelings are still there
They shall never die
but live through all of enduring time
I am here
and you are there
Even though we are through
I just want you to know
that I still think of and miss you
Happy Valentine's Day
Love always, T.

Hey Weiss Hall,
I love you all a lot!

Love Cathy Mc

To all,
Never trust anyone.
From noone

Cathy,
My love is sincere and always has been.
Love forever,
Tom

I love you one, two, eight, "TEN" times as much as I did yesterday, but not half as much as I will tomorrow.
WHERE YOU IS MMMMMMMMMMMMMMM STEPHEN?
Love Pakey

My dearest Donna,
Many can say and many can write, but nobody can boast of the love of my life. I'll love you always.
John

Dear Diane,
My first Valentine to you is a beginning to have no end. I LOVE YOU. Oh and by the way, thank-you too.

Dingy,
Let's have babies and hear them chirp in the mornin'! I love you and can't wait to live in "our house!"
Forever Yours,
Coo Koo Ka Choo

To the MAGNET,
I'm really "attracted" to your magnetic fields! I wish I were a piece of metal!!
Love your basketball sweetheart!!

Dear Grüdy,
Valentine's Day wouldn't be the same without you!
I love you,
Mrs. Grüdenolf

John,
Happy third Valentine's Day together. I love you very much.
Always, Sue

JOE BIRD,
I just love those baby blues of yours! You can pump gas for me anytime!
The girl with the big ???

Johnny:
I love you lots and lots and then some! Be my Valentine now and for always!
Love always, Donna

Hey Honey Bunch,
I love you... I love sharing every part of my life with you, whether it be a smile or a tear, it's all very special to me.
Happy Valentine's Day Babe!
Love Gail

To the WACKER,
I am dying to meet JOJO! Let's get together at DOMINO'S and we'll see how well you deliver! 30 minutes or less?

Henry,
Roses are red, violets are blue, someday I'll get even and fart on you.

I love you Mabel

To the Gentlemen of 391,
Thank you for letting us "clear the tracks" into your hearts!!
Karen, Becky, Ann & Judy

Dear Koo kuu ka Choo,
You are one of the world's biggest knuckleheads and you do some of the most knuckleheadish things that have ever been seen by human beings but you're my knucklehead and I am very deeply in love with you.

Love your Stu Stu

Harvey,
Can't wait until we can be together always. Hugs and kisses and all that. I love your owner.
Forever, Virginia

"Kapitch," "GiGi," "Jolly Green," "Flo," Thanks for everything.
Happy Valentine's Day,
Love Snake, P.S. "Hey baby, I wasn't born yesterday!"
JOE BOND,
You're definitely my favorite 007! Why don't you ever call me?

The unknown cheer leader!!

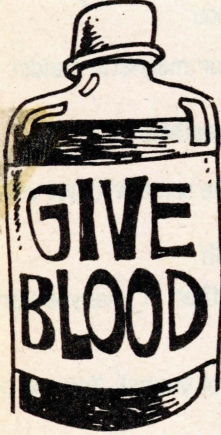
WHERE'S TOMMY "A", WHY ISN'T HE PLAYING?

Astronomy Club Formed


An astronomy club was recently formed on campus. The club hopes to bring together students and people from the community who share an interest in astronomy. Meetings are tentatively set for Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Wilkes observatory, SLC room 448. The astronomy club will utilize the college's facilities, which include the observatory, a Questar 7 telescope, a 13-inch Odyssey telescope, eight-inch and six-inch reflectors and a number of smaller telescopes. Two classes on Practical Astronomy are currently being offered on campus, but it is not necessary to be enrolled in one of these to become a member of

the club. No membership fee will be charged. For further information contact Peter Lamb, adjunct professor in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department, at ext. 247. "This is an excellent opportunity for the students and the community," said Lamb.

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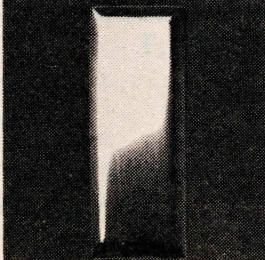
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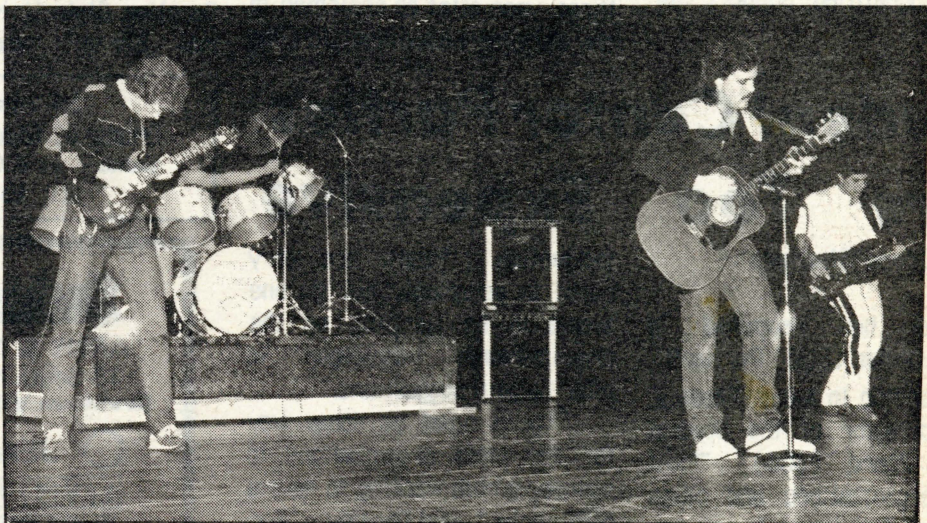
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Paul Adams, Tracy Wilcox, Denise Wilcox and Walter George, all Little Brothers and Sisters, performed.



"Perfect Stangers" members Kurt T. Bone, Mark Sarisky, John Bruzoski and David Frey.

Stan Giza of "The Perpetrators" led the group to a second-place finish (above).

And on With the Show.....



Chicago II took first place at Sunday night's talent show (above).
Lisa Paddick of "Private Heaven" (right).



All photographs by Mark Radabaugh.

New Ed. Secretary Wants Department

(CPS)-- William Bennett, President Reagan's January 10 nominee to become the next U.S. Secretary of Education, can't seem to get education officials around the country very excited.

While there is no violent opposition to Bennett, who made headlines late in 1984 by releasing a report decrying the deficiencies of college humanities courses, there is little unqualified support for him.

Most of the educators around the country contacted by College Press Service to assess Bennett's probable impact on federal college programs and the Department of Education displayed a "wait and see" attitude.

Some worried about the nominee's commitment to equal opportunity because Bennett refused to establish racial hiring quotas during his three-year stint as chairman of the National Endowment for the

Humanities (NEH).

When it comes to the biggest challenge likely to face the new secretary--protecting education programs from the radical cuts weighed by the Reagan administration itself -- most of those who know Bennett are confident.

"Dr. Bennett has a great stare-down capacity," recalls Robert Bryan, Philosophy Department chairman at North Carolina State University, who met Bennett when he was

associated with NCSU. "He'll fight."

He will most likely have to fight to keep his department open.

In announcing Bennett's appointment, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan remains "committed to the goal" of abolishing the department and has directed Bennett to recommend how to do it.

"I don't think Bennett will dismantle Education," says Roger Abrams, Claremont (Calif.)

College professor and former NEH consultant.

President Reagan also directed Terrel Bell, the current secretary, to dismantle the department. But Bell, who is leaving to resume teaching at the University of Utah, did not push abolition in Congress. Congress would have to approve junking the department.

If Bennett does preserve the department, observers believe his humanities background could change its direction.

Student Center Parties Are Too Expensive

by Cress Shillers

What has happened to Student Center (SUB) Parties?

According to Karen Cassidy, social director of the Student Center Board (SCB), "Most small organizations and clubs don't have the money to sponsor one."

A sponsor must buy a minimum of 60-75 lbs. of cold cuts, provide an "adequate" supply of soda (approximately five cannisters), pay six security guards at \$20 per guard and two disc jockeys at \$25 each, rent the stereo equipment, put down a damage deposit of \$50, and buy decorations.

"It seems the organizations are not into sponsoring activities, especially when they find out how much they cost and that they can't make money," said Cassidy.

So far, only one SUB party is scheduled for this semester-- Feb. 22. It will be sponsored by the SCB to benefit the Ethiopian cause.

Kathy Hyde, personnel director of the SCB, said, "The few organizations that have enough money to sponsor parties seem to have a severe lack of

motivation. People are very quick to complain, but no one seems to be jumping on the organizational bandwagon to offer helpful suggestions."

"There must be some way for the main organizations to sponsor a club wanting to have a SUB party," said Cassidy. "For example, last year IRHC subsidized brother/sister dorms who wanted to have parties."

The SCB urges any organization or club interested in sponsoring a SUB party first to seek subsidation from a major organization and then to contact Karen Cassidy at ext. 116 to schedule a date.

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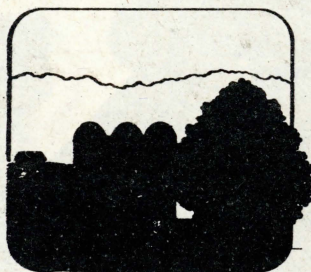
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Sidelines

A Winter Wonderland

As Bing Crosby once sang, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow." Well, we finally got what we've been praying, pleading and waiting for--snow. (Some of you might have been dreading it.)

The skiers, as well as the ski resort and ski shop owners, are in seventh heaven. The winter season is finally in full gear, and I am one person who is going to enjoy it to the fullest.

Right about now is when everyone (well, almost everyone) notices that he has put on five or 10 pounds. Whether it came from eating too many Christmas cookies, as it did for someone I know, or just from too much lying around the house, we all can pinch that little inch.

As last week's editorial pointed out, Wilkes has no activities director, so it's up to us to plan activities to lose those extra pounds.

So what's the solution to getting rid of that little inch? How about an afternoon of downhill skiing or an evening of twilight skiing? You may say, "I don't know how to ski" or "I don't like to ski."

Well, how about taking a lesson? Lessons are already included in most of the SCB ski trips to Elk Mountain as well as in Mrs. Meyers' P.E. ski class on Thursday afternoons. Or maybe you'd prefer to try cross-country skiing. Kirby Park is a perfect place.

Okay, so skiing isn't your bag. What about traying? You know, that nice little life-endangering sport. This sport doesn't cost you anything but a little pain. You simply find yourself a tray (BORROW one from the cafe, but remember what the word BORROW means) and a snowy river dike and bombs away, literally.

Traying can be great fun as long as you don't mind the soreness you have the next morning. If you do mind, what about ice skating? You can rent skates and skate at the Wilkes-Barre Ice-Arama. If you have your own skates and if the pond in Kirby Park is frozen, you're all set.

How about playing football in the snow or snow frisbee football, having a snowball fight to the death or joining a Winter Weekend team and working off

those pounds in one weekend of torture?

If you don't like the cold, you can still enjoy winter and work off those extra pounds. Intramural floor hockey, basketball and volleyball are all good ideas.

So you don't feel like physical exercise. Well, there is hope for you. You are actually burning calories right now reading the Beacon. Maybe you went to the Valentine's Dance. Well, you burned up some of those unwanted calories dancing. If you went to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Talent Show, you not only supported a great organization, you also clapped your way to better health.

Don't let winter slip by without trying some activity. It isn't healthy for us to keep those extra pounds. Healthy, hell. Just think how much complaining you are going to do when shorts weather rolls around. I can hear you saying, "I wish it were winter so I could wear pants; then no one would see my fat thighs and huge hips." I'll bet you say it some time this semester. I will!

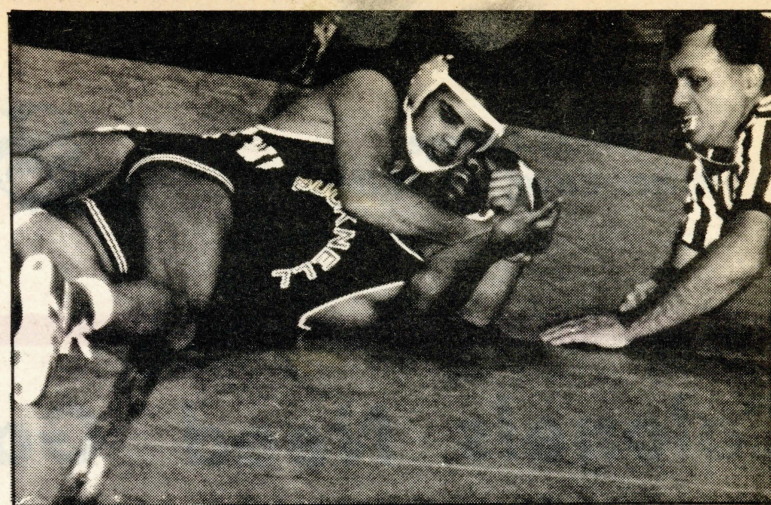


Photo by Eric Reed

Freshman Dennis Mejias turned his Bucknell opponent to score back points during his bout.

Feb. 15-17

14 Teams to Participate In WC Winter Weekend Fun and Festivities

Fourteen teams, including a faculty team, will participate in this year's All-College Winter Weekend Competition.

The competition will begin at 7:35 p.m. Friday night with volleyball in the gym and will continue at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Ralston Field in Kirby Park.

Saturday's competition will include the keg roll, the triple jump, bat spin, tug-of-war, obstacle course, the rope thread and foul-shooting while blindfolded.

The Pro D.J.'s from Philadelphia will provide music at Saturday's gym party, which will start at 9:00 p.m.

The swimming and canoeing events will take place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the YMCA. The volleyball finals will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the gym.

Closing ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night in SLC 101. Terms of Endearment will be shown at 8:00 p.m. in SLC 101.

The first-place team will receive sweatshirts, the second-place team will receive mugs, and the third-place team will receive hats.

The team showing the most spirit will receive flags, and the team with the best banner will receive keychains.

Do Schools With Winning Teams Actually Have Increased Enrollment?

(CPS)--Winning athletic teams are twice as likely to attract high school students to a college as deter them, but most students say winning teams are not a factor in choosing colleges, a recent survey suggests.

Fifty-four percent of college-bound high school seniors interviewed by the Jan Krukowski Associates marketing firm said that if all other factors were equal, a school's emphasis on supporting nationally-ranked athletic teams would have no bearing on students' college choice.

But among those who cared, 32 percent said they would be more likely to enroll at such a school, while 13 percent were

less likely.

The survey suggests that academically prestigious schools who hope sports success will attract a pool of brighter applicants are engaging in wishful thinking.

Survey director Leslie Weber found the higher a student's score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the less likely a winning team would be an attraction to the student.

About 58 percent of those with SAT scores higher than 650 said winning teams are not a factor for them.

Parents are the least likely to be impressed by athletic success. About 63 percent said it makes no difference.

Sports in Brief

February 12
W. Basketball Away
at Elizabethtown

February 13
Wrestling Away
at East Stroudsburg
Basketball Home
with Philadelphia College of
Pharmacy

February 16
Wrestling Away
at F&M
Basketball Away
at Juniata
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Competition

Gym Times Announced For Spring Semester

Prior to Spring Break:

Sundays: 9:30pm. to midnight
Saturdays: 1:00pm. to 6:00pm.
Fridays: 7:00pm. to 10:00pm.

Following Spring Break:

Sundays: 5:00pm. to 11:00pm.
Saturdays: 1:00pm. to 6:00pm.
Fridays: 7:00pm. to 10:00pm.
Mondays: 9:00pm. to 11:30pm.
Wednesdays 9:00pm. to 11:30

Weckesser Weight Room

Weekdays until 8:00pm.
Saturdays: 1:00pm. to 5:00pm.
Sundays: 2:00pm. to 6:00pm.

Please be prepared to show your ID card at all times. Eric Jacobs and Marc Graves will be in charge of the gym, while Jerry Scaringe and Pat Walsh will be in charge of the weight room.

Colonels Need Game to Clinch MAC Playoff Berth

by Janee Eyerman

The Wilkes College Colonels need a win over MAC foe Juniata College or a King's College loss to clinch an MAC playoff berth this week.

The Colonels dropped two of the last three games. Their overall record has dropped to 13-9 and is 9-6 in the MAC Northeast.

"We had poor shot selection;

we were out of rhythm. We lacked press inside at crucial times in that when Scranton missed a shot they'd get a second shot. We should be on the rebound," Bellairs said. "We lost our composure," Bellairs added.

Junior Dave Zapatocky dumped in 13 points in the losing effort.

Wilkes dropped its second consecutive MAC game Saturday to FDU-Madison 77-76.

Freshman Marc Graves had 12 points in the first half but was shut down by the Scranton defense in the second half.

"They didn't beat us, we beat ourselves," Bellairs said. The Colonels led the game at the halfway mark 26-25 but lost their composure in the second half and began playing sloppy ball.

The Royals of Scranton University came to Colonel Country needing a win to stay close in the MAC Northeast and walked out with a 69-53 victory.

That win gave Bart Bellairs' team a two-game lead over Scranton University heading into their match-up on Wednesday.

Eric Jacobs and Dave Zapatocky combined for 30 points in the Colonel's first game against Drew University. Wilkes won 80-54.

The Colonels led at halftime by 10 points but were outscored in the final three minutes.

In the last 1:35, the Colonels were down by one point and had two scoring opportunities but turned the ball over to FDU-Madison both times.

Junior Ken Yakobitis led Wilkes' scoring with 19 points. The Colonels went 24 of 26 from the free throw line but only managed 44 shots from the floor.

Wilkes plays host to non-conference Philadelphia Pharmacy tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. to finish up its home season.

Wilkes will take on Juniata College Saturday, February 16 and is looking to capture an MAC playoff spot.



Freshman Karen Liticia scored two points on a layup to help Wilkes beat Muhlenberg 91-73.



Photo by Eric Reed

Freshman Marc Graves sunk a jumpshot for two points in Wilkes' losing effort against Scranton, 69-53.

Charlene Hurst Needs 85 Points to Break All-Time Scoring Record

by Mauri Lawler

Hurst, who is 85 points away from breaking the school's all-time scoring record, has snapped a three game losing streak, and a six-game losing streak, and 1,671 point total.

The Wilkes College women's all-time scoring record, has scoring stand-out Charlene Hurst closed out her home college basketball career in style as the Lady Colonels defeated Muhlenberg College 91-73.

Hurst led all scorers with 30 points. Teammates Michelle Zawoiski and Diana Smith added 19 and 18 points respectively.

The Lady Colonels controlled the pace of the game as strong rebounding and a fast-break offense proved to be too much for the women of Muhlenberg.

Wilkes, 7-13 overall, will finish its season on the road against Lycoming, Elizabethtown and Juniata.