

Frosh Awarded Scholarship



WILKES STUDENT MEETS PRESIDENT FORD—Not many people have a chance to meet the president of the United States, but Wilkes freshman Mark Bohn had just that opportunity. Bohn, a Hahnemann major, met President Ford during the 65th Anniversary Celebration of the Boy Scouts in Washington D.C.

Bohn is shown above shaking hands with the President at the presentation of the "Boy Scout Report to the Nation."

While in Washington, Bohn also had the pleasure of eating breakfast with Congressman Flood.

Bohn Also Meets Ford In Scouting Ceremony

Mark Bohn, a Wilkes College freshman, recently placed third in a national public speaking competition and was awarded a \$450 scholarship. Bohn, a Wilkes-Hahnemann Major, also met with President Ford while participating in the 65th Anniversary Celebration of U.S. Scouting.

Bohn was one of twelve finalists from throughout the United States who competed in the Reader's Digest Association-Boy Scouts of America National Public Speaking Contest. The competition was held at the Boy Scouts of America's national headquarters in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Donations Stolen From Circle K Book Give-away

Recently, Circle K had \$20 stolen in their book give away located in the Old Pickering Hall.

A service organization, Circle K is conducting the book give away to aid the college by disposing the books, which were donated to the college after the flood and which cannot be utilized.

In addition, Circle K asked for donations from those who came to take books for the purpose of tot finder decals, which will aid firemen to locate areas where children could be found in the case of fire.

The money was found missing when upon closing, members of Circle K went to the various rooms where books are located to make sure everyone was out.

Upon return to the main room, the pail which was used for the purpose of donations was gone.

The theme of this year's contest was "Be Prepared for Life: Be Safe, Be Fit."

The contest was part of the Boy Scouts' 65th Anniversary Celebration and after the competition was held, the finalists traveled to Washington D.C. The decision of the judges was announced that night.

Prior to the competition, the finalists were treated to a two-day tour of New York City.

Bohn was among those who visited the White House to present the "Boy Scout Report to the Nation." He noted that he was "very aware of the prestige and awe of the office" as he stood in the President's Oval Office.

"One thing you notice," Bohn said, "is that the President is a man like everyone else, but with a lot more responsibility." He noted that many people think of governmental leaders as "super beings" and not as men capable of making mistakes.

Bohn lives in Mountaintop and has been active in the local Explorer Post sponsored by the Health and Hospital Planning Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He was elected president of the club after it started last year.

In September he entered and won the local public speaking contest using the official theme. He went on to lace first in the state contest held in Downingtown in October.

Bohn competed in the North East Regional competition in New York City in November and again placed first. This made him representative for the region, which includes all the New England states, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. This also made him eligible to compete in the national contest.

Germans Arrive Tomorrow For Visit With Students

BY ANDY PETYAK

Wilkes College will take on an international air tomorrow when eleven young Germans arrive for a one-week stay in the Wilkes-Barre area. Their visit is the second one to the area arranged under the direction of the Wilkes College German Exchange program.

The week-long visit to the area will include attendance at Wilkes College classes, several social affairs and visits to local factories and schools. The Germans will stay with the families of Wilkes students while in the area.

The group consists of nine students and two advisors. They live in the Zweibruecken, Rhein-Pfalz area of Germany. Students visiting Wilkes College include Ursulla Brill, Manfred Goller, Eberhard Hoppenrat, Doris Kramer, Christianna Myer, Peter Schulz, Walter Thaler, Monika Vogelgesang, and Werner Wilhelm.

Accompanying the students as advisors are Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Elrich. Mr. Elrich teaches English at the Neusprachliches Gymnasium in Zweibruecken.

The group will arrive tomorrow night and go directly to their host families' homes. Each of the visitors will receive a packet of information on Wilkes College, supplied by the Public Relations Office. The Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce also prepared packets containing information on the city and its surrounding communities.

On Saturday morning the Germans will visit the Gibbons Brewery in north Wilkes-Barre. They will tour the factory and see how beer is brewed. The company will treat them to lunch at the end of their visit.

A welcome party is planned for Saturday night. The party will allow the Germans and their host families to get together and become better acquainted in a relaxed atmosphere.

The Germans will have the opportunity to attend classes at Wilkes College on Monday with their host students.

The group will attend the performance of the Munich's Boys' Choir in the Center for the Performing Arts on Monday night. A reception will follow the performance and the Germans will have a chance to talk with their fellow countrymen.

Tuesday will be a busy day for the German students. It begins with a tour of the Gertrude Hawk candy factory in the morning. They will see chocolate Easter candy being made and packaged. The group will visit the Lackawanna County Historical Society's museum in Scranton later in the afternoon.

Various other activities are also planned during their stay in the area. They will be able to visit local schools, radio station WCHL, and have free time to wander around Wilkes-Barre and shop.

Next Friday the Germans will

leave for Washington, D.C. They will stay in Washington for the weekend, visiting the city's many historical sites and museums.

The Germans will return to Wilkes-Barre for one day. They will be feted at a farewell party. They will leave Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday.

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Concert And Lecture Series Presents Munich Boys' Choir

BY DONNA M. GEFFERT

The Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series will present the Munich Boys' Choir on Monday, March 17, at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts on its first American tour.

The famed choir from Germany will defend its international reputation in concert.

The Munich Boys' Choir, under the direction of Fritz Roths Schuh, was founded by him on March 7, 1952.

The choir is not attached to a boarding school and each boy lives at home with his family. Meeting for choir-practice three times a week means that most of the singers have to travel considerable distances from their homes so that membership of this choir requires perseverance as well as musical ability.

A form of Boys' Parliament is provided by the institution of the "Munich House of Lords" and the corresponding "Lords." A chorister is appointed by the Master of Choristers to either the "Lords" or the "Commons," where the youthful members enjoy certain honorary privileges and help the Master by advice and assistance.

The "House of Lords" also provides the secretaries, assistants and perfects of the choir.

The Munich Boys' Choir not only

gives its own concerts but also takes part in operas and aratories when called upon by famous conductors such as Eugen Jochum, Erich Kleiber and Rudolf Albert.

The choristers have participated in films and television programs. The numerous concert tours in Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Austria, Holland, France, Luxembourg, England, Ireland, and Turkey have made them known throughout France and Asia Minor.

The "Irish Independent" Review, Dublin, complimented the group on its style, remarking, "This is a splendid choir, — sensitive, musical,

and responsive — that has been created by Herr Fritz Roths Schuh. The choristers sing with a 'fullthroated ease,' precision and clarity. They have splendid sense of discipline, but also retain their sense of youthful spontaneity."

The choir will perform selections from Schumann, Brahms, Lamy, Gabriel, and Humperdinck. An English-speaking compere will lead the audience through the program.

The concert is open to the public without admission fee as a community service of Wilkes College.

Editorially Speaking

The Resident Assistant

The male and female rosters of the resident assistant applicants will most definitely require some trimming to reduce the number to about one-fifth of the starting number.

This process will take careful thought and consideration by Housing Directors Lynn Jansky and Al Foderaro working closely consulting this year's staff. They will make their decisions by April 8, but we have heard that they might not fill all the positions at that time.

The responsibilities of the job are quite demanding and require as much attention as possible from the RA. At times he must act as a mediator, a counselor, a friend and a liaison between the administration and students.

It is also a job where the most popular RA might encounter difficulty in handling his residents. A popularity contest it is not. Many on this year's staff will admit that the compensation of free room and board is invariably outweighed by the number of headaches.

We believe that this year's staff, for the most part, is composed of responsible, level-headed individuals, many of who will be graduating this May.

And we now do believe that there are hardly a handful of names out of the current applicants worth mentioning to effectively handle the job. Eliminate all the freshmen and Hahnemann applicants, and the ones who are going through the motions and what is left is frightening.

Directors Jansky and Foderaro will undoubtedly have their work cut out and may need the help of a rabbit's foot.

The Sporting Outcome

For the Wilkes wrestlers, the prestige of owning a 1975 College Division III trophy will never again become a reality. As they rode home from Cleveland, their third place trophy didn't seem worthy enough because it wasn't symbolic of the sweat and muscle they exerted over their long six-month season.

To roll and strain on a wrestling mat seven days a week for about 24 weeks is a true test of an athlete's perseverance. And whether win or lose, the sport requires habitual discipline to bounce back from either an injury, a loss, or getting pepped for the next encounter following a victory. It is a sport where you are the only one to blame for failure and the only one to praise for success.

Somehow a wrestler here is not out to be a showman, but a performer, as over the long season they develop a sensitivity toward their work, much like an artist toward his painting. They are not out to prove anything to the fans, as their presence alone on the mat is proof of dedication.

A relatively young and eager team, the grapplers fostered five All-American wrestlers, plus two wrestlers that are College Division Champions, earning the right to participate in the University Nationals at Princeton, New Jersey this weekend.

Coach John Reese and team may be disappointed at the overall third place finish, but is an inevitable part of sports and of life.

Coach Responds To Cartoon

I would like to thank Paul Domowitch for his "cartoon" commentary published in the March sixth edition of the BEACON concerning the women's basketball team. Your view regarding "discipline" of athletic teams obviously coincides with that of many people from within the realm of sports as well as many individuals from without—such as yourself.

As the coach of the women's basketball team I do not feel it necessary to justify my handling of team discipline to you or to other "arm chair quarterbacks." However, I would like to use this opportunity to express my ideas and feelings about sport.

Admittedly, to be successful (in this context I am not necessarily referring to a win-loss record!) in sport as in other life endeavors one must possess discipline. However, I feel that discipline under these circumstances must be self discipline. Unfortunately, on occasion, extrinsic restrictions must be imposed; however, I feel that the bulk of responsibility for discipline rests with each individual. Discipline of the self should of course be encouraged and nurtured — but it must come from within. We are dealing with adult human beings — not objects to be manipulated as pawns in a game of chess.

I believe that people need freedom to grow. They need the opportunity to make decisions and to assume an active role in shaping their own lives. I feel this is likewise true in athletics. If we, as coaches or teachers, are unwilling to permit this to occur either on the athletic field or in the classroom, for fear of losing control or for other irrelevant reason(s), then I feel we must honestly reassess the goals of education and how they are to be realized.

Furthermore, I do not feel athletes should be "publicly admonished," harshly criticized or in any manner embarrassed. Their wearing tunics, kilts, or other athletic clothing does not metamorphose them into something less than human beings with feelings and dignity.

My teams, both in basketball and tennis are given the opportunity to make many decisions in regard to play, training, practice, and so forth and are encouraged to express freely their thoughts and feelings. The women's basketball team is growing, both from an individual standpoint and for those of you who are keeping score cards, in terms of a win-loss record — and I am proud of them.

Unfortunately, however, incidents occur or remarks are made which cannot be fully understood or

appreciated unless one is aware of and directly involved in that particular situation. Nevertheless, individuals from "without" put the pieces together and interpret things in terms of their own unique life experiences. Obviously enough, we are all guilty of this, particularly when we are unable to or unwilling to communicate with these individuals concerned and about whom we are passing judgement. Thus, we, in essence, obliterate the true significance of the situation because what we have connoted, is not what actually "is."

As sincere and genuinely concerned human beings, I feel it is our responsibility to communicate — to find out, in fact, what is happening, to share views, and to then make an honest judgement, if judgements are what we are about. But, not until this has occurred do I feel one should cast aspersions.

If I have somehow misconstrued the meaning or intent of your comments or if you have insightful observations which you feel you would like to express which may enhance the growth of our women's basketball program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Ms. S.L. Bloomberg
Women's Basketball Coach

Irate Players Angry At Sports Editor

Editor, Beacon:

As captains of the 1975 Colonelette basketball team, we would like to publicly state our opinion concerning the "absurd" cartoon that appeared in the Beacon on March 6, entitled "Discipline Problem?"

We feel the idea was in very poor taste, besides being publicized at a very poor time. At the time of publication, the Colonelettes were enjoying a three-game winning streak and were very excitedly looking forward to their first MAC Tournament at Franklin and

Marshall College. The "cartoon" certainly didn't add to that excitement.

It has been rumored that the creator of the so-called "cartoon" has stated that by witnessing one of our practices one would not be able to distinguish the coach from any member of the team because the team seemed to be running the practices.

In the first place, it is nobody else's business how our practices were being run. Coach Bloomberg was well respected by her team —

she offered her help, but she did accept suggestions from any of her players. It was more like a coach-team effort.

Secondly, the "cartoon-creator" would have never even seen any of our practices if he had been considerate enough to stay out of the gym during the hour and a half we were there. We always had trouble with the men's intramural basketball teams entering the gym before we finished, but this "gentleman" was always one of the first to burst through the door, ignoring all pleas from the team and Coach Bloomberg that he wait in the lobby until we were done.

Although there were only ten of us this year and we did not have a winning season, the Colonelettes played together — we won together and we lost together. We got to know each other pretty well and were probably one of the closest teams on campus.

In all of our years playing for Coach Bloomberg, we have known her to concern herself wholeheartedly with the team. Anyone who has played for her has felt a great deal of respect and a close feeling toward her. There has been no discipline problem on the team and we certainly don't feel that the team carried an "iron hand" over the coach.

We feel that the "cartoon" did absolutely no good. The only results were a few shocked basketball players, an upset coach, and a very satisfied sports editor.

We also feel the "cartoon" was very unnecessary and uncalled for. And to Paul Domowitch — "Research your information more next time and give some consideration to the feelings you might hurt."

Diane Jones
Dotty Martin

Editor's Note: For two people who want more reliable information, you sure listen to a lot of rumor. And don't blame me for losing the F&M game. I'm only "an armchair quarterback." (Miss Sandra Bloomberg, March 13, 1975).

What's Happening?

Thursday, March 13

Commuter Council Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in the Commons
NCAA University Wrestling Tournament, Princeton, New Jersey
Women's Intramural Volleyball — Gym — 5:45-9 p.m.
"Medea" — Marywood College Rotunda

Friday, March 14

Senior Class Movie
NCAA University Wrestling Tournament
Intramural Basketball
"Medea" — Marywood College Rotunda

Saturday, March 15

NCAA University Wrestling Tournament
Freshman Class Dance — 9 p.m.-midnight in the gym, "Red Delicious"
March 15-26 Janet Hines Art Exhibit, Conyngham Gallery
"Medea" — Marywood College Rotunda
St. Patrick's Day Party — Hotel Sterling — 8-1

Sunday, March 16

I.D.C. MEETING — 6:30 p.m.
Faculty Recital, Herbert Arber — CPA 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
Concert and Lecture Series — 8 p.m. in the CPA
Munich Boys' Choir of Germany
Women's Intramural Volleyball

Tuesday, March 18

S.G. Film — "The Point" in CPA, 7 and 9 p.m.
S.G. meeting — 6:30 p.m. — Weckesser Hall

Wednesday, March 19

IDC Lecture Series — "Career Opportunities" — SUB — 8 p.m.

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Just For Kicks

The "Just for Kicks..." column will be featured weekly in the BEACON to offer suggestions of things to do and places to go in the area. The idea for the column has been the result of my travels over the past year in a pursuit of advertisements.

BY PATTI REILLY

"I wanted to create a place where people could come to meet other people and just have a good time," explained Joe Vispi owner of Vispi's Camelot Lounge in the Narrows Shopping Center, Edwardsville.

Vispi, who also owns several summer stock theaters in Ohio, considers the managing of the bar as "sort of a hobby." The decor of Vispi's is unique. It has been decorated in the theme of Camelot, which happens to be Vispi's favorite play.

Thick carpeting with velvet chairs, dark leather couches, small cocktail tables, larger game tables and rich gold curtains accent the fireplace. Vispi commented that the bar was decorated in a way that was most conducive to meeting people. He happily added that over 300 marriages have sprung out of Vispi's 17 year reputation.

The prices for drinks are comparable to any bar. Michelob and Budweiser beer are always offered on tap; however, no bottled beer is available. Homemade pizza is offered on Friday and Saturday afternoons — free of charge — in hors d'oeuvre size pieces. It is delicious.

A very elaborate stereo system provides dancing music, although the dancing floor is so crowded on Friday and Saturday nights that you can't help "bumping into someone." Vispi's is open 6 days a week from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. The dress is casual although jeans are not generally seen.

Irish Feast

On St. Patrick's Day green champagne will flow from Vispi's fountain along with lots of green sandwiches for everyone, just fringe benefits for the clientele. "It's fun to celebrate special holidays," explained Vispi. As I looked around I was impressed with the elaborate Easter decorations — Easter baskets hung from the ceiling, with handmade eggs in them. Vispi confided in me that they had spent close to \$4,000 on their Easter decorations.

Vispi likes to share a bottle of champagne and a birthday cake with his patrons when they are celebrating a birthday. I was amazed how Vispi seemed to know most of the people in the lounge on a first name basis. He was genuinely interested in everyone.

In a day when everyone seems to be out to rip the public off it is nice to know that you can go to a place like Vispi's and just have a good time.

As I was leaving the lounge, Mr. Vispi commented that the drinking age in the state of Pennsylvania probably will be lowered to 19 years of age with the commencement of the next state legislature.

Campus Poetry

Editor's Note: It has come to the attention of certain individuals that the students, faculty, and administration are not being heard — talently speaking that is.

We feel the Wilkes College Family is hiding their potential. "Poetry Corner" was initially established for prose, verse, poetry, thoughts, words of wisdom or musical notes from the family members.

Now is your chance. Don't be afraid! Start submitting today — at the BEACON office, 11 to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Shawnee Hall, or at the Public Relations Office, 3rd floor Weckesser Hall.

Here are a few passages from "Ecclesiastes" to inspire you —

"What is there of real permanence that a man gains by all his trouble and effort during his brief lifetime under the sun?"

"There is nothing new under the sun."

"The eye is not satisfied with its seeing, nor the ear filled with its hearing."

"Oh, what miserable futility God himself has subjected the family of man to!"

"For in much wisdom is much grief, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow."

"But when you looked at all my hands had achieved, and though of all the time and effort these achievements had cost, it was clear that all of it was emptiness and grabbing at the wind. For there is no value that lasts under the sun."

"I know that whatever God does is unchangeable; nothing can be added to it, nor anything subtracted from it. God alone brings all things about in order that men should humble fear him."

"It is a fool who folds his hands and lets his own flesh waste away."

Very Interesting...

BY SANDY AKROMAS

"Historically, the most active women have been the ones most dedicated to democracy — that is, the fulfillment of the U.S. democratic experience. The men just talked," claims Dr. John Furlow, a member of Wilkes College History Department.

Dr. Furlow, while researching on Glifford Pinchot, past governor of Pennsylvania, found that his wife, Cornelia Pinchot, was a more outstanding and controversial figure than her husband.

"After this initial investigation, I became interested because women have a different prospective on the ideas of America as the 'land of opportunity,' for the reason that they didn't have those opportunities," Dr. Furlow explained.

Why would a man become involved in women's history?

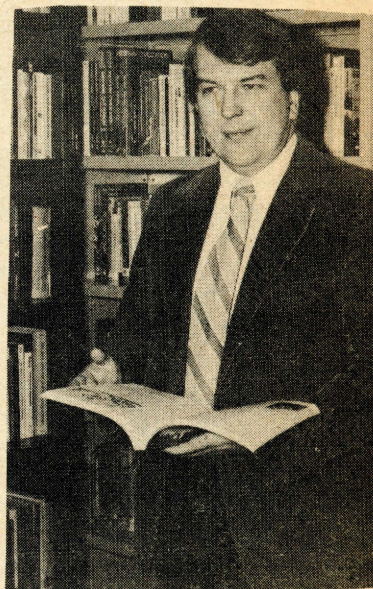
"I find women's studies endlessly fascinating . . . they are more enlightening and productive" revealed the history professor.

After these findings on Mrs. Pinchot, 'Pennsylvania History,' the journal under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, accepted his article, "Cornelia Bryce Pinchot: Feminism in the Post-Suffrage Era," for publication. Dr. Furlow is currently writing similar articles for a series, "Women in Pennsylvania Life."

"I think men should be involved in women's history as the women themselves . . . they can bring a different perspective to it," said the history faculty member. "Women can be understood by men and vice-a-versa . . . absolutely!"

Dr. Furlow feels the most crucial issue for women today is the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. "I am concerned however. It took a long time for women to get out of the dangerous jobs (coal mines, etc.), and now they want to go back to them for the sake of equality . . . I just don't see the reason for it," Dr. Furlow said frankly.

Now that women are more liberated, and want jobs that were



Dr. John Furlow

initially for males only, how is the job market?

"Women think the men's jobs are exciting, but they can be really dull. 'Going to work' can be hard, demanding, and boring. The excitement will soon wear off."

"But the economic outlook has changed this attitude in the respect that the man is considered more important as the role of the provider. Women's gains in the job market are practically non-existent. Also, women will be the first to go," stated Dr. Furlow. "Since jobs are getting tighter, and usually women are the last hired, they will be the first fired."

Dr. Furlow will offer a summer course dealing with women's studies.

Would a woman make a good president?

"Women have proved they can do a good job — even faced with incredible problems. (Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir, for examples). It might be good to have a woman's perspective towards our country's problems . . . a fresh look," feels Dr. Furlow.

Reif Calls For Student Action

On Tuesday a blue-eyed and pale-skinned young lady (from West Pittston, I presumed) asked me what I thought of the idea of having members of The Biological Society of Wilkes College try to break the record of pushing a four-poster bed continuously for four days and in doing so raise enough money to buy an electron microscope for the Department of Biology. On Wednesday another young lady with very dark eyes and dark skin (from Nigeria, I presumed) asked me to assign her to a faculty advisor as a major in biology, which I refused to do because in our short conversation I was sure that she did not understand what I was saying to her and I had difficulty in understanding what she was saying to me. These two incidents are related and the first suggestion I shall make, below, relates to that relationship, and it also has a bearing on many other aspects of campus life.

In my experience at Wilkes College I have seen many students come to Wilkes College from other

countries, with high hopes and sufficient ability, only to find themselves behind the eight ball because they were not well enough prepared in the use of the English language (as she is spoke in Wyoming Valley). My position on this subject has long been that Wilkes College does these welcome visitors a great disfavor by allowing them to start bona fide course work before they have demonstrated that they can follow lectures in English and that they can study in any manner rapidly enough to keep up with their classes. All of us at Wilkes College are happy to have these foreign students with us, and all of us benefit from knowing them; but too many of them have suffered too much because they have had trouble academically, practically all of the trouble's stemming from their difficulty with the English language. So what can be done about it?

Constructive Suggestions

My suggestion for today is, that instead of pushing a bed around for

days or even weeks, the same eager students comprise a team, and working one at a time, spend an hour a day drilling any foreign student who needed such coaching, in the use of English. The job requires a one to one encounter, with plenty of give and take, lots of repetition, and tons of good friendly encouragement. I'm sure I would feel a greater sense of accomplishment were I to help a fellow student get off to a good start than I would from pushing a bed to a world record. Incidentally, I know that some of the foreign students speak languages which are required at Wilkes College; this opens up the possibility of reciprocal benefits.

But let's take the idea a step or two further. Instead of swimming fifty laps for logies-on-the-bogies, or dancing three days for good old cerebral atrophy, why not be involved first-hand in a constructive project. Participation in a stunt to raise funds for something, which one thinks should be done, is a good way to keep the problem at arm's length.

Why should one do the hard work involved in really doing something about a messy problem when one can have good clean fun merely by raising funds instead? Why not let some other sucker do the hard work first hand?

Campus Courtesies

Now I know there are holes in this argument but let us consider what it would mean at Wilkes College were the students really to be involved. What can be done by the students on campus? Well, how about a little courtesy on the walks and in the halls and on the stairways? How about some consideration for the lawns on campus, as well as the trees? How about less littering? Why not stop the nasty habit of stomping out cigarettes on floors, rugs, and sidewalks? How about getting rid of the slimy graffiti on the walls of the toilets? How about stopping the goofing off in class? How about returning those books to the library, and how about making the library a place where one can study? How

about having the Clean Environment Club do something about cleaning up the campus, or maybe, just maybe, how about having The Biological Society do something biological?

I sound like a dreamer, don't I? Maybe so, but I think enough students on this campus agree with me so that some progress could be made. As citizens of the cold cold world, all of you are going to face the same problems and in the cold cold world those problems are going to make a difference in the quality of your lives. Why not learn to do something about solving those problems right here on this campus, at Dear Old Wilkes, here and now?

Charles Reif

Notice

The Russian Chorus is taking a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico from April 1-8. Cost is \$259 per person which includes airfare and room. Everybody is welcome. See Mr. Serzan, Kirby 205 for details.

SG Election Platforms

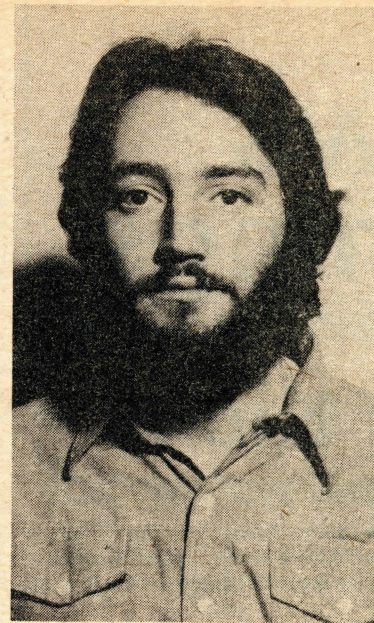
Stark Views SG Direction

The college exists for the student, but very often we, as students, find fault with the institution and are unaware of the proper channels to go through in order to express our desire for change. One of the most influential bodies on campus is our Student Government. As students, we are represented in this body by twenty-four elected members, six from each class, and an executive council, all acting under the President. Recently, we expressed our choices for Student Government members through class elections; now we must choose our President in an all campus election.

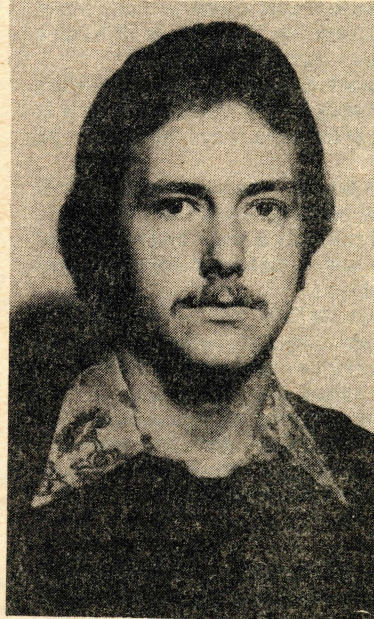
Before voting, it is very important that we know the qualifications of our candidates, and the prospective plans he has to offer. I feel that my past experiences with campus activities qualify me for the position of Student Government President.

The direction I would like to see Student Government take in the coming year would be towards a more active involvement in academic problems, political enlightenment and social rechanneling. With the backing of Student Government, it can be possible to improve the finals policy and the current grading system. Becoming more involved with the Pennsylvania Student Lobby, will give us a stand on solving student problems and keep us aware of our situation as a student in this state. In regard to social activities, I feel that Student Government has for too long taken on the planning and responsibility of social events. The classes and the S.U.B. are just as aware of student social desires and equally capable of carrying them out.

In recognizing the importance of Student Government, we should also realize the significance of an effective Student Government President. As in any election, your choice is represented by a vote for the candidate you support. Please vote.



HOWIE STARK



ED ZABORNEY

Zaborney Looks To Future

It is my opinion that an effective Student Government President must have certain abilities and capabilities. He must be aware, sensitive to needs, able to listen, able to communicate, and able to direct. He needs, too, the resources with which to work, the cooperation of the faculty and administration, and most important, unity among the students.

In past years, several proposals have been introduced to Student Government, along with ideas of my own that I feel would be of benefit to the students, but to date have not been implemented. Among these, I intend to pursue the adoption of a decimal grading system, the publication of course requirements and course descriptions, immunity from finals for the students having a 3 or 4 average in any particular course, the possibility of a "pass-fail" system for certain courses, a survey of both residential and commercial parking which Wilkes students could take advantage of, and the physical improvements of the Student Union, possibly to the degree of abandoning Church Hall and constructing a new facility — this concept at least requires consideration and planning for the not so immediate future.

It is not my intention to promise implementation of all of the above proposals within the next year. Realistically, no candidate should make promises to such an effect. However, I do feel that these are strong and sound concepts which must be actively pursued now. And with your support, improvements such as these can become an actuality.



WILKES IRA PRACTICAL—Under the guidance of Andrew Shaw, Jr., director of the Institute of Regional Affairs and adjunct professor of the Political Science Department at Wilkes College, several Wilkes seniors will begin their Practicum in various local agencies.

The political science majors must have as prerequisite at least four courses in Political Science and Urban Studies. Participants in the program are, from left to right, first row: Robert Milmoie, West Orange, N.J., Wilkes-Barre Industrial Development Corporation; Robert Spinelli, New Hartford, N.Y., Luzerne County Recreation Board; Harold Lewis, Wyoming, Luzerne County Transportation Authority; and Hugh Richards, Pittston, Luzerne County Planning Commission.

Second row: Frank Lagola, Rahway, N.J., Wilkes-Barre Industrial Development Corporation; Brynley James, Indian Mountain Lakes, Wilkes-Barre Development Agency; and Joseph Leone, Rahway, N.J., Economic Development Council.

Third row: Robert Howes, Little Falls, N.J., Economic Development Council; Robert Diddlebock, Harvey's Lake, Wilkes-Barre Development Agency; Janice Yarrish, Forty Fort, Kingston Borough Manager's Office; and Brian Finn, Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board.

Fourth row: Edward Gorski, Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre Planning Commission; Vincent Matteo, Wilkes-Barre, Economic Development Council (Railroad Task Force); and Andrew Shaw.

Marcy's Resignation Prompts A Meeting

BY CHRIS PANTELAKOS

The Executive Board of the S.U.B. has called an emergency meeting today in Weckesser Hall to deal with the resignation of Tom Marcy, its Treasurer, and to discuss the future of the Coffee House circuit.

In a letter to the S.U.B., Marcy stated that his resignation was to be effective as of Wednesday, March 5. He stated that personal problems have prompted his decision.

However, the Board did not accept Marcy's resignation as yet and has requested his presence at the meeting.

Bill Horan, director of the S.U.B., stated that Marcy will be expected to present a written financial statement on all activities that have occurred during his term in office.

Along with the report Marcy must answer any questions that the Board may ask of him. Marcy is expected to tell exactly why he did resign.

Horan said that if the Board accepts Marcy's resignation he will accept suggestions from Art Hoover and other members of the Board as to who will take his place.

With regard to the Coffee House

Circuit, Horan said that the Board will have to check its finances before any action is taken. He stated that if there is sufficient money in the treasury, he would like to hold two or three more Coffee Houses.

However, the S.U.B. has lost money on every Coffee House this year. Horan estimates this loss at somewhere between \$75 and \$100 for each affair.

He said the reason for this is that the Coffee Houses are not attracting enough people to cover the cost of expenses. The S.U.B. has to pay for the artist, his transportation, and his room and board for two or three nights. In addition, they have to provide coffee and doughnuts for the people attending.

Horan said that the S.U.B. is not out to make a profit on the whole thing, but hold the Houses for the benefit of the students.

NOTICE

Financial Aid Packages are ready to be picked up at the Financial Aid Office, Chase Hall.

Security Guard Catches Suspect

A suspect recently was apprehended for allegedly trying to break into Susquehannock Hall through a side door.

Andrew Adams, the guard from Del-Cap detective agency, apprehended the youth when he was making his routine check.

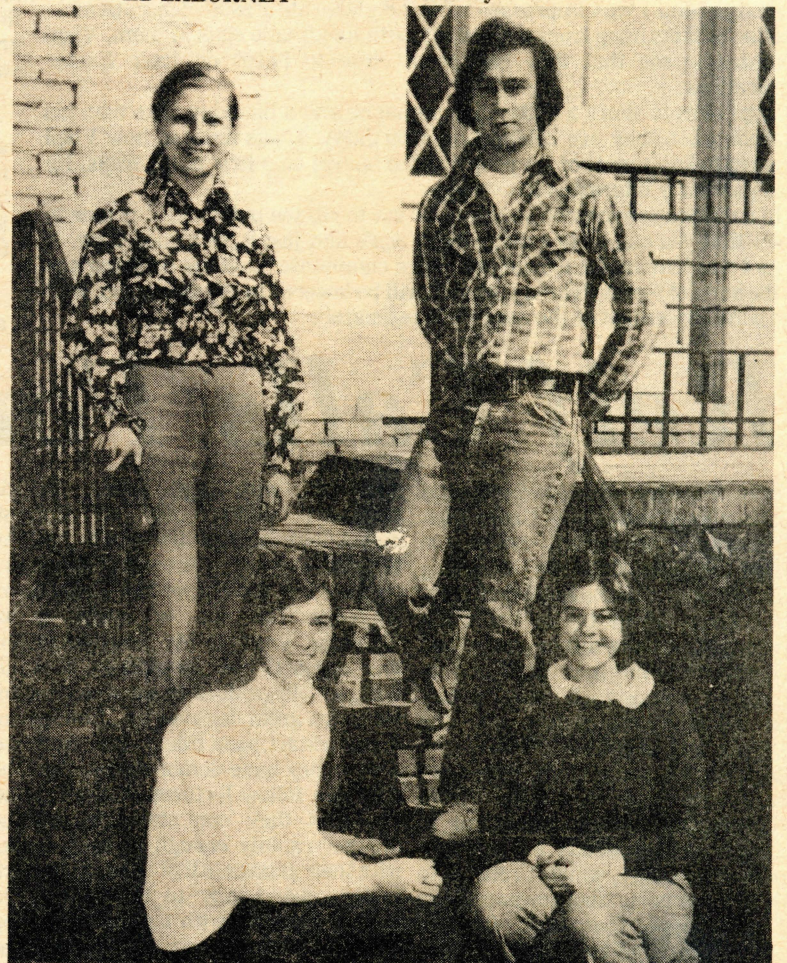
The suspect was caught with his belt unbuckled and his pants open.

Adams took the suspect to the security desk located in the lobby of Pickering Hall where guard Andrew Pappas notified Al Foderaro, Assistant Director of Housing, of the incident and then notified police who later arrested the suspect for the previous charges.

The suspect had an unofficial Wilkes ID in his possession, but investigation revealed that he is not a Wilkes student.

At a hearing before City Magistrate John Bednarz, the suspect said that he only wanted a Coke and was trying to get into the building. Bednarz turned the case over to the grand jury, where it is pending trial.

In an interview with Foderaro, he said, "Wilkes has been troubled with people just hanging around and with the capture and publicity it will show the public the good working security force that we have."



ATTENDING CONVENTION—Members of the BEACON staff are presently attending a Journalism convention at Columbia University in New York City. The annual affair offers a comprehensive program on all aspects of school newspaper as well as yearbook and magazine production. The meetings are being held today and tomorrow from 1 to 5 p.m. A luncheon on Saturday at 12 p.m. will end the event.

Attending the convention, from left to right, are: standing, Fran Polakowski, Georgetown, Conn.; Rich Colandrea, Springfield, N.J.; Patrice Stone, Wilkes-Barre; and Marianne Montague, Wilkes-Barre. Absent from the photo is Paul Domowitch, Wilkes-Barre.

Sterling Hosts Party

Tickets are currently on sale for \$3 for the St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by Commuter Council, the Inter Dormitory Council and the junior class. The party will be held Saturday evening March 15 from 8-1 a.m. at the Hotel Sterling.

A suggestion to change the place of sale for parking stickers from the CC office to the Student Union Building received little support from CC representatives.

CC sometimes finds it difficult to man its office during ticket sale hours. Although the SUB is set up for ticket sales, CC was not satisfied with its control. CC felt that the students and Park and Lock are satisfied with the current set up and did not wish to make matters worse.

CC recording secretary Jackie Pickering has been chosen as co-chairwoman of next year's Freshmen Orientation program.

Joe Kubicki, CC vice-president announced that the Winter Carnival weekend went "smoothly" at the White Beauty View resort. CC President Mike Stambaugh noted that the management has "invited us back again."

Tom Marcy has submitted his resignation as SUB treasurer. The resignation is not scheduled to be accepted until a review of the records occurs today.

In an attempt to improve the performance of CC, CC President Mike Stambaugh announced that "activities away from the meeting are just as important as the meeting." Stambaugh hoped that the Council's work would not stop after the adjournment of the meeting.

The criticism of CC was extended to the other campus organizations. CC vice-president Joe Kubicki stated that it is "not the responsibility of faculty, advisors and administration to get organized

IDC Sponsors Career Session For Students

The Interdormitory Council lecture committee will host a lecture discussion session with John Chwalek, Guidance and Placement director and Edward J. Wasileski, a publisher of career books. The session will be held in the SUB Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Information will be provided on how to choose a career and the factors to be considered. For those who have chosen careers specific information about various areas within a career will be given. Services provided by the Guidance office will be explained.

IDC representative Kerry McMann suggested a change in the IDC constitution allowing any dormitory student who is a "resident at the time of nominations and elections" to run for any IDC office except that of IDC president.

An IDC presidential candidate must have served two consecutive semesters and served on an IDC committee.



DEBATE TEAM ACTIVE—The Wilkes College Debate Union traveled to the University of Pennsylvania this past weekend to participate in the Thirteenth Annual Liberty Bell Tournament where it defeated a previously unbeaten varsity squad from Georgia State University, but fell before such power schools as Harvard University, Cornell and Rutgers University.

Those involved in the debate union are, front: Harriet Smith, Wilkes-Barre; back row: Bradford L. Kinney, debate director and advisor; Steve Esrick, Long Island, New York; and Anne Wall, Allentown; missing is Kim Witherow, Harrisburg.

The Wilkes debate program this year has been one of rebuilding. According to Kinney, "We really should not have entered this high caliber tournament as it is for top varsity teams — ours is strictly novice this year. However, the only way to learn is to get into the best competition as an active participant."

The Wilkes novice debaters are anticipating a bright future as they strive to regain national attention as a college with top rank honors in the area of Argumentation and Forensics.

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day, March 26 and travel to western New York state.

The group will visit Niagara Falls, a winery, and several other areas of interest. While in New York, they will also stay with American families.

The group's visit to the Wilkes-Barre area and to New York were completely arranged by Wilkes College students. The students worked under the direction of Dr. Edmund Watters and Ms. Margaret Thompson.

Among the Wilkes students arranging and planning the visit are: Nancy Goodman, Mariellen Scott, Sandy Akromas, Andy Petyak, William Colwitz, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Capper. Also working on the project are Joe Andrews and Darlene Stash.

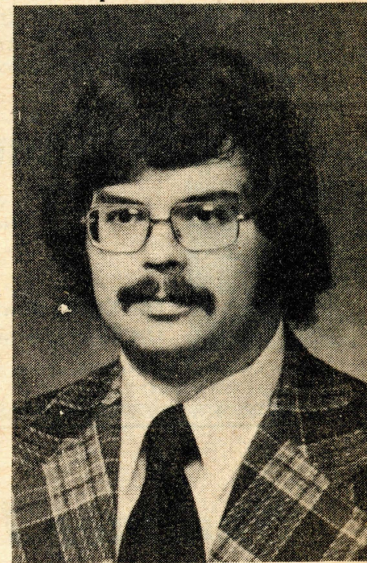
The Wilkes College German Exchange Program was designed to give American and German students insight into the culture and everyday life of both nations. Under the program, Wilkes students visited the Federal Republic of Germany. They stayed with German families and were able to experience firsthand the life of a typical German student. A tour of the Federal Republic followed the home stays.

Wilkes Chemical Society Celebrates Its 25th Year

An anniversary celebration to commemorate the Wilkes College Chemical Society's 25th year as an American Student Affiliate Chapter was held recently. A cocktail hour was held in the Annette Evans Alumni and Faculty House followed by a buffet in the Stark Learning Center Lobby.

The guest speaker for the affair was Dr. Eugene Goldberg, head of the chemistry laboratories at the Xerox Corporation. Edwin Hilinski, chairman of the affair, included on the guest list all chemistry majors that have graduated from Wilkes College, all American Chemistry Society members of the Susquehanna Valley Chapter and student affiliate chapters of neighboring colleges along with faculty members of various departments and members of several clubs at Wilkes.

The Wilkes College Chemical Society acquaints its members with various aspects of the chemical profession not attained in the classroom. The club takes field trips to industrial concerns; is instrumental in arranging for speakers to come to Wilkes; and co-sponsors an annual high school science exposition. Club members plan and execute a homecoming display, a college dance, various community service projects, and an annual picnic.



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Wilkes Students May Register To Vote March 19 On Campus

BY FRANK BARAN

Registrars from the Luzerne County Registration Commission will be located at the Student Union Building next Wednesday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to register Wilkes students to vote in the upcoming primary and municipal elections.

The registration drive is sponsored by Student Government and the Political Science Club.

According to the Pennsylvania Election Code, a person must meet the following qualifications in order to vote:

—Be at least 18 years of age on election day.

—Be a citizen of the United States for at least one month.

—Have resided in Pennsylvania for at least 30 days preceding the election.

—Have resided in an election district at least 30 days preceding the election.

Under these rules, almost every Wilkes student will be eligible to vote in the May 20 primary election, but only if they have registered beforehand.

The registration process takes only a few minutes. Some of the information which must be provided to the registrars include: name, address, age, length of residence, occupation, height, and weight. Also, the person registering must select a party preference (Democratic, Republican, or other party, or Independent).

Commuters, regardless of the municipality in which they live, may register at the Student Union Building next week. Their registration card will be placed in the file for their home municipality and they will vote in the election district nearest their home.

Dormitory students who wish to vote here rather than back home can also register next Wednesday. By

doing so, however, they automatically forfeit their right to vote back home until they return to their former residence. On election day, dorm students will be able to cast their ballots at the Wilkes College gym.

Contrary to widespread belief, there is no poll tax imposed on those registering to vote or those casting ballots on election day. However, several tax collection agencies do use voter registration rolls to send out notices for per capita, occupational privilege, and other personal taxes levied by municipalities and school districts. In most jurisdictions, only those residents over 21 years old must pay per capita taxes. Also, only those gainfully employed must pay the various occupational taxes. If the person already pays these taxes of his employer deducts them from his salary, registering to vote will not cause any increase in local tax payments.

The Political Science Club stresses the need for students to register to vote. In the past, many elections have been decided by very slim margins. For example, Lyndon Johnson began his national political career by being elected U.S. Senator from Texas by only 87 votes. The result of what is probably the closest

statewide election in American history is yet to be conclusively decided. According to the latest recount of the ballots cast in November, 1974, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senator from New Hampshire leads his Democratic challenger by only 2 votes. Locally, a home rule charter was adopted by Kingston Township in May, 1974, by a mere 14 votes.

In addition, the Political Science Club notes that local offices will be filled this year. Wilkes-Barre City voters will select candidates to serve under the new strong mayoral form of government which will be established as a result of the adoption of the city's home rule charter last November. Voters will elect numerous city, borough, and township officials, as well as many school directors and most district magistrates. On the county level, three county commissioners, a district attorney, and five other officials will be chosen.

Senior Al Dunn: A Fine Recital

In his Senior recital, Al Dunn proved what a fine musician he is. The recital, presented Sunday, March 2, offered a variety of musical compositions for solo trombone with piano or small ensemble accompaniment.

Dunn did not appear to be nervous. Even at the beginning of his first piece, Dunn's tone was clear and lacking any nervous qualities. His tone became clearer and brighter as the recital continued.

Linda Papatopoli played the piano brilliantly. Miss Papatopoli accompanied Dunn for four selections. For the other two pieces, Dunn was accompanied by two ensembles. In "Contra Punctus IX" by J.S. Bach, the ensemble included Glenn Landis, Mark Dubik, trumpets; Christine Brozusky, french horn; and Jeff VanArsdale, tuba. Barry Lindhorst, Don Williams, trombones; and Mr. Nutaitis, tuba, accompanied Dunn for "Sonata" by Giovanni Gabrieli. These people also showed their musicianship.

Every composition, especially Paul Hindemith's "Sonata" which was probably the most difficult piece of the program, was executed excellently.

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JUNIOR-SENIOR DINNER-DANCE—Spring is the time of year when everyone comes out of hibernation, shedding their winter coats to don their spring wardrobe.

To aid this process the Junior and Senior classes are sponsoring their semi-formal dance to open the season.

Joe Dettmore (left), Wilkes-Barre and Dave Kulick, Dallas, co-chairmen for the event, are shown with the mug that will be the favor at the dance.

The event, which has been worked on since January, will be held at the Treadway Inn on Saturday, March 22 from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Grande Ballroom will host the event with a buffet that includes sliced beef, lasagna, chicken Kiev and brown rice accompanied with hot vegetables, salad, assorted relishes, dessert, free beer and a cash bar.

Dancing will be to the contemporary sounds of "Somethin' Else," a local five-membered group.

The cost is \$10 per couple and tickets can be obtained in the bookstore or SUB.

Key members of the two classes who have aided Dave and Joe are: Polly Seleski, Vilma Schivano, Jim Costanzo and Fran Polakowski.

Wilkes Seeks An Author For Fall Semester Position

BY MARIANNE MONTAGUE

Wilkes College may add a well-known author to the faculty for the fall of 1975. Dr. Francis Michelini, Dean Robert Capin and Dr. Thomas Kaska have agreed to advertise for a writer-in-residence for the campus.

The author would be involved in meeting, discussing and instructing of students. Dr. Kaska projects the author will teach two courses; one in Creative Writing, and a seminar in a field in which he is interested, hopefully contemporary literature.

The writer will be available to students for consultation on their writing and it is hoped that he will give at least one public reading. Dr. Kaska feels "I'm sure I would be expressing the true emotions of the department if I said I was excited by it."

All of these plans are tentative until an author is approached. Wilkes is currently advertising for an author in the job listings of the Modern Language Association. The author will be here for only the fall semester and it is planned to engage a different writer every fall semester.

Funds for this program will come from the Allan Hamilton Dickson Chair of English Literature, which was created by Dorothy Dickson Darte, in memory of her father to promote advancement in the field of literature.

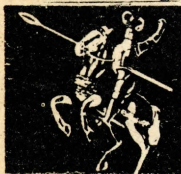
Dean Capin explains that there is a restricted endowment fund in trust to the college and the college receives income from it periodically.

It can be used primarily for programs to benefit the English Department.

In the past the fund has been used to finance the Wilkes College appearances of Hilary Putnam, Harvard philosopher of language in 1973, the Marlborough Theater Company Performance, and the May reading of American poet Denise Levertov. It has also been used to finance awards for English Composition and Debate.

Dean Capin feels the fund is very important to the school to advance the importance of the humanities. "We feel it should be used to enhance programming in the field of English and Literature that will be beneficial to as many students as possible, particularly those students in the English Department."

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'B' DIVISION CHAMPIONS—The Sons of Softee recently captured the Intramural Basketball League's 'B' Division championship, when it beat Miner Hall in the final round of the playoffs, 57-50. The members of the victorious unit include, first row left to right: Bruce Douglas, Skip Murray, and Bill Abrams. Second row, left to right: Jim Yosh, Don "Wooden" Nash, head coach of the Softeemen, Bob Partyka, and Bert Katz.

Shuskowski Hits For 23

Sons Of Softee Down Miner; Win 'B' Division Cage Crown

The Sons of Softee, behind a 23-point performance from center Joe Shuskowski, ran past Miner Hall last Thursday night 57-50 at the South Franklin Street gymnasium, to capture the "B" Division championship of the Wilkes College Intramural Basketball League.

It was Shuskowski's finest game of the season, and it couldn't have come at a better time as far as his teammates were concerned, who utilized an extreme height advantage to perfection in bringing home their first crown ever.

Miner Hall's two standouts, Chuck Suppon and Nick Lozorak connected for 15 and 14 points respectively, but it just wasn't enough to offset the Softeemen.

Ironically, Miner broke out to a quick five-point lead, on the shooting of Suppon and Lozorak. But Softee came battling back to take an 8-7 lead with 16:54 left in the first half on a 15-foot jumper by Bob Partyka, and were never again headed.

The Softee defense forced Miner to take several bad shots midway through the first half, and they surged to a 10 point lead, 21-11 on a tap in by Shuskowski.

Suppon and Lozorak again got the hot hand for Miner, however, and they battled back to within three on a bucket by Mark Bussolini with 3:30 left in the half. Shuskowski hit two free throws to extend the Softee lead to five once again, but Miner's Chrlie Sullivan and Jan Schwibner hit successive goals to close within one at the 2:50 mark.

Shuskowski then proceeded to hit on four more charity tosses, and Softee took a 34-29 lead into the lockerroom.

Miner managed to close within four points of their opponents on three occasions in the first eight minutes of the final half, but that was as close as they would come.

Up by eight with 13:35 remaining, Softee ran into some trouble, when forward Bob Partyka picked up his fourth personal. But Jim Yosh came off the bench and did a yeoman job as Partyka's replacement.

Miner guard Mark Omolecki appeared to be leading his team on the comeback trail with 8:45 left in the contest, when he stole the ball and made an easy layup. But Softee reeled off five straight points behind

Charlie Crawford and put the game away.

Miner attempted one last come-

back with three minutes to go, but Partyka dashed the dorm team's hopes with two straight buckets to ice the game.

Colonelettes Win A Pair But Succumb In Playoffs

BY NANCY ROBERTS—BARB LONG

Putting on some late season heroics, the Colonelettes cleaned up last week with two big wins at the cost of Albright and Bucknell University, but bowed in the opening round of the MAC playoffs to Franklin and Marshall. It was an all-out unified team effort that drove the Colonelettes to victory in the two back to back matches.

On Wednesday the Lions of Albright had all they could handle to keep from being blown off the court, as Wilkes pounded on offense, leading by as much as 25 points. Action saw Blue and Gold ace Dotty Martin putting in another inspired performance in leading her team with a 14 point effort. Coming in strong at the center position was sophomore Sharon Wilkes, with nine points and 12 rebounds.

On Thursday the Wilkeswomen traveled to Bucknell to put the Bisons away by a score of 65-54. It was a skillfully executed press that stifled the Bucknell squad and enabled the Colonelettes to make up for an early scoring deficit, and pull ahead.

Heading the attack was senior co-captain Ann Tracy, who played a brilliant defensive game and drove hard on offense for 12 points. Her counterpart of the Wilkes "one-two punch" was Anita Meehan, who was hot from the floor with 17 points.

It was a hard fought match which went down to the wire, as the Bisons charged back to within four with the clock showing five minutes remaining. But a determined Wilkes team answered the challenge with an even tighter defense and went on to upend their opponents by an 11 point margin.

On Saturday the Colonelettes' season came to a close on a losing vote, as the Blue and Gold lost to Franklin and Marshall, 53-41, in the opening round of the MAC playoffs in Lancaster.

By virtue of the setback, the coeds of coach Sandra Bloomberg ended the campaign with a 6-9 record. High for the girls were Karen Olney and Anita Meehan, with 11 and 10 respectively.

Sports Chatter

By Paul Domowitch

WHAT IF...?

WHAT IF...? These two words always seem to come up in the minds of players, coaches, and fans after heartbreaking losses. What if I had made that foul shot, or what if I hadn't swung at that high pitch? What if I had kept the football, instead of throwing it up for grabs?

Last weekend, coach John Reese and Co. had an entire WHAT IF list of their own, after a disappointing third place finish in the NCAA's. There is nothing that can be done now to alter the chain of events that occurred on that snowy weekend in Cleveland, but the what if's will still go on.

WHAT IF...Al Scharer had just backed off for another two seconds in his quarterfinal match against Montclair's Steve Caldwell. Scharer was winning 3-2, with five seconds to go, when Caldwell made a desperation attempt for Al's leg. He caught it, and down came Big Al, championship title hopes and all.

WHAT IF...Lonny Balum could have made that last move against Tim Borshoff work for a takedown in their quarter-final match. Down 6-5, with two minutes to wrestle, it came down to whether the blond 126-pounder could break down his Binghamton nemesis in time. The clock ran out on Lonny, as Borshoff hung on near the edge of the mat, to win it by one. Borshoff walked into the finals, but lost to Gettysburg's Craig Helmuth. Helmuth was beaten by Lonny in the MAC finals 4-3.

WHAT IF...Mike Kassab could have gotten that badly needed escape point against Albany's Larry Mims in their quarter-final match. Kassab had only to get out from under Mims in the first two minutes of the final period to take the lead, and prevent Mims from picking up a riding time point. Trying every move he knew, the sophomore from Clearfield still was not able to turn the trick, and the match went into overtime. Mike lost 5-0.

What if Montclair's Nabil Guketluy had not made weight prior to his semi-final match with Wilkes' Roy Preefer. Weigh-in time that Saturday morning was between seven and eight o'clock. At 7:57, three minutes before the deadline, Guketluy finally made weight, and went on to win Preefer in their match.

There are more...many, many more, but there are only so many pages to this newspaper. Lost dreams are salvaged by WHAT IF'S and what could have been's. But what actually happened, and what could have been are as different as night and day. But when thoughts of that eventful weekend come rambling back into your memory, repeat to yourself, WHAT IF...?

LEAR COMES THROUGH

One of the biggest stories of the tourney had to be the Colonel's Bruce Lear. Lear, who weights only 155 pounds at the most, made the trip to Cleveland, as the Colonel's 190-pounder, since Reggie Fatherly didn't qualify. Reese figures if the team score was close, Lear might make a difference. Well, in his first match, Lear went up against Binghamton's Bob Merz, who weighed almost 40 pounds more than Lear, and the scrappy youngster beat Merz 11-3.

In case you were wondering what happened to Elizabethtown's Eric Mast in last weekend's tourney, he was upset in the second round preliminaries of the 126-pound class by Victor Vorobieff of Chico State, 10-7. Vorobieff threw a cradle on Mast with 15 seconds to go, to follow through on up a five point move and win the match. Vorobieff didn't last too long after that. However, in the quarters, Montclair's Rich Numa beat him 25-7.

Drained Dry

By Jim Sanders

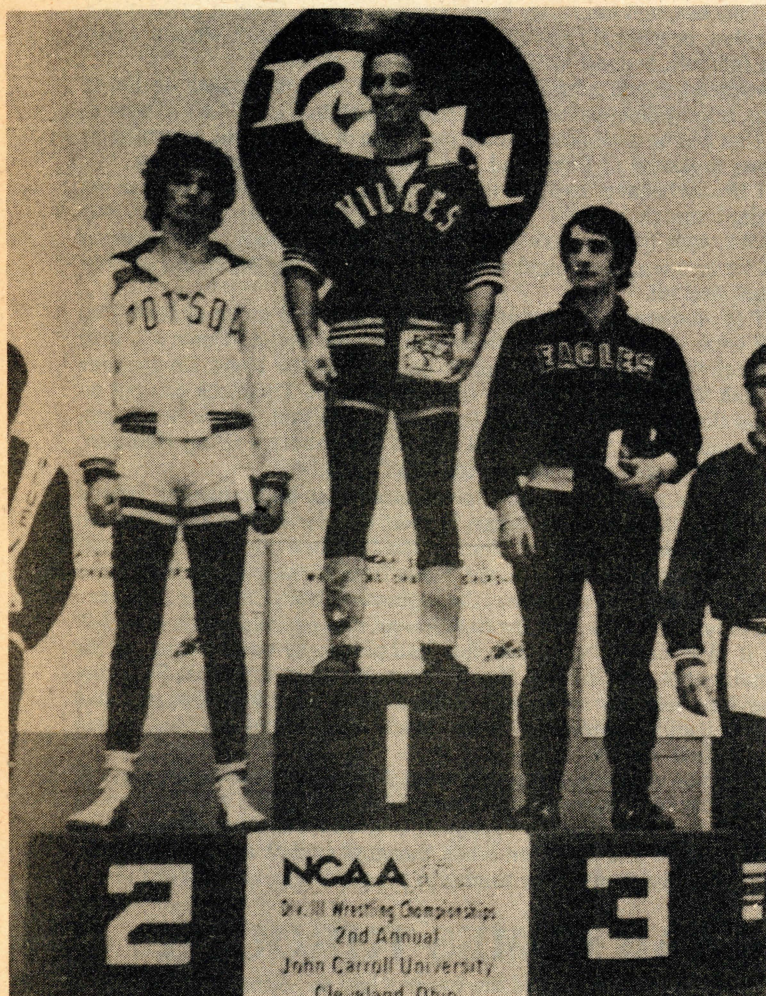


BEACON SPORTS

JOHN CARROLL NUMBER ONE

TWO CHAMPIONS; NO TITLE

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH



LOOKING DOWN ON THE REST—Colonel matman Jim Weisenfluh is pictured on the awards platform, after capturing the NCAA Division III 167-pound championship. 'Fluh just missed capturing the "outstanding wrestler" award at the tourney, which was won by Montclair's Nabil Guketluev.

The stage was set for the history-making climax. All that was to be done was to carry out the plan, as it had been laid out. Sure, there would be a few stumbling blocks. John Carroll and Montclair would make things interesting, but in the end, it would be the Wilkes Colonels blasting their way to a second straight NCAA Division III wrestling crown.

A funny thing happened on the way to the championship though. The Colonels were upset. Eight Blue and Gold matmen made it to Friday night's quarterfinal round however, and it appeared things were indeed working out as planned. But three hours later, with the quarters being history, only four Wilkesmen remained, and the Colonels far back in the team standings.

At the conclusion of the next afternoon's semi-finals, 158-pounder Gene Ashley, and 167 pounder Jim Weisenfluh stood alone as the only two Wilkes survivors to make it to the championship finals that night. Both Ashley and Weisenfluh went on to capture their first national titles, but something was missing from the glim and glitter that goes with winning it, and that was another team crown for Wilkes, to compliment the duo's individual feats.

It's over now, and what is done is done, but the hurt and disappointment for John Reese, and the eight who fell by the wayside, will linger on for quite a while longer.

Tough Break For Chak

For John Chakmakas, the pill is that much harder to take. He had been to the top last year, and won it all. But in 1975, Chak met his Waterloo against Montclair's Vinnie Tundo in the semi-finals, where he lost 4-0. It took a while for the loss to sink in, but as he struggled through the consolations half-heartedly, his face revealed the bitter disappointment inside him.

And when it came time for the placemen to stand upon the awards podium, John felt awkward being four levels down, instead of at the top, where he had stood proudly one year ago.

Al Scharer too, will never get the chance to right the wrong suffered there, since he, like Chakmakas and Ashley are seniors. But Scharer knew the road would be rugged, with "Jo-Jo" Betolone, the 340 pound heavyweight from John Carroll waiting for him if he ever did indeed make the finals.

For Lonny Balum, Mike Kassab, Greg MacLean, Dave Gregrow and Bruce Lear, there will be other seasons, and other tournaments. They all possess a tremendous amount of talent, and will be making quite a bit of noise next season. Balum and Kassab perhaps could have won it all this year, but for one point losses in the quarterfinals, while MacLean and Gregrow are still a season away from jelling.

Preefer Comes Through

One of the biggest stories for the Colonels however, was curly-haired sophomore Roy Preefer, who placed third at 118 pounds. Last September, Preefer was regarded as John Reese's third string lightweight behind national runnerup Rick Mahonski, and freshman Frank Stellatella. But Mahonski never made it to the mats due to injury, and Stellatella could not make weight (although Preefer could beat him). So that left Roy, and what a job he did. He ripped apart opponent after opponent after being selected the fifth seed in the tourney, until he went up against Montclair's Nabil Guketluev in the semi's.

Ashley and Weisenfluh did not lose to the best. They were the best last weekend, and their performances proved that point. Gino had a close call in the semi's, pulling it out against St. Lawrence's Mitch Brown in the final 20 seconds, but his 5-2 decision over Oswego's Ed Pucci in the finals, closed out Ashley's Division III career on a happy note.

Weisenfluh perhaps, is one of the best wrestlers in the nation, Division I, II, or III. But he is prone to mistakes, and John Reese was on the edge of his seat during 'Fluh's final round match until the final second had ticked away, and Jim had it won. He may surprise a lot of people at the University-Division nationals this weekend.

Dad There To See Gino Win Title

The last few weeks have been quite exciting for Gene Ashley. It began on February 28, when Gino's wife, April, gave birth to a baby boy in a New Jersey hospital; two days after the 158-pounder won his second consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference title. And last Saturday, the excitement continued to mount when Ashley brought home a national Division III mat title.

For Gino, the wrestler, the personal satisfaction of it all is beyond the realm of explanation. Since he began wrestling nearly ten years ago, his dream had been to become a national champion. A year ago he came within one win of doing just that. But unfortunately, he was defeated in the 1974 NCAA finals by Jim Fallis of Lake Superior State College. Fallis went on to become the tournament's outstanding wrestler, and Gino was forced to settle for second best.

This season, however, the quest ended in Cleveland, Ohio, where Ashley rolled over five opponents en route to the 158 pound crown, beating Ed Pucci of Oswego State, 5-2 in Saturday night's finals.

For Gino, the family man, it was a proud moment, as well. "I want to have done something, so I can prove to my son when he grows up, that I was a wrestler," Ashley said jokingly. But all joking aside, there is a lot of truth in that statement. Gene Ashley is a proud man, and a man to whom respect means a great deal. In his new role as a father, as well as a husband, accomplishments mean a lot to him. He wants his family to be proud of him, and winning a national title is one way to accomplish a portion of that.

There was a familiar face in the John Carroll gymnasium crowd last weekend. Unfamiliar to most, perhaps, but to Ashley, it was a face he knew very well; a face he respected as much as he hopes his son Benjamin will himself someday. It was Gino's father, James Ashley, who had travelled all the way from his home in New Jersey to see his son wrestle in the tournament.

Immediately after winning his final match Saturday, Gino headed away from the mat, in the direction of the crowd. Coach John Reese stood in his corner puzzled as to where he was going, but seconds later, he found the answer, the elder Ashley appeared out of the crowd and put his arm proudly around his son.

His father will watch him wrestle once again this weekend in the NCAA University-Division tournament up in Princeton, New Jersey. But this time the trip won't be as long for Jim Ashley.



TEN CHAMPIONS—These are the ten collegians who won individual titles at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Gene Ashley and Jim Weisenfluh, the two lone Colonel victors, are shown in the back row on the far left.

So Gino won a national championship last weekend in Cleveland for four people. He won it for himself, and the satisfaction of knowing that he is the best. He won it for his wife, April, whom he loves. He won it for his father, whom he respects. And he won it for his new born son, who someday will be proud of his "daddy", in more ways than one.

When Benjamin is five years old, and another youngster approaches him and says boastfully, "my daddy is a policeman, what's yours? Little Benjy can look him squarely in the eye and answer in reply, "My daddy was a national champion."

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Wildcard Selections Are Named

Montclair's Vince Tundo, and Oswego State's Ed Pucci were selected as the two wild card selections from the NCAA Division III tournament in Cleveland, to accompany the ten individual champions to this weekend's University-Division confab in Princeton, New Jersey.

Under a new NCAA ruling, the Division III coaches are allowed to select two wrestlers in the tourney other than the ten champs, for a pair of at large berths. This now gives Division III 12 wrestlers in the Division I confab, instead of the ten they had a season ago.

Tundo, only a freshman, surprised everyone last weekend, by knocking off defending champion John Chakmakas in the 134-pound semi-finals. In the championship round however, he was less fortunate; succumbing to John Carroll's Mark Hawald-Cale, by a 3-2 decision.

Pucci also made it to the finals, but was beaten by the Colonel's Gene Ashley 5-2 in the 158-pound title match. Pucci lost to Ashley during the dual season, 3-2, when the pair squared off in New York State.