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Steady Enrollment Decline Projected By Administration

by Ellen VanRiper

What does the future have in store for Wilkes College? For the most part, student enrollments will hold the key to the future prospects of this institution. Everything from the size of the physical plant to the retention and dismissal of personnel depends upon this one critical factor. It all comes down to the obvious fact that students are the lifeblood of every college and university.

Based upon forecasts and projections as to future enrollments, the future appears to be rather dim for Wilkes College. However, such bleak prospects are not unique to Wilkes, but are rather applicable to future national trends as well. Almost every institution of higher learning will be faced with declining enrollments in the years to come.

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This trend is of major concern to President Robert S. Capin, Gerald K. Wuori, the dean of Admissions, and the Long-Range Planning Committee. All of these people have been occupied in attempting to devise means by which to minimize the effects of the expected decline.

The accompanying graph was developed by the Admissions Office and was presented to the Long-Range Planning Committee for consideration. This graph shows the peak years for enrollment were 1970-1972. Since that time, except for slight resurgences in 1976, 1980, and 1981, there has been a steady decline in enrollment at Wilkes College.

At this time, the major point of

interest lies in the "Projected" portion of the graph. It shows a prediction that the enrollment will enter into a period of severe and steady decline.

According to the 1981 *Long-Range Planning Document For Wilkes College*, which served to analyze as accurately and as specifically as possible each facet of the College, "Between 1970 and 1980 Wilkes experienced an overall decrease of 10.76 percent in total enrollment. Between 1980 and 1990 the projected decrease is 11.39 percent."

The document further stated that "The projected decrease for four-year institutions in the United States between 1980 and 1986 is 6 percent and 10 percent at Wilkes."

Why is this so? President Capin and Dean Wuori both agree that the explanation is to be found in demographic statistics. They specifically cited the decline in the number of 18- and 19-year olds or the traditional college-age group. Demography is also the major factor influencing the national projection as well.

According to Capin, this graph is an updated version of a similar graph which appeared in the state-student enrollment section of the aforesaid 1981 document. Capin stated that this updated graph verifies and confirms the numbers which appeared in the 1981 analysis. He further stated, that, as far as this year was concerned, the administration was extremely accurate in its enrollment projection as based upon the graph.

How accurate are graphs based upon demographic statistics? According to the 1981 document, demographic graphs or Time Series Analyses are solely based upon a historical trend and are, therefore, subject to an indefinite number of immeasurable factors. If such a projection were done for a specific year, it would be slightly different from the actual enrollment figures for the year in question.

In order to explain more clearly the impact of these immeasurable factors, Capin cited as examples the fact that the number of applicants is up 10 percent from last year and the new programs in the field of health science which are planned (e.g., the affiliation with Temple University). These two items cannot possibly be figured into a Time Series Analysis, for no one can be sure as to the impact which they will have.

The magnitude of the impact of such immeasurable factors is as unpredictable as the factors themselves, so therefore, Capin commented that, "We are cautiously optimistic about next year's enrollment." The existence of positive immeasurable factors, such as those cited above, is always a reason for hope.

Freshmen Participate In National Survey

by Andrea Hincken

Last year's incoming freshman students were the first at Wilkes to be given a popular, nationwide survey.

The Astin Survey, according to Dr. Eric Watter, director of Institutional Research, is given to 300,000 college students a year. The survey is given for two reasons: to understand the attitudes and goals of the incoming students and so that long range studies can be done on what effect a four-year college has on people. The survey is given to students before college and then again years later after they have graduated. According to Watter, a sample of students is selected from different schools for the second test.

The form was developed by Alexander W. Astin, director of Cooperative Institutional Research Program at UCLA. The test has been used since 1966. Astin is the author of numerous publications on college students.

Comparing Wilkes students to students from highly selective schools and other nationwide schools, many things were revealed. The survey indicated that the majority of students are from the general area. Consequently the students who were tested held the general values of the people in the area. For instance, percentage wise Wilkes students have a higher religious interest. Overall, 62 percent of the students indicated an interest in religion, whereas the national percentage averaged 44 percent. Watter commented that the majority of students who attend Wilkes are Catholics or members of other

tight ethnic groups. The form also showed that a high rate of students at Wilkes oppose abortion.

A number of students here are "the middle of the road in political orientation," Watter said. Results of the survey indicated that in the past year, the number of students participating in a political campaign was 6 percent, compared to 12.6 percent at highly selective schools. For the rest of the colleges nationwide the percentage was eight.

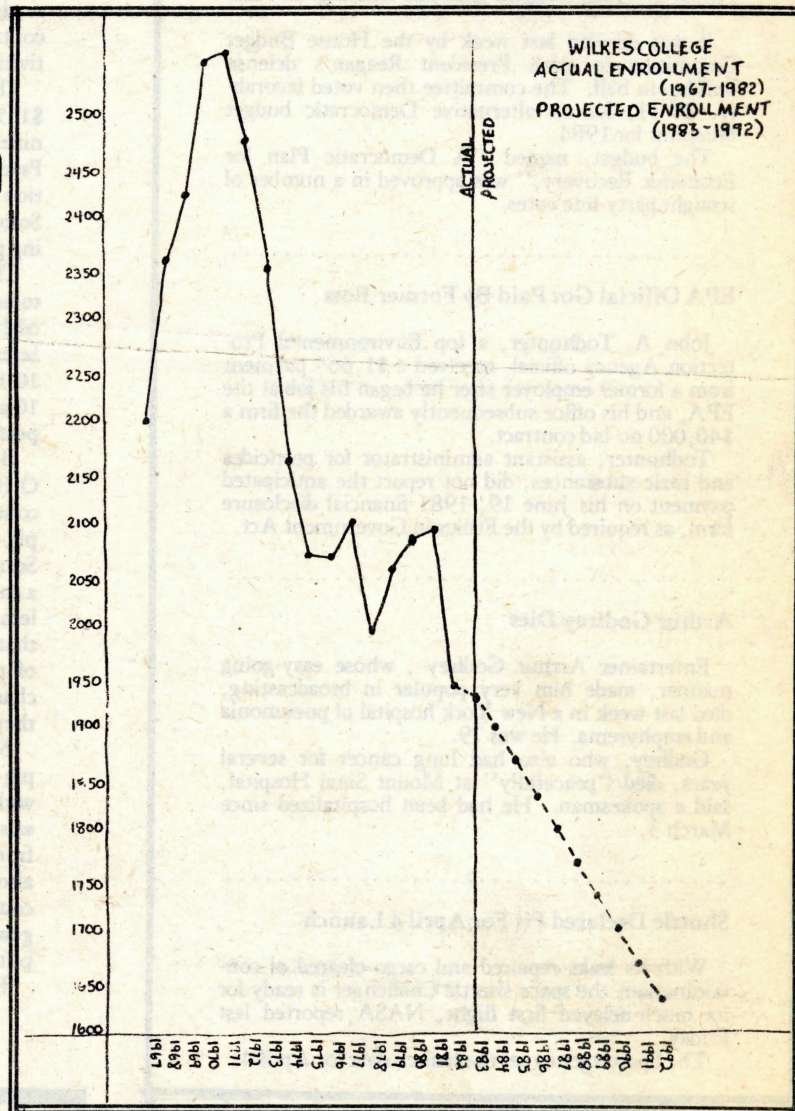
The forms also showed that many students at Wilkes "see themselves as lacking in basic skills," Watter said. Compared to other students, more Wilkes students thought that they would need help with writing and math.

The findings of the survey also indicated that students choose Wilkes for 3 reasons: an available program, the school's good reputation, and the high quality of the faculty.

Student's reasons for going to college are as follows: 76 percent to get a better job, 68 percent to learn more about things, 65 percent to make more money, 61 percent to get a general education.

According to the survey, 60 percent of the students are choosing trendy fields such as, computer science, engineering and business. It also indicated that 27 percent of students plan to go for their master's, 9 percent want to go for their doctorate and 20 percent want to be professionals such as dentists and lawyers.

Watter said that these figures should be taken generally since participation in the survey was not 100 percent.



GOING . . . , GOING . . . , GONE ? The above graph was recently submitted by the Admissions Office to the Long-Range Planning Committee to assist the members in their evaluation of the future of Wilkes College. The major purpose of the graph is to verify enrollment projections presented in the 1981 *Long-Range Planning Document For Wilkes College*. According to President Robert S. Capin, this graph is based upon past history and demographic statistics and is reflective of the projected national trend for enrollments in colleges and universities.

Even though Time Series Analyses are not 100 percent accurate, they are accurate enough to be useful to college administrations and their long-range planners. The significance of and the implications of demographics in regards to post-secondary education has been outlined by David W. Breneman in an essay entitled "The Coming Enrollment Crisis" which appeared in the March 1983 edition of *Change*, the Magazine of Higher Learning.

Breneman, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. the executive editor of *Change*, and the future president of Kalamazoo College, begins his discussion with a citation of a well-known fact that "the traditional college-age group population will decline in number between now and the mid-1990s by roughly 25 percent." He further claims that during this same period total "enrollments will decline nationally by about 15 percent." Hence, the concern nationally and locally with demographic statistics.

In this article, Breneman brings out some very interesting statis-

tics concerning the 18- to 19-year old age group which help to explain the present national projections concerning enrollments. First of all, between 1950 and 1980, the number of 18-year olds doubled. Of these years, the 1960s presented the most rapid growth rate (45 percent) in higher education, and the 1970s presented the slowest (13 percent).

According to Breneman, such figures explain why the 1960s experienced a boom in higher education enrollment, and why the 1970s grew continually but at a slower pace.

More significantly, the figures show a sharp drop in the age group between 1979, the peak year, and 1994, the lowest year. Such a drastic decrease explains why the national trend is being projected as one of decline during the period between now and the mid-to-late 1990s.

However, according to Breneman, there is a glimmer of hope. Breneman expects the population

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REAL NEWS

House Divides Reagan Defense Buildup In Half

It was decided last week by the House Budget Committee to slash President Reagan's defense buildup in half. The committee then voted favorably, 20-11, for an alternative Democratic budget blueprint for 1984.

The budget, named "A Democratic Plan for Economic Recovery," was approved in a number of straight party-line votes.

EPA Official Got Paid By Former Boss

John A. Todhunter, a top Environmental Protection Agency official, received a \$1,664 payment from a former employer after he began his job at the EPA, and his office subsequently awarded the firm a \$40,000 no-bid contract.

Todhunter, assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances, did not report the anticipated payment on his June 19, 1981 financial disclosure form, as required by the Ethics in Government Act.

Arthur Godfrey Dies

Entertainer Arthur Godfrey, whose easy-going manner, made him very popular in broadcasting, died last week in a New York hospital of pneumonia and emphysema. He was 79.

Godfrey, who also had lung cancer for several years, died "peacefully" at Mount Sinai Hospital, said a spokesman. He had been hospitalized since March 3.

Shuttle Declared Fit For April 4 Launch

With its leaks repaired and cargo cleared of contamination, the space shuttle Challenger is ready for its much-delayed first flight, NASA reported last Friday.

The Space agency set the launch date for April 4.

SG Meeting

Interest Groups Request Funds

by Rebecca Whitman

Fund requests started Monday night's Student Government meeting. Four campus clubs and interest groups were present for the first readings of their requests for SG contributions to their planned activities.

The Psychology Club asked for \$165 to subsidize the cost of sending nine club members to the Eastern Psychological Association Convention in Philadelphia from April 7-9. Some club members will be presenting papers at this convention.

The Biology Club requested \$150 to help send 10 students to the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences Science Conference held from April 10-12 in Lancaster, Pa. Seven of the 10 attending will be presenting papers.

Bob Bruggeworth and Jerry O'Hara were present to ask SG to contribute \$200 toward their third pig-roast. They plan to hold it at Scarlet Grove on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Since they had problems at the last one, they announced that they plan to limit the number of people who can go to 350 and charge \$5 a person. They also said they plan on providing bus service.

Since the group sponsoring the pig-roast is not a club on campus with an SG approved constitution, it was decided the money would come from the SG special funds. It was also mentioned that no SG money could be used to pay for beer. Bruggeworth suggested the money be put toward securing a good band.

Finally, the newly formed Wilkes

Soccer Club requested \$200 so they could travel to Virginia Tech for its annual indoor soccer tournament April 16-17.

Reporting for the Student Center Board, Ralph Pringle announced the board's plan to sponsor a trip to Atlantic City on April 24. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$18 per person and each person will receive a \$5 lunch coupon.

CC also announced that they were planning a trip to Great Adventure on April 24 and hoped that SG and IRHC would each contribute \$177 toward the cost of the trip. This would take the ticket price down to \$10 a person.

Pringle announced that the election forums are coming up. The SG-

CC forum will be held April 5 in the gym during an all-college meeting. The SG-IRHC forum will be held April 6 in the PVA room of the library, probably at 7 or 8 p.m. Elections will be held April 7.

Elections for class officers will be held on April 19 following the April 12 nominations.

Junior class President Raif Fahmy reported that the Junior-Senior Dinner Dance will be held on April 8. The Band will be "Hollywood".

Sunday night at the CPA, *Zorro the Gay Blade* will be shown.

It was decided to use the Student Center DJs for the Cherry Blossom Gym Party. Those involved hope to get a laser show also.

Great Adventure Trip Planned

by Andrea Hincken

At the CC meeting this week representatives discussed the upcoming trip to Great Adventure.

The trip is scheduled for Sunday, April 24. Departure from the College is planned for 7 a.m. The return bus will leave the park at 6 p.m. One 47-seat bus is scheduled to make the trip. Tickets are not on sale yet.

Nominations for CC President will be made this Monday. Later in the week a forum is planned to give

the nominee an opportunity to address the student body.

"The Amazing Kreskin" will perform at King's College tonight. The show is sponsored by Bishop O'Reilly High School. Tickets cost \$5.00 and are on sale in the CC office.

Mary Ellen Judge, CC president, announced that the "Vandalism Contest" has been postponed until next fall. She said that this is being done to give students the summer to think about ideas for the contest.

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Enrollment Decline (continued from page 1)

of 18-year-olds to begin an ascent in the late 1990s, so therefore, the enrollment decline will not be an everlasting phenomenon.

However, what can be expected to occur during the next 15 or so years? There will be the declines as projected, and, according to both Breneman and Wuori, the area of the country which will be hit the hardest will be the northeastern states. Breneman predicts a decrease of approximately 40 percent for small liberal arts colleges. As a whole, Breneman expects the state of Pennsylvania to experience a 34 to 40 percent decline in college enrollments during this period.

According to Breneman, the sphere of higher education will, during this period, become a buyers' market, for many institutions will be competing for fewer and fewer students. Factors such as quality and diversity of programs, location, prestige, price relative to competitors, and recruitment

policies," according to Breneman, "will largely determine how students distribute themselves among the various campuses."

How will Wilkes College fare in the future? According to Capin, "Wilkes College will survive, but it will have to adjust the scale of plant." In other words, the College will have to adapt itself to the possibility of having a smaller student body.

The financial factor, as mentioned by Breneman, will have an impact upon the future of Wilkes. According to Capin, there will be a tuition and room and board increase next year. In addition, there will be some changes in financial aid. As far as this is concerned, Dean Wuori stated that the College was "hit hard last year by uncertainty of financial aid." No one can be sure as to implement in regards to financial aid.

Capin stated that Wilkes College will not be alone in its expense. He

cited the present Wilkes payment program as an example.

The administration, according to Capin, plans to implement a number of programs in order to combat the projected decline in enrollment. First of all, the recruiting efforts will become more aggressive and intense. All departments of the College will be expected to do extensive recruiting.

Capin mentioned that the Public Relations office will be expected to increase its efforts to have material concerning student achievements, (e.g., Dean's List, *Who's Who*, and athletic honors), published in hometown papers. The reasoning behind this is the fact that the more a high school student sees the name "Wilkes College" in the papers the more likely he or she will be to remember it come time to apply for college.

According to Dean Wuori, the "strongest recruiting tool is the Wilkes graduate returning to his

LONG-RANGE ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Freshmen	610.582	543.315	563.803	536.308	557.970
Sophomore	483.825	514.660	457.96	475.230	452.054
Junior	445.183	419.863	446.622	397.418	412.405
Senior	399.235	427.239	402.943	428.623	381.402
Total	1938.825	1905.0768	1871.3279	1837.5794	1803.8309
Enrollment Projection					
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Freshmen	511.693	520.406	497.956	509.246	476.281
Sophomore	470.313	431.306	438.65	419.727	429.248
Junior	392.292	408.138	374.287	380.661	364.239
Senior	395.785	376.483	391.69	359.203	365.32
Total	1770.0823	1736.333	1702.583	1668.8368	1635.0882
Enrollment Projection					

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or her hometown." Alumni as well as college personnel will be expected to aid the recruiting campaign. Wuori added that Barbara Welch, a member of the Admissions Office, is the organizer of the current alumni recruitment program.

Another means being discussed is the possibility of having a marketing study done. Such a study would reveal the strengths of the College and tell how to best take advantage of them.

Wilkes Chosen To Host Health Care Symposium

The question "Is Health Care Healthy?" will be addressed by experts in the fields of medicine, philosophy and extramural research and training at the Wilkes College Health Sciences Symposium to be held on April 29.

The special 50th anniversary event, which will focus on the Politics of Medicine, will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with a luncheon at 12:45 p.m.

Distinguished guests from important medical institutions throughout the country will lecture. Among those selected to speak are: Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., Georgetown University; Sheldon Cohen, M.D., National Institutes of Health, Washington, D.C.; Samuel Gorovitz, Ph.D., professor of Philosophy, University of Maryland; Catherine DeAngelis, M.D., Johns Hopkins Medical School; and William Raub, M.D., National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Cohen will serve as moderator for the program, which will cover

the broad scope of the theme, including the delivery system, finances, technology, ethics, politics and the allocation of dollars.

Dr. Gorovitz will lecture on physicians' attitudes, expectations of patients, attitudes of others, class system of care and socialized medicine.

Dr. Angelis will discuss prevention, wellness and outreach; and Dr. Raub will cover government involvement in research, the obligation of the federal government to subsidize and support research.

Dr. Pellegrino will give the lecture on the allocation of dollars.

Principals involved in the symposium at Wilkes are Dr. Ralph Rozelle, dean of Health Sciences; President Robert S. Capin, Benjamin Badman, senior vice president, NPW Medical Center; Theresa Grabo, assistant professor of Nursing; Dr. Lester Turoczi, chairman, Biology Department, John Chwalek, coordinator for the Fiftieth Anniversary; and Dr. Thomas Kelly, dean of External Affairs.

Israel Today

Eban To Lecture At Gymnasium

The Honorable Abba Eban, Israeli diplomat, political leader, and distinguished scholar, will present a lecture entitled "Israel Today" on Sunday, April 10, at 8 p.m. in the College gymnasium. The lecture has been rescheduled from March because of Eban's involvement with elections for the president of Israel.

The lecture, which is free to the public, is being co-sponsored by The Jewish Community Center and Wilkes College. Mrs. Esther B. Davidowitz of Kingston, a member of the Board of Directors of The Jewish Community Center and the Board of Trustees for Wilkes College, is serving as chairperson of the special event.

Abba Eban has fought throughout his public career for peace in the Middle East and for basic human

rights. Known as an orator without peer, Eban's gift for speaking and debating is legendary. In the area of Mideast politics, he has made his mark as a brilliant theorist and skillful negotiator.

Born in Cape Town and raised in London, Eban was educated at Queen's College, Cambridge, where he took a triple first degree and was appointed research fellow. On the establishment of the state of Israel, in 1948, Eban was appointed its first permanent representative to the United Nations and in 1950 its Ambassador to the United States. During these years Eban had three tasks: to fight public battles at the United Nations; to gain support for Israel in Washington; and to rally the American Jewish Community. His major achievement in this period was after the Sinai campaign in October 1956 when he

negotiated an understanding with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

In 1959, Eban returned to Israel where he was elected to the Knesset and was included in Ben Gurion's cabinet successively as minister of education and culture, deputy prime minister, and foreign minister. In the Middle East crisis that erupted in 1967, Eban was sent by his government to negotiate with General Charles De Gaulle, Prime Minister Harold Wilson, and President Lyndon Johnson. The culmination of Eban's efforts at this critical stage are history—his statement to the security council during the second day of the Six-Day War was a tour de force, heard by millions of Americans on television and radio.

Eban is currently working on a documentary for PBS.

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ELECTION DAY



I am Alan Melusen, and I am running for the position of IRHC President. This past year I was active in both Student Government and IRHC so I strongly feel I am qualified for this position, but this article is not for that purpose. Rather, this article is for me to inform you, the resident students of Wilkes College, of the platform upon which I intend to run.

I have noticed that there are cer-

tain important issues that need to be addressed by the next administration, and it is upon these issues that I base my platform.

The first issue I wish to address, is one that I feel is of the greatest importance. That is, I strongly feel that IRHC needs to be, in some way, revitalized. No one is to blame for the poor attendance at IRHC meetings, or the apparant lack of interest in expressing views, but this implies to me, that IRHC may be declining in its role on this campus.

I would very much like to see this changed. I really want to see better attended meetings and greater overall participation and enthusiasm in this organization. The obvious question is, how does one accomplish this task?

I may be mistaken, but I feel that part of the problem is due to you the students, not really knowing the purpose of this organization. Thus I feel it to be very important that all resident students

are aware of what the Inter-Residence Hall Council works for. The major function of IRHC, is to deal with the concerns of resident students, and to present those concerns to the administration. Its other function is to develop and administer residence hall policy in conjunction with the Student Affairs Council; more simply this means if resident students have any complaints with campus life, I want to hear them, and I promise I will make the best effort I can to rectify the problem.

I feel a second possible reason as to the poor attendance at meetings, is that the topics discussed at meetings may often be repetitive and not really what the students feel are important. If I am elected I would examine the possibility of having IRHC meetings held every other week, instead of weekly, and if it is found to be feasible, I would move to change this format. With this statement I do not want to be mistaken as believing that the topics

discussed at meetings are not important, but I want it known that I feel that there may not be enough important issues to warrant a meeting every week.

Along the same lines of the statement above, is that I not only want the resident students to know what is happening on campus, but I also want to know what their feelings are on these issues. Some topics that might be included are, the phasing out of outside dorms (e.g., Gore, Barre, Dana), the standard meal plan, and vandalism. If the resident students disagree with an administrative policy or decision, like I said previously, I want to know, and even though I may not agree with the students view, I would certainly see to it that the administration is made aware of them.

Another topic that has been brought up is parking. If I am elected, I will set up a committee, with each of the major areas of parking sticker receivers being rep-

resented, so that a strict but fair parking sticker selection system can be developed. I would also work my hardest to get the parking lots, being made from the tearing down of Gore and Dana, for resident student parking, as well as working towards getting the Denison lot back.

I would also like to continue to provide the students with the many social activities that IRHC currently sponsors, as well as possibly adding some new ones. One idea I have that has come up, is to sponsor a bus to New York and/or Philadelphia for Thanksgiving and/or Spring Breaks, so that students could get home more cheaply and easily.

Finally, I conclude in saying, although I surely haven't touched upon every issue, I feel I have focused on the most important ones, and I strongly feel that in order for IRHC to accomplish anything next year, strong leadership is necessary; leadership that I can provide.

Thank You,
Alan Melusen



To the Editor:

The following essay contains my platform for the office of Inter-Residence Hall Council President for the year 1983-84. My qualifications for the position of President are as follows. I was the Sterling Hall representative to the council in 1981-82. During part of that year, I was the IRHC representative to COPUS. That position included both active membership in COPUS and liason work between IRHC and COPUS. This past year, 1982-83, I've held the position of Recording Secretary for IRHC. I am also currently a member of the Student Center Board. Part of my responsibilities to that position include making the Student Center Board report at the IRHC meetings. Also, I have

been a member of AFROTC for the past two years. Finally, as a communications major, I have had experience in dealing with people and in speaking in public situations. All of the above show that I not only have a good knowledge of the current school policies and affairs, but I also have the varied experience that this position demands.

As President of IRHC, many issues would be of concern to me. First on this list is Parking. If I'm elected, I plan on establishing a new distribution system. This would start with a perforated application with the permits given out by student number. This would eliminate the problem of favoritism in the awarding of permits, since the permits would be decided without knowing who the applicants are until the final decisions are made. Included in the application would be a photostat of the registration with ownership limited to the student or their family, except for special individual situations. When the list of those who are awarded are posted, it will probably include a list of categories stating why the people received permits, with the appropriate category listed next to their name. The categories would be along the lines of: personal, school related, work related and other. I would also have the decision as to who gets permits be made after the first week of classes in order to let the nursing students get their clinical assignments and set up carpools. I am also planning on instituting a point system. Points would be given for the reasons a permit is required,

in terms of miles traveled, whether or not public transportation is available and if you are carpooling (including the amount of people in the carpool), among other things. Also, I'd like to look into the situation for student teachers, since they are off campus during most of the towing hours. Also, I'd like to look into the feasibility of charging those people who receive permits a nominal fee that would be used to subsidize those people who were not able to receive permits, but would have if we had more spots. Finally, I would try to get the Gore parking spots awarded to IRHC.

My second concern is attendance at IRHC meetings. I would like to continue the Hall of the Month program, because I believe it is an attendance incentive, I would also like to make attendance mandatory, with only one absence in the semester, for a residence hall to be eligible to be nominated for Hall of the Month.

I am planning to continue our school's association with the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH). This will include a constant submitting of any new and/or different programs that are instituted at this school by both residence hall students and by IRHC itself. I will also encourage the participation of regular residence hall students, as well as council members, in delegations to the NACURH conferences. The conferences themselves will be attended by the largest delegation possible, since our school profits from the information brought back from those conferences.

I would also like to work more closely with Commuter Council. Topmost on my priority list is the establishment of a joint apartment committee. This committee would assist both students moving off campus and students who commute or have apartments who want to move on campus.

I planning on continuing the Freshman Follies program, since this program has been found to be a viable alternative to Hazing. I would like to see the prize category expanded to include such things as creativity of act and number of people involved (both freshmen and the number of upperclassmen involved in the planning, if that is possible).

I am also concerned with the current elections procedures for the IRHC officers. I would like to see IRHC follow the procedure used by both SG and CC. The procedure I'm proposing elects all the officers, except for the President, from the current body of those councils. As part of this, I would like to include the appointing of the Parliamentarian from the body itself. To be eligible to be elected, I'd like to see the requirements of a one year minimum on IRHC with the legal amount of absences. There should be no exceptions to that rule.

I am concerned with the Executive Council itself. I would like to see the Corresponding Secretary do more work. Her increased duties would basically be active correspondence with the other members of NACURH, especially those in our basic area. This way, we could possibly combine transportation to

conferences. A combining of transportation would both cut our costs for the conferences and lead to the meeting of more people. I would also like to see the Corresponding Secretary cover for the Recording Secretary in terms of doing minutes and agendas on those occasions when the Recording Secretary is on limited amounts of time. I would like to see the Vice President run approximately one meeting every two months or so. This would give the Vice President needed speaking experience, and lead to less problems in the case of the President having to step down or not being able to attend a meeting for any reason.

Another one of my concerns is with the residence halls. I would like to investigate the feasibility of the installation of water fountains in the outer dorms. I would also like to check into the feasibility of giving both Founders Hall and Pickering Hall more homey atmospheres. This would include such things along the lines of painting the hallways to remove some of the institutional atmosphere that many people find objectionable. Again, these proposals would be instigated only if they are deemed feasible.

The above essay contains my platform for the office of Inter-Residence Hall Council President. It states my qualifications for the position and what I would like to do with that position in order to hopefully improve life here for the dorm students.

Thank You,
Naomi K. Harris
Presidential Candidate



To the Editor:

Hi, my name is Ralph Pringle. I'm from Monument, Pa. and I'm a junior Psychology major. I have been on Student Government for three years and am currently serving one year as Vice President. Since joining Student Government as a freshman, I have served on many committees including Social, Film, and Publicity. I have also served as Committee chairman for Elections Committee, Governmental Affairs Council, and the Used Bookstore. My other extra curricular activities include being on the Student Center Board, being treasurer of the Human Services Committee, and being an officer in my residence hall. Now I'd like to declare my candidacy for Student Government president.

As President of Student Government there are a lot of goals that I would like to see realized. I want

to work toward developing a close bond between all student clubs and organizations. This club unity can in turn be used as a method of battling, what I feel is the biggest problem on campus, student apathy.

I intend to publicize an "open door" policy at Student Government meetings. The organization was founded by and for the students and therefore the students do have the right to voice their complaints.

I would like to increase and improve the social activities both on and off campus. I want to work on planning weekly social events to balance out the social life we have now. Presently we have some weekends which are very active and also some weekends where there are no activities planned.

I plan to increase communication between Student Government and the student body. I feel the major problem with the communication link between Student Government and the student body is the present organization of the publicity committee. I plan to restructure the publicity committee to allow for more event publicity and also to make the publicity more noticeable rather than overlooked. One publicity source I plan to use is *The Beacon*. I would like to work with *The Beacon* to form a weekly Social Activity Register.

The most important goal I have set for myself is to encourage more student involvement in the tri-organizations, Student Government, Commuter Council, and Inter-Residence Hall Council. I feel that this goal is of the utmost importance because by refusing to run for office students are giving the impression that they feel the three organizations are not worth the time it takes to participate in

them. I would like to change this attitude because I feel the tri-organizations are very worthwhile and have the potential to accomplish all tasks. We are the students working for the students.

In closing I would like to list the experience that I feel qualifies me to run for Student Government President.

Student Government Representative—Three years
Executive Council—One year
Vice President—One year
Chairman Elections Committee—Two Years
Chairman Governmental Affairs Council—Two years
Student Representative to the Student Life Committee—One year
Chairman Used Bookstore—One year
Executive Council of the Class of 1984—Three years
Publicity Committee—One year
Social Committee—One year
Film Committee—Two years
50th Anniversary Committee—One year
Freshman Orientation—Two years
Co-Social Director—One year
Visitation Day—Two years
Member Winter Weekend Committee—Three years
Member Cherry Blossom Committee—Two years
Advisor to the Freshman Class—One year

I hope to see you on election day and let your vote count for experience. Vote for Ralph Pringle for Student Government President.

Ralph Pringle



NAME: Cherie Burke

HOMETOWN: East Stroudsburg, Pa.

CLASS OF 1985

MAJOR: Nursing

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:

S.G. REP.—two years
Executive Council: Recording Secretary 1982-1983
Publicity Committee—one year
Election Committee—one year
Constitution Committee—one year
Student Representative to Admission's Committee—one year
Member of 1982 Cherry Blossom Committee
Co-chairman of 1983 Winter Weekend Gym Party
Member of the class of '85 Executive Council—two years

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Volunteer for New Student Visitation and Orientation
Majorette Squad—one year

PLATFORM

I. Communication

- Increase and Improve the communication between S.G. and the student body.
 - The student body should be better informed of S.G. activities.
 - Non-Student government Reps should be encouraged to attend S.G. meetings and to join S.G. committees.
 - Better use of the student media.

B. Maintain good communication with college administration.

- Maintain and Improve student input in faculty committees.
- Possibly increase the number of reps on faculty committees.
- Encourage students to express their concerns to their professors and administration.
- Encourage students to seek the opinion and views of their professors and administration of policies and occurrences taking place.

II. Social Life

- Improve activities on and off campus.
 - Better use of the master calendar.
 - Greater use of the student center.
 - Increase the number of outdoor activities such as clambakes, picnics, concerts, etc.
- Work closely with IRHC and CC, so that every weekend activities are taking place.
 - Encourage more tri-organizational activities.
 - Provide a greater variety of activities.
 - Encourage greater involvement through better organization.

III. Parking

- Help to facilitate communication between IRHC, CC and the student body.

IV. Financial

- No increase in activity fee.
- Analyze the needs of clubs and organizations requesting S.G. funds
- Encourage departments to become more financially supportive of clubs and organizations associated with each department.
- CAREFULLY plan S.G. budget.

Win or lose I intend to work hard in S.G. to see these ideas carried out. We, the students of Wilkes College, have an impact on college policy and if any of us would like to try and implement or change something, we must voice our opinion! I ask for your support.

Thank You,

Cherie Burke

Club President Notes Activities Include New York Trip And Luncheon

To the Editor:

On April 9, the last New York City trip for the semester is being sponsored. Last Thursday at the Phi Gamma Nu meeting plans were finalized to sponsor a New York City trip. The cost of bus fare is \$11.51, and once in the city, you will be turned loose to do what ever turns you on. Any one who is interested in this trip should contact Maureen at 825-5180.

That's not all that Phi Gamma Nu has been up to. A Student

Center party will be held in the Student Union Building this Friday from 10-2. There will be plenty of food plus the usual D.J.'s. Come on out and party with us.

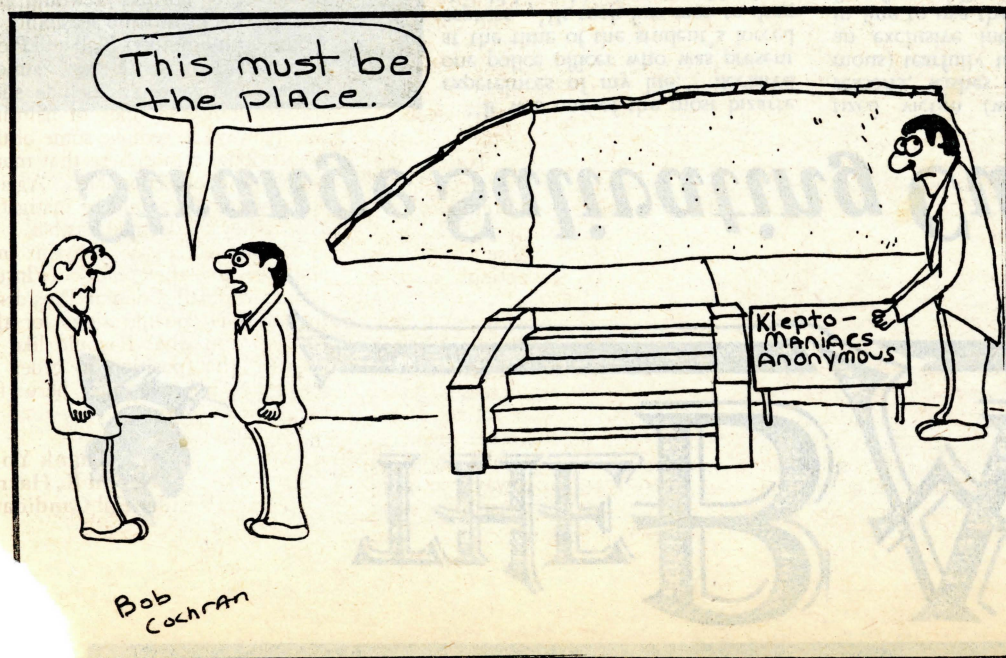
A luncheon has been scheduled for April 14 at Gus Genetti's from

11-1 p.m. Their will be a speaker addressing the topic of international marketing, along with a chicken parmesan lunch. The luncheon will cost members only \$6.00 and faculty will be charged slightly more. Our previous luncheons

have always been a success thanks to the quality of our speakers, and this one will be no exception. Any one who is interested can get a ticket from any executive council member or by contacting Maureen.

At this time I would just like to extend a warm congratulations to the new executive council. Good luck in the upcoming year.

Maureen Morrison
Editor
Phi Gamma Nu



Nominations for SG and CC representatives for next year were held Tuesday, March 22. The following students were named as candidates:

Class 1984 SG reps:

Sue Havrilla
Cindy Bonham
Don Talenti
Ralph Pringle
Debbie Vogt
Dave Talenti

Class of 1985 SG reps:

Marian Karmilowicz
Ellen McDermott
Steve Urbanski
Alan Melusin
Shelley Urban
Karen Anderson

Class of 1985 CC reps:

Pat Ardoline
Dave Brown
Lynn Lucas
Tony Natalini
Nancy Moore
Dave Kalinowski

Class of 1986 SG reps:

Stacy Toslosky
Jeannie Blum
Randa Fahmy
Beth Cortez
Linda Fritz
Jeannie Bolinski

Class of 1986 CC reps:

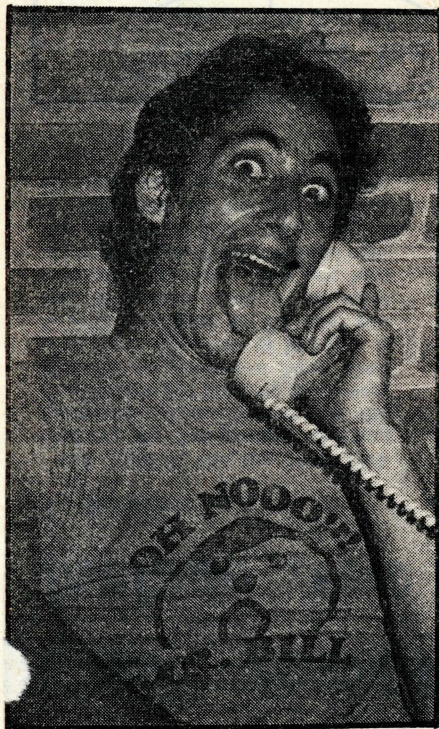
Brian Potoeski



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Strange Salivating Cult Terrorizes Campus



"It was one of the most bizarre experiences of my life," declared one police officer who was present at the time of the student's forced capture. "It took five men to drag the kid to his knees. He kept screaming, 'Beam me up, Mr. Bill,' and kept struggling to lick the telephone."

Officers noted that the student had been victim of a "harrowing" compulsion to utilize Ma Bell as a means of converting the Wilkes student population to "Mr. Billism." This cult has as its figurehead a four-inch man of clay, whose rounded lips chant "Oh Nooooo" in a mesmerizing tone and who subjects himself to the tortures of a Mr. Hands.

Some psychologists have called the cult "a twentieth century version of the flagellation cults of the medieval period." Others maintain that the organization is an outgrowth of "twentieth-century man's desire to return to the beginnings of his history—the primordial clay."

Wilkes administration had no comment concerning the incident. The Wilkes Maintenance staff, however, noted that the student's compulsion to lick campus telephones had noticeably aided in maintaining campus cleanliness.

Follow up...

Following the arrest of their crazed leader, two Mr. Bill cultists abducted an innocent coed in an attempt to gain the release of their mentor.

"There I was, innocently minding my own business," the trauma-

tized victim (who, for obvious reasons, wishes to remain anonymous) tearfully told *The Bacon* in an exclusive interview, "waiting in line to use the payphone on the first floor of Parrish Hall. All-of-a-sudden, out-of-nowhere, two men with glazed eyes and drooling mouths approached me with their tongues extended."

"I thought perhaps they were dying of thirst and wanted to use the water fountain. However, when they passed the fountain without a second glance, I began to grow worried. When I asked them if they wanted to use the phone before me, they began chanting, 'oooooh nooooo, oooooooooh nooooooo,' and they came still closer."

"As I started to back away, they grabbed one of my arms and dragged me into the second floor broom closet. There I was bound and gagged. I was horribly, horribly frightened. Being from a small town, I had no idea that such groups existed. Are they funded by SG?"

A source close to the head of the Wilkes College security force stated that at approximately 3:33 p.m. they received a ransom call from the kidnappers. They demanded that their leader be released within the hour, or they would sacrifice their captive to their god by licking her to death.

The call was traced to a payphone on the square. Security guards were quickly dispatched to the location. Upon arrival, they noticed a man wearing a Mr. Bill shirt and carrying a clay dog. Assuming that this was one of the suspects, they followed him to his home. They surrounded the premises and stormed the house, ready

to use their time clocks if necessary. After searching the house and interrogating the suspect, the discovered that he was simply a typical Wilkes-Barre citizen and a member of the Wilkes College Board of Trustees.

Meanwhile, Wilkes College maintenance man, Snerd Mortley, looking for another can of Lysol, stumbled across the terrified, yet still innocent victim. Realizing that he had never noticed her there before, he questioned her presence. "Gawd, one minute I'm sittin' there thinkin', Gawd, what a stinkin' pig sty the men's room on the first floor is, and the next thing I knows, I'm a starin' at this woman who's got my best sponge stuffed in her mouth."

"So I asked her 'Hey lady, what the hell are you doin' with my best sponge stuffed in your mouth? That there sponge is reserved for the presidential bathroom.' Her face turned sorta purple-like and all she would say was 'mmph wah wuh pffftmmmp.' Thinkin' she might be part a that there new work study program, I decided to leave her where I found her and go ask my boss what to do."

Mortley's boss refused to grant *The Bacon* an exclusive interview, so we questioned his 10-year-old son, Jimmy.

Jimmy said, "My dad said he didn't know what the hell to make of this #&\$%* situation and then he said he sure wasn't going to take any responsibility for it and then he decided to talk to his boss and then on his way home from work he forgot to stop to buy ice cream like Mom told him to and then they had a fight and then I wouldn't eat my string beans and then they told me I was a bad boy and couldn't have any dessert and

then I said 'So what, we don't have any ice cream anyway,' and then they hit me."

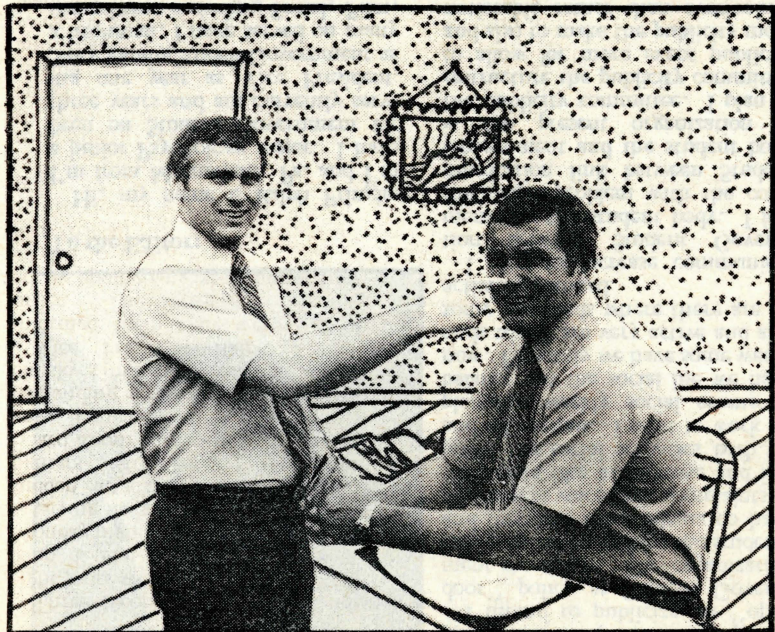
Mortley's boss's boss called the president's office to report the somewhat unusual find. After recovering from the shock that his favorite sponge had been chewed on, the president took decisive action. A committee was formed to investigate the matter.

Meanwhile, the cultists returned to the closet to check on their hostage. "After making sure I was still in the closet," the innocent victim said, "I heard them discussing plans to catch a bus to the mall to complete their pre-sacrifice ritual of licking all the phones and lapping water out of the fountains at the Mall. I knew I had to act if I was going to save myself."

"I waited until they left. After several unsuccessful attempts to spit out the sponge, I realized that there was only one thing left to do—I swallowed the sponge. I then screamed frantically for help, but no one came to my rescue."

"Using my teeth to pry open a bottle of Drano, I managed to melt the materials that bound my wrists and only part of one hand. Using the other hand, I untied my legs and opened the door which no one had bothered to lock. I then contacted the Emergency Alert Team. They arrived within two hours of my call and took me to the nearest hospital. I was glad that my horrifying, nightmarish ordeal was over."

The Bacon has learned from a friend of the wife of the neighbor of the head of campus security that the two suspects remain at large. The Presidential Cult Search Committee is still examining the facts and have not yet turned in a report.



Damon Young, newly appointed director of BASHED, Board members Angered by Students' Heavy and Excessive Drinking, demonstrates the official Wilkes College sobriety test. Students suspected of being intoxicated will be required to touch their noses with their finger.

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Terrorists Attempt SG Coup

Three people were killed and eight more were injured in a bloody coup d'etat which took place at Monday night's SG meeting.

Giving no special reason for their sudden attack, hooded "freedom fighters" stormed the Weckesser Board Room with submachine guns and homemade hand grenades, demanding President Elaine Kerchusky's immediate resignation.

Vice President Ralph Pringle informed them they were out of order. The terrorists responded by apologizing and then proceeded to pump Pringle so full of lead that all that was left when the smoke cleared was a mass of runny pulp.

Parliamentarian Dave Talenti made the suggestion that, since nothing ever like this had ever occurred before, the entire matter be treated much the same as a fund request and that the group return next week for a second reading. Talenti went on to suggest that Pringle's remains be swept up before his blood coagulated and stuck to the petting.

The hooded visitors discussed this idea among themselves. Their

decision was to place a live grenade in the mouth of the nearest freshman representative, an action which caused the girl to panic and literally lose her head.

Brushing skull and brain fragments from her sweater, Senior Representative Terry Shemo suggested the group step outside so the remaining SG members could take a vote on whether Kerchusky should be removed from office. The terrorists did so and Dan Talenti motioned that SG should not negotiate with terrorists and that they should stand behind their president (perhaps to protect themselves from the bullets). This motion passed unanimously.

When the rebels were informed of this decision, they became upset and expressed their anger by grabbing Junior Don Talenti, dousing him with Quick-Joe lighter fluid, and setting him on fire.

Shouting above Talenti's horrible, pain-filled screams and agonized pleas for help, Cherie Burke stated that this action was uncalled for and smelled gross. She made a motion that the windows be opened; this motion passed unanimous-

ly.

While waiting for Talenti to burn out, the terrorists became restless and showered the room with a hail of bullets. It was during this barrage that eight more reps were injured.

From under the conference table, SG Advisor Art Hoover advised that it might be a good idea for Kerchusky to tender her resignation.

She reluctantly agreed, noting that she had not had a chance to allot all her funds. Using her remaining arm, she wrote and signed her resignation.

After removing their hoods, it was discovered that the rebels were a group of Air Force ROTC members led by Mike Quinn. Quinn reported that they had been hired by Ralph Pringle and was discouraged to learn that they had killed their employer before being paid.

Keith Sands, his bullet-riddled body horribly disfigured, gasped a that a motion be passed to piece Pringle back together. This motion was defeated 11 to 3.

The meeting adjourned and the reps crawled to waiting ambulances.



The Wilkes College Admissions Office recently announced that recruiting for the 1984 freshman class has commenced and the outlook is promising.

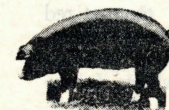
One of the major innovations in recruiting procedures, notes Admissions administration, is the newly-expanded Student Search Program. The Program is focused on recruiting the more "active, assertive student leaders throughout the nation, who have shown outstanding ability in their respective fields, yet who also have demonstrated a marked tendency for individualism and self-expression."

An administrative source has commented, "These may be just the type of highly-motivated, creative individuals needed to revitalize the liberal arts program on campus." He also noted that enrollment figures have skyrocketed since the institution of the new program.

Opposition to the program is being voiced, however. Said one individual, "You should have seen some of these kids—it's really frightening. I had one in for an interview last Thursday. He ate all my pencils."

One College official noted, "Sure, these kids are individuals, even creative individuals. But they dress really weird."

College administration has commented that the new students will probably fit in well on campus, and that Admissions will continue the program "until we run out of pencils."



'83-'84 Male Resident Assistants Selected

The Housing Office has recently completed its selection of male R.A.s for the 1983-84 school year. Competition was tough and once again it came down to the all important evening gown competition.

Judging for the competition was provided by several of last year's winners. Bart Matson, winner of 1982's overall competition wore a stunning sky-blue off-the-shoulder taffeta sheath delicately accented with a single strand of pearls. The winner of last year's congeniality award, Dave Yaron, shocked everyone with his daring magenta silk halter, with plunging back, and purple sequined harem pants. The entire outfit was brought together by his carefully-chosen leopard skin belt with matching drop earrings. The third judge was Steve Reto, winner of last year's bathing suit competition. Reto showed up for this year's event wearing a gold lame gown with fitted bodice and flowing skirt. His ermine stole and muff added just the "right touch" to the outfit.

The biggest treat of the evening was this year's guest judge, Dr. Joel Berlatsky, who materialized in an ethereal white chiffon dinner dress with spaghetti straps and a handkerchief hemline which complemented his excellent legs. He carried a beaded silver handbag.

Judges commented favorably on the contest. "I'm glad to see that



the hemlines are going up again," commented Berlatsky. "Judging wasn't as easy as I thought it would be," stated Matson, "these guys really know how to put together some great ensembles!"

Bacon Awarded 13th Pulitzer

"It's nice, but I don't know where we'll put the stupid trophy," sighed Bacon Editor-in-chief Amy Elias upon learning that the school paper had won its thirteenth Pulitzer Prize.

"We're already using them as doorknobs, bookends, paperweights, and shoe trees," said Elias. "I remember a couple of years ago, when gold prices had reached their zenith, we tried to have a few of them melted down, but it turned out they were made of lead."

Citing stories such as "Decorating Tips For Dormers," "Life At Founders," "Swim Team Update," and "Workshop Offers Suggestions In Handling Mentally Disturbed," as just a few examples of The Bacon's outstanding journalistic form, Pulitzer officials stated that they had no difficulty in choosing The Bacon as the best tabloid in the free world.

"We were particularly impressed with the paper's willingness to pioneer new layout techniques,

such as the one used in Mr. Baron's "Swim Team Update," reported one official. "His clever reversal of columns was a real eye-catcher and actually improved the content of the article."

Another aspect of the paper which Pulitzer people found impressive was the innovative use of white space, which has elevated the medium to an art form.

Special awards were presented for the Valentine's issue and the exciting "Real News" column. In a statement to members of other jealous and disgruntled newspapers, Pulitzer spokesman reported, "Though it is an exercise in futility, we feel they should be committed, er, commended for the Real News column which tries to force college students to realize they and their drug habits are not the center of the universe."

The spokesman went on to say, "It's papers like this one that have made America what it is today."

Scientifically Speaking

"Bubble" Computers


by Melissa Meyers

If you think the home computer is the height of computer technology, think again. A recent technological breakthrough, the "bubble chip", may soon revolutionize the computer industry. Whereas man-portable computers weigh as much as 25 pounds, those with bubble memory can weigh up to 10 pounds or less. Telegram recently introduced the Portabubble 81, a microcomputer weighing in at a mere 15 pounds.

Bubble technology is not an entirely new phenomenon. Bell Labs first discovered the possibility of using tiny, magnetized cylinders to store information in 1966. By 1971, this technique had advanced sufficiently to be introduced to the industry. Since that time, the principle of the bubble has not changed much, although business attitudes toward it have. Once considered too costly for popular marketing, bubbles are enjoying a rather extensive comeback.

Early in its development, bubble memory was hailed as a replacement for conventional disk drives. Disk drives (and, in some cases, ordinary cassettes are hooked up to may smaller computers so that information can be stored using magnetic tapes or disks. By replacing this method with the bubble, information can be stored more efficiently and compactly. The bubble itself consists of a thin film of garnet onto which metallic tracks are etched. The film is then encompassed by two magnetized wire coils. Electric currents directed through the device produce streams of bubbles which follow the tracks on the film. The computer can then split the tracks in two, one section travelling to the main memory while the other proceeds to an "output track." The computer reads this track, recording a one where it senses a bubble and a zero where it detects nothing. Thus, the original binary storage system is maintained.

Although bubble memory may seem impossibly complicated, it is actually an important simplification. Yards of tape and inches of disk can be replaced by a chip no bigger than a contact lens. In addition to its obvious value in terms of convenience, the bubble has proven itself to be much more rugged than other memory storage devices. Because of this feature, the Portabubble is widely used by reporters, geologists, travelling salesmen, and other professionals whose mobility requires both efficiency and portability. Now that bubble chips are less expensive (though few experts expect their prices to compare with disk-storage models) both production and sales are on the rise. Telegram has launched, in addition to its Portabubble, a personal model that weighs 10 pounds. Apple II has recently introduced a bubble circuit board to replace its disk drive, and Grid Systems has developed a model so compact that it "literally fits into a briefcase." It would seem that this new technology, once dubbed "The Computer Bubble That Burst" is destined to occupy an important, if limited, place in the computer world.



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A SIGNAL TO CRIMINALS

"A criminal should know that the probability of him being arrested, prosecuted and punished has to go up, not down," Edwin Meese III, counselor to President Reagan, on the national television show, "It's Your Business," in supporting reform of criminal laws to give greater protection to the public.

Courtesy of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce

ECONOMIC ROLLER COASTER

"When you have a recession, government revenues go down and expenditures go up. And that's the basic cause of the current deficits."—Dr. Richard L. Leshner, president, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Courtesy of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce

Conservative Comment.....

by Stephen K. Urbanski and
James J. Haggerty, Jr.

Was Theodore Roosevelt a prophet? In 1905, he wrote to a British friend, "I like the Russian people, but abhor the Russian system of government and I cannot trust the word of these at the head." This statement is probably more correct today than the day Roosevelt wrote it, and an acceptance of this fact is the critical foundation of President Ronald Reagan's foreign policy. President Reagan has often been criticized for this belief, and his belief that the Soviets are the root of most of the world's evil. Is this unreasonable on the president's part? We think not.

Fact. The ultimate goal of the Soviet Union is to communize the world, as is clearly demonstrated by any study of Soviet literature. What is worse for the world, however, is that the Russian communists have proven to be men of action. Their history is complete with step after step leading to their

control of the world, either directly or indirectly. Let's again review the list of unfortunate nations to have stood in the way of the Soviets.

The first nation to fall was Mongolia in 1921. In 1939, when it served their interests, the opportunistic Soviets signed the famed Nazi-Soviet pact with Hitler. By signing this pact, the Soviets stabbed the Poles in the back by invading and grabbing the eastern half of Poland shortly after the German invasion. The brave people of the independent republics of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia were next subjugated by the Communists, with little resistance.

The winter of 1939, saw the Russians attack yet two more independent nations. The brave Finns were forced to submit to Soviet demands after a short but gallant resistance. Romania saw its eastern provinces seized, but was helpless to resist. By the start of the Second World War, the Soviets were clearly on their path toward world dominance.

World War II provided the Sov-

jets with an excuse to 'liberate' the unfortunate people of East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia. After licking its wounds from World War II, the Soviets decided to go for more, this time with a surrogate force of North Koreans. When the United States resisted, and saved the freedom of South Korea, the Soviets were stymied. Thereafter, the Soviets only dared to police their own 'sphere of influence,' as the unfortunate people of Hungary soon learned. With their Communists expansion stopped, the Soviets were in desperate need of an international victory. Seeking it in Southeast Asia, the Soviets sponsored the insurgency against South Vietnam. Again, the U.S. resisted, but this time did not threaten the direct source of the invasion, North Vietnam. Sensing this lack of American resolve, the Soviets renewed their old hobby, this time in Africa. Egypt, Ethiopia, and Mozambique, among others, became hotbeds of Communist in-

trigue. Finally, the long struggle in Indochina ended with the people of South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia being forced to go Communist. Most recently, the people of Angola, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Afghanistan, and Poland have discovered the wrath of Mother Russia. Since 1920, there has literally been no end to Soviet imperialism.

If any aspect of Soviet-style Communism is worse than non-stop imperialism, it is the persecution of dissidents and religious persons in many of the Communist nations. In the Soviet Union itself there are more than 2000 penal camps and corrective labor colonies set aside for political prisoners. Except for Nazi Germany, no other nation has ever tortured, imprisoned, or murdered its own people on a scale as large as the Soviet Union. The present Russian government may be the most despicable on the earth.

Despite the honors described above, still many Westerners desire that the U.S. conduct 'normal'

relations with the Russians. They brush aside Soviet involvement in 'liberation' movements, and claim that American aggressiveness causes the Soviets to do likewise. This is plain nonsense. Be it a nation or individual, history has shown that the Soviets will attempt to destroy any obstacle in its path, and will even sign a treaty with its chief adversary to achieve its aim, as it did with Germany in 1939 (shades of SALT?)

No, the Soviets are not the cause of all the world's evil, but they account for more than their share. Wherever they become involved, the U.S. and free peoples everywhere should beware. Let anyone accuse us of anti-Soviet paranoia, we humbly refer them to their history books.

Any comments or criticisms are welcome. Please write to us at *The Beacon*.

Proper Perspective.....

by Stuart Kall

Rhetoric, rhetoric, rhetoric. There are certainly two sides to every issue. Though I don't feed the pigeons on Public Square, I do discuss politics, and take issues with Stephen Urbanski and James Haggerty's *Conservative Comment* of three weeks ago. Their blind adoration of President Ronald Reagan, and defense of James Watt, secretary of the Interior, only strengthen my need for rebuttal.

Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Urbanski feel that President Reagan is bravely and steadily leading us out of the recession. Actually, with unemployment at an incredibly high rate, and with a fiscal deficit of over \$200 billion (for the next five years), economic recovery is hardly "around the corner," or possible at all, under Reaganomics.

Only blind loyalty to Reagan could account for someone's defending of Reagan's insane defense expenditures. Mr. Urbanski says that our current level of social spending the stuff that puts us

through school, for one thing—is "truly outrageous." Actually, the United States' social welfare expenditures are less, as a percentage of GNP, than most other nations. Reagan continues to pour billions into an overloaded defense budget, while the country's most important and valuable resources—educated minds, healthy employed persons—are left to die. To trim the waste alone off of our defense budget would greatly aid the citizens of our country. Millions of dollars could be easily spared, and used for valuable social programs. Mr. Reagan refuses to even consider this idea, let alone that of cutting the defense budget, or enacting a freeze of defense spending.

Mr. Urbanski speaks of economic recovery, but little was accomplished by Reagan. Decreases in oil prices, the current oil "glut," has had more to do with any "recovery" of our beleaguered economy than any other factor.

Mental and personal resources are not the only victims of the

Reagan Administration. Through the guiding (or misguiding) hand of James Watt, our natural resources, our irreplaceable interior, is slipping away, being permanently



destroyed. For one thing, it is not true that Watt's biggest supporters are Congressmen. The Sierra Club is not the only group calling for replacement. The people who brought about the dismissal of Ms. Anne Burford, as head of the Environmental Protection Agency, (some of them prominent congress-

men), are concerned about the environment and the damage being inflicted upon it by Mr. Watt, and others in the current administration.

As for our immediate danger as a nation in the face of a strong Soviet Union, Mr. Urbanski feels that our situation is like that of a football team in the Super Bowl. He feels that the Soviets would rather face a weaker foe than a stronger foe. All right then, why would the Soviets wait for us to build up? They continue to boost their modes of defense and modernize their forces, at least the rate we're updating our forces. So, what's the real point? Our country, and our interior suffers while Mr. Reagan runs rampant in Washington. Around the time of his inauguration, he claimed the Soviets are an out-of-date, weakening foe, whose day had already come and gone. Why then all this defense hoopla now? There seems to be at least one inconsistency here.

Come on, *Conservative Comment* writers, these are real,

pertinent issues, not little football games, and unimportant gibberish. Reagan comes off as very cocky and brash to the Soviets, whom he now claims are overpowering foes. Is this wise? Life after a football game is tough, but nothing we all can't handle. Life after nuclear war is unspeakable, and the Reagan Administration is now whispering about "extended nuclear war." I wonder if that's possible?

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Alternative Forms.....

by Kim W. Skrinak

My curiosity overpowered me and I watched *Special Bulletin*, the NBC Sunday Night Movie Special. This movie was rather unusual in that it imitated a news coverage of a fictional event concerning a terrorist threat to blow up Charleston with a homemade nuclear bomb. The people making this threat were supposedly knowledgeable enough to do such a thing.

The format of the movie paralleled the method that a major network would use for such an incident made the fictional event seem almost real. I could almost see how the original presentation of Orwell's radio version of *War of the Worlds* was able to create so much panic and confusion among its viewers. I thought that I was going to struggle to keep a straight face at the start of

the movie; but near the end of the story I found myself becoming quite bothered and full of questions that must be answered.

Although the event was fictional, it brought home the belief that someday terrorists could make such a threat with a homemade bomb. Up to the time of the movie, I had a hard time taking such an idea seriously. However the dramatization of this idea made me think harder about such a thing happening. I suppose that by not having to participate in the mock civil defense raids of the 1950's the nuclear threat was almost completely obscured and reduced to merely print on newspaper and faded air raid shelter signs on old buildings. Watching the televised mock explosion and mock evacuations hit me like a cold slap in the face.

The sight of seeing Charleston going up in flames, mixed with the problems of the evacuation, forced me to wonder what it must have been like to have been one of the Hiroshima blast victims. I found myself, at times, taking the movie too seriously. I had to tell myself that this would never happen. How wonderful it would be if I could only internalize that belief!

As the days pass by, I will be combing the local and national newspapers to see how other people felt about this movie. Perhaps everyone will blow it off as just a sensationalistic event for better television ratings. I have a funny feeling, though, that many people, like me, will be bothered for some time about the idea that when it comes to the nuclear threat the Russians are not the only ones we have to fear.

Colonel Pitching Uncertain

by Chris Baron

The Colonels' Baseball team will open their 1983 season tomorrow with a double header against Division II Kutztown State at Kutztown. Wilkes has a strong offensive attack, but their pitching is a bit uncertain.

Second year Head Coach Bob Duliba said, "Our hitting will be there, but we're going to live and die with our pitching." The Colonels' mound staff is made up of seven players lead by Rick Scheaffer and Rich Geffert. Junior Gene Nosovitch is expected to handle relief duty coming out of the bullpen.

Team Captain Ken Sorick will handle duties behind the plate. Senior Ted Komorosky will be fielding grounders on the home side of the diamond. At the other corner is three-year starting third baseman Ned Sandercock. Speaking of Sandercock, Duliba said, "Ned is Ned, he is just plain solid, he always has been."

Dale Englehart will handle things at second base for the Colonels.

Two transfer students will shore up the Wilkes defense along with providing offensive punch. John Good, a transfer from Delaware, is at shortstop for the Colonels. Good is an excellent fielder and has better-than-average speed on the base pads. Dave Kerdesky came to Wilkes from Lycoming College and will be in center for the blue and gold. Duliba said, "Dave is going to help us a lot. He's got good speed and a strong arm, he's also a lefty, something we really needed."

Two sophomores, Ed Domzalski and Scott Pryor, round out the outfield for Wilkes.

Duliba thinks the Colonels will definitely improve on last season's 13-13 record. "Last year we made over 100 errors, sure you're going to make errors but that's just too many," He said, "This year our defense has been tightened up."

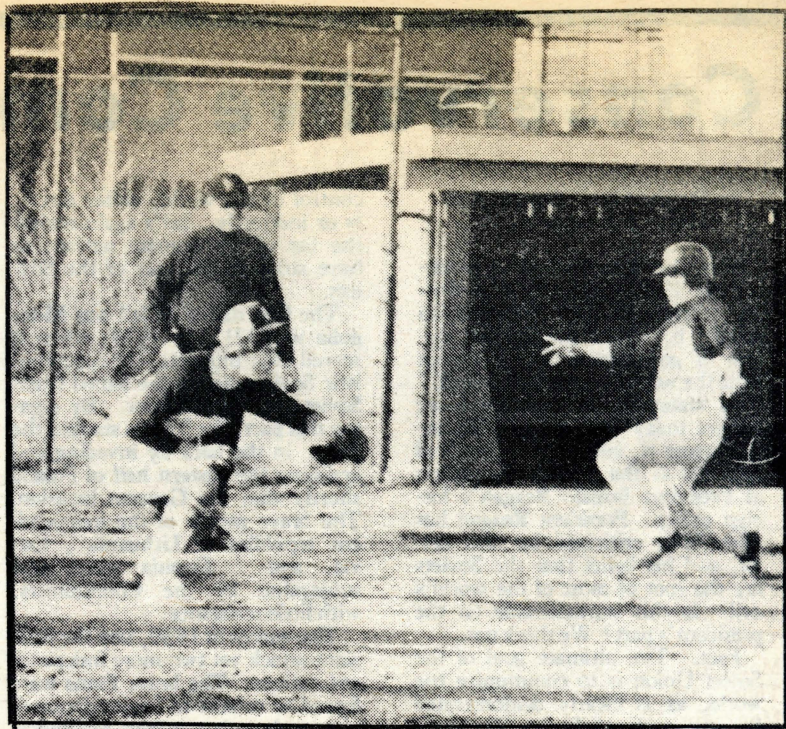
The Colonels have been taking advantage of the good weather and have been able to play exhibition games against Luzerne County Community College and Penn State Lehman.

"So far I can't complain, The pitching has been super," Duliba said, "We've been bombing these teams, sometimes by 18 runs." Duliba said that he realizes that these teams are not of the quality of those Wilkes will face in the Middle Atlantic Conference, but the experience has enabled his pitchers to seven innings.

The Colonels are probably in the toughest division in the MAC, going up against Juniata and powerhouse Elizabethtown.

Duliba said, "I think we are far ahead of everyone else at this point, but we'll find out what we're made of on Saturday."

Scheaffer and Geffert will get the mound assignments for the Colonels' twinbill.



Head Coach Bob Duliba looks on as the Colonels practice their play at the plate.

Tennis Team Hopes To End Losing Streak

by Chris Baron

Although the 1982 men's tennis season did not prove to be productive for the College, the 1983 Colonels are out to open a few eyes.

Under first-year coach Dave Smith the Wilkes netmen are out to avenge last year's 0-9 season. Smith said, "I'm not going to make any predictions, but I hope we don't turn in another 0-for season." He continued, "I don't care if we don't win a match as long as the players improve with each match."

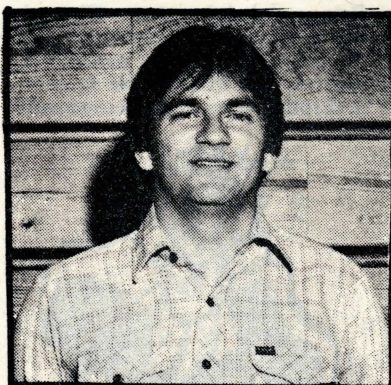
Before coming to Wilkes, Smith served as a coach at Wyoming Valley West School High School, while teaching at Lake Lehman. Last year he compiled a 27-7 combined record while coaching both the men's and

women's squads.

Smith sees some differences between high school and college coaching. "It's nice not having to teach basics as much and when I do I don't have to pound it into their heads," he said. "Here I can concentrate more on teaching the players how to use their heads."

Although it's too early to name a starting team, Smith does have three of his six singles starters picked. Co-captains Tom Swirbel and Jim Harnen, along with Navil Arnaout, are three definite starters.

The return of Swirbel contributes to the optimistic outlook for the 1983 season. Swirbel, while starting at the number two singles position in his freshman year, left Wilkes last



Tom Swirbel Returns to top spot

year to transfer to Lehigh University. This year, the Bishop Hoban graduate will be starting at the number-one singles position. Tom also excels in the classroom, as a Dean's List engineering major.

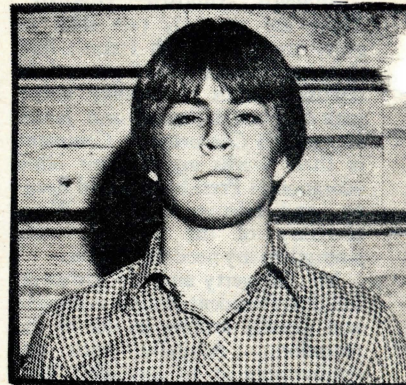
Swirbel's doubles partner Jim Harnen is a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, where he earned the honor of Most Valuable Player and received Quarter-Final status in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association District II

Doubles Tournament. The sophomore pre-law major will also be starting in the number-two singles position.

Arnaout, a transfer from the Rochester Institute of Technology will round out the top three for the Colonels.

Six singles players and three doubles teams are put on the court for each match. Smith said that any of the other players he has seen have the ability to fill the remaining spots on the team. He said, "Most of the guys I've seen are average Division III players and the starting lineup will probably change as the season progresses."

With the return of lettermen Mike Colino, Jamie Rutherford, Mike Shortell, Paul Mastroykiakos and Ray Hanks, the Colonels exhibit a well-balanced line-up. Newcomers Rich Sposta, Ray Gonshor and Wyoming Valley West graduate Mark Janiczek are expected to provide even further depth to the 1983 net team.



Jim Harnen Co-Captain

Reese Announces Improved Soccer Slate

Athletic Director John Reese recently released the 1983 soccer schedule. Next season the Colonel Booters will play a 19-game schedule that includes two Division I opponents, a Division II foe, a week-end tournament in Virginia and three Middle Atlantic Conference Division champions.

The campaign opens at home on September 13 against the University of Scranton. The Royals have finished in the "final four" of Division III the past two seasons.

Over the fall break in October, Wilkes will be involved in a four-team tournament at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. In first round action the Colonels will take on the Division I Hokies of Virginia Tech. Coach Phil Wingert served as assistant at Tech in 1981-82, assisting the Hokies to their best season ever and a berth in the Virginia State Division I championship.

Visiting the Wilkes campus on Sunday, October 23, will be the fighting Irish of Notre Dame. This past season, Notre Dame lost to the NCAA Division I national

champion Indiana University, 4-0, but handed the NCAA Division III national champion, UNC at Greensboro, a 3-1 setback. Notre Dame is a Division I soccer program that does not offer athletic scholarships.

In between these highlights is an intense MAC schedule that includes the likes of FDU-Madison, Elizabethtown, Albright, Moravian and East Stroudsburg (Division II).

"This is by far the best schedule in Wilkes soccer history. It is an excellent schedule for any Division III college," commented Wingert. "The administration has been very receptive to ideas bolstering our program. To be competitive next year it is very important that we bring in the school's most talented freshman class ever. Responses from recruits has been outstanding and at this point we are very optimistic about bringing in some skillful players. Soccer fans will be entertained by ten home dates that will include some of the best soccer this area has had a chance to observe."

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Colonel Spring Sports Teams Set For The Start Of 83 Campaign

The Ralston Field sports complex is a beehive of activity these days as the Colonels' spring teams prepare for the 1983 campaign.

Two Wilkes teams have nowhere to go but up. Both the golf team and the tennis squad will be looking to improve upon their winless 1982 records. The netmen have a new coach and improved depth which make their future look

brighter. The Colonel linksters have some returning lettermen, but it remains to be seen if they can turn things around this year.

Last season the men's baseball team turned in a 500 performance, with a 13-13 mark. The Colonels have most of their offensive power returning, but the strength of their pitching staff is questionable. Last year's senior bullpen ace Tony

Vlahovic is gone.

The women's softball team shows the most promise for success among the spring sports squads at Wilkes. Last year's Lady Colonels captured their first-ever Middle Atlantic Conference Women's Softball title. The Colonels have been aided by a talented group of incoming freshmen and have only lost a few players.

1983 GOLF SCHEDULE ROLLIE SCHMIDT, COACH

Fri., Mar. 25	Muhlenberg/King's	A 1:00
Wed., Mar. 30	Lycoming/Ursinus	H 2:00
Thurs., Apr. 7	Upsala/Scranton	A 1:00
Mon., Apr. 11	King's	H 2:00
Thurs., Apr. 14	Moravian	A 1:00
Mon., Apr. 18	Susquehanna/Scranton	A 1:00
Wed., Apr. 20	E. Stroudsburg	A
Fri., Apr. 22	Albright/Juniata	A 1:00
Sun., Mon., Apr. 24-25	MAC Championship	TBA
Thurs., Apr. 28	Lebanon Valley	H 2:00

1983 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE NANCY ROBERTS, COACH

Tues., Mar. 22	Bucknell (dh)	A 3:30
Mon., Mar. 28	Misericordia	A 3:00
Wed., Mar. 30	Mansfield	A 3:00
Wed., Apr. 6	*Elizabethtown	A 3:00
Sat., Apr. 9	*Juniata (dh)	A 2:00
Mon., Apr. 11	King's	A 3:30
Tues., Apr. 12	LCCC	A 3:00
Thurs., Apr. 14	Marywood (dh)	H 3:00
Sat., Apr. 16	*Susquehanna (dh)	H 11:00
Mon., Apr. 18	Delaware Valley (dh)	H 3:00
Thurs., Apr. 21	Scranton (dh)	H 3:00
Sat., Apr. 23	Upsala (dh)	H 2:00
Sat., Apr. 30	Bloomsburg (dh)	A 3:00
Sat., May 7	MAC	TBA

*MAC Games

1983 BASEBALL SCHEDULE BOB DULIBA, COACH

Sat., Mar. 26	Kutztown	A 1:00
Mon., Mar. 28	Bloomsburg (dh)	A 1:00
Wed., Mar. 30	Scranton (dh)	H 1:00
Tues., Apr. 5	King's (dh)	H 1:00
Thurs., Apr. 7	*Elizabethtown (dh)	H 1:00
Sat., Apr. 9	*Susquehanna (dh)	A 1:00
Mon., Apr. 11	Muhlenberg	A 3:00
Thurs., Apr. 14	*Albright (dh)	H 1:00
Sat., Apr. 16	Delaware Valley (dh)	H 1:00
Mon., Apr. 18	Bucknell	H 3:00
Wed., Apr. 20	Scranton (dh)	A 1:00
Sat., Apr. 23	*Juniata (dh)	A 1:00
Mon., Apr. 25	Moravian	H 3:00
Tues., Apr. 26	Dickinson	A 1:00
Thurs., Apr. 28	King's (dh)	A 1:00
Mon., May 2	Upsala	A
Wed., May 4	E. Stroudsburg (dh)	A 1:00

*MAC Games

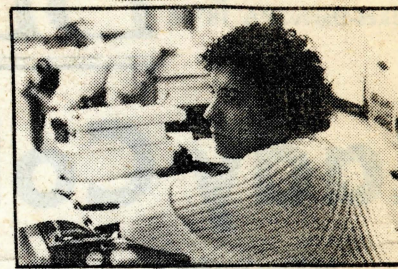
1983 MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE DAVE SMITH, COACH

Sat., Mar. 26	Juniata	A 1:00
Wed., Mar. 30	Ursinus	A 3:00
Tues., Apr. 5	Scranton	A 3:00
Thurs., Apr. 7	Susquehanna	H 3:00
Sat., Apr. 9	Elizabethtown	H 1:00
Wed., Apr. 13	Lycoming	H 3:00
Fri., Apr. 15	King's	A 3:00
Tues., Apr. 19	Scranton	H 3:00
Sat., Apr. 23	Albright	A 1:00
Wed., Apr. 27	Muhlenberg	H 3:00
Fri., Apr. 29	King's	H 3:00

the final score

by

Chris Baron



If you have never tried your hand at the sport of golf, consider yourself lucky. If anyone suggests that you try this frustrating game, I urge you to take a nine iron and wrap it firmly around their neck. Golf is probably the most infuriating sport on the face of the earth, but it is also addictive. If you try it once you are hooked for life.

Woodrow Wilson described golf best when he called it "an attempt to place a small little sphere . . . in a slightly larger hole . . . with utensils totally unsuitable to the task." In an effort to discourage anyone from trying this useless sport, I will impart one of my many horror stories about golf.

No golfer can ever forget his first time on the links. The memory of my first time on a golf course will remain forever burned in my mind. It was a picture-perfect, summer, Sunday afternoon. A friend, or should I say an ex-friend, persuaded me to waste this beautiful day playing a "gentleman's sport." As we approached the first tee, I noticed three teenage girls, clad in cute terry cloth shorts, waiting to tee off. My partner was quick to ask these young ladies if we could play through, in order to move things along quicker. I thought to myself, 'Silly women, what are they doing out here? They probably don't have enough strength to hit a ball five yards.' I didn't realize the size of one's arms has little to do with how far you can propel that tiny ball.

The plan was that they would tee-off first, then we would drive and walk out in front of them. They agreed to this arrangement. This particular hole had a small pond directly in front of the tee. Any moron could knock a ball over this small body of water, any moron, except myself of course. The first female Jack Nicklaus carried her 120 pounds up to her ball and hit a perfect drive 200 yards down the middle of the fairway. I began to feel a bit uneasy when her two companions followed with similar success. My colleague hit a respectable drive, but even his didn't travel as far as the first young lady's.

I stepped up to my ball with the utmost confidence. I whispered, "I hope I don't hit it past the pin, after all, I can bench press 300 pounds. I just might tear the cover off this little sphere." The club went back and there was a swoosh as it cut through the air. As I looked out to the fairway in front of me I realized that I hadn't heard the sound of the club hitting the ball. If you can picture the color of a stop sign then you've got a pretty good idea of how my face looked as these three adolescent cuties giggled behind me. I reared back again and this time the ball was air born, along with a large chunk of turf. The divot went considerably further than the ball. When a golf ball hits water it makes an amusing sound. The plunk of my ball hitting the surface of the pond put these three women into a fit of girlish laughter. Feeling about the size of a tee, I made another effort. This time the ball skimmed along the water like a cruise missile, lodging in the mud bank on the far side of the pond.

This sounds like great fun doesn't it? What a way to relax. This is only the beginning of what becomes a life long exercise in frustration. The game of golf has some unknown force which draws you back to the links week after week, while you continue to hack through each agonizing round. After each round you swear that you will never play golf again.

Maybe I shouldn't be so critical of this gentleman's sport. After all, it does have some redeeming qualities. It helps to expand your vocabulary. If you think you've heard every spoken profanity, then, think again. Golf can turn a religious pillar of the community into a raging maniac belching forth an ever-expanding series of curses. It also sharpens your reaction time as you dodge balls hit by linksters who play the sport as bad as you do. Golf also teaches one how to lie about his score once he gets into the club house. A bad day on the links gives you a perfect excuse to get mildly drunk in the country club bar, which is a necessary part of any good course. Golf is also good for the national economy. Do you know what the largest industry in the United States is? It's not automobiles or computers; it's the production of golf balls. These expensive little spheres have an uncanny knack for getting lost, sometimes in the middle of the fairway.

Now there are those few individuals who have managed to master this irritating game and the rest of us duffers hate them with all our hearts.

Even now, as I remember my experiences with this rotten game, I begin to get an urge to start another season of frustration.

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Lady Colonels Eye Second MAC Title

by Ellen Van Riper

Can they do it again, or was last year just a fluke? This question is occupying the minds of the coach, the players, the fans, and the opposing players and coaches. In 1982, Nancy Roberts' Lady Colonel softball team made Wilkes College athletic history by capturing this institution's first-ever women's Middle Atlantic Conference title. It is always tougher to do it the second time around, but this year's team is more than ready to meet the challenge.

Last year few people, and possibly not even the players themselves, expected the Lady Colonels to accomplish what they did. However, this year this is different.

Roberts provided the following insight into what she expects this year: "We were a surprise last year. We will no longer be in the underdog role. Everybody will be gunning for us. We are the team to beat."

Being a surprise and an underdog last year resulted in little pressure on the team. No one expected such excellence. However, now the expectations are high, and the pressure is on.

Testimony to this is provided in the March 9, 1983 issue of *The NCAA News*, the official publication of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In an article previewing the upcoming national Division III softball season, the Lady Colonels are mentioned along with the Lady Royals of Scranton as the two best teams in the Mideast region.

Players who received individual recognition in the article are sophomore pitcher Sue Schwartz, senior catcher Karen Johnson, and junior outfielder Karen Bove.

Last year on the mound, Schwartz, a native of Glen Lyon and a graduate of Nanticoke, compiled a 13-7 overall record and a 2.30 ERA. Sue received post season honors as a member of both the NPWIAA (Northeastern Pennsylvania Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association) All Conference and the Middle Atlantic Conference Northern Division All-Star teams.

Johnson, a native of Bloomsburg and a graduate of Central Columbia High School, batted a team leading .485 and also posted team leading figures in homeruns (7) and RBIs (37). Her batting average was good for second in the nation.

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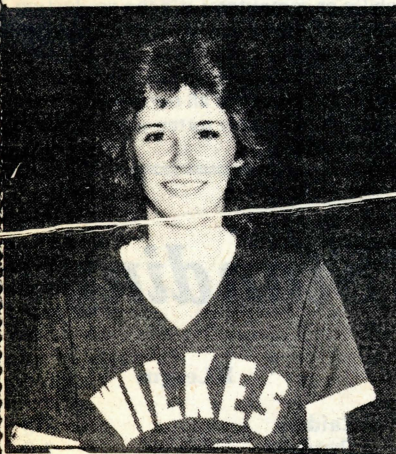
Karen Bove, a native of Berwick and graduate of that town's high school, was named to the MAC All-Star team.

In years past the Lady Colonels would be especially inspired to play such traditionally powerful teams as Elizabethtown, Susquehanna, and Scranton; but now these teams will be especially psyched to play the Lady Colonels.

Despite all of the high expectations and pressure, Roberts is confident that her team will be able to repeat as MAC champions: "It will be real hard, but we have the talent and the attitude to do it again. There is a very good chance that we will do it again."

And do they ever have the talent! Not one to sit on her laurels, Roberts did a tremendous amount of recruiting last year and was rewarded with a number of talented freshman players to add to her already stellar group.

Hurst Receives Her Second MAC Award



CHARLENE HURST

For the second consecutive year, Lady Colonel cage star Charlene Hurst has made the Middle Atlantic Conference's All-Conference First Team. Only a sophomore, both the team and Head Coach Nancy Ro-

berts and her assistant Mary Jo Hromchak, are looking forward to having her around for two more years.

Charlene is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School, and she is a native of Wilkes-Barre. This spring she will be playing softball as a member of the Lady Colonel team. As a freshman, she was a member of the 1982 team which won the Middle Atlantic Conference softball title.

This past season Charlene was the second leading scorer for Roberts with an 18.6 p/g. and a total of 354 for the season.

Last year, as a freshman, Charlene led the Lady Colonels in scoring with a 20.5 p/g. average, and her overall performance earned her a spot on the MAC All-Conference squad.

Last year's team only managed a 6-12 overall record, but this past season the record was improved to 10-9. Thus, it is obvious that Charlene had lots of help this year.



CAN THEY DO IT AGAIN? Last Spring the 1982 Lady Colonel softball team posed for this informal team photograph after they won the College's first ever women's Middle Atlantic Conference title. With these veterans and some new cast members, Head Coach Nancy Roberts' team will be looking to repeat as champions in 1983.

As a matter of fact, a number of freshmen are pushing the upperclassmen for starting positions. The result has been healthy competition in which all of the players have worked hard.

This year's roster presently has 19 players, and for a change there is not a problem with numbers.

Heading the contingent of returning players are Schwartz, Johnson, and Bove. The other returning upperclassmen are senior Cathy Lee from Blair, California, who last year was named to the NPWIAA All Conference team, and who is expected to play both second base and catcher this year; senior Stacy Keeley, a native of Mt. Holly, N.J. and a graduate of Rancocas Valley High School, who was named to the MAC All-Conference team last year, and will play first base once again; and senior Carol Hagen, a native of Plymouth and a graduate of Wyoming Valley West, who will play right field.

The other returning upperclassmen are sophomore outfielder Charlene Hurst, a native of Wilkes-Barre and a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School; sophomore Renee Dougherty, who is also a Wilkes-Barre native and a Hoban graduate, and who will play second base; sophomore rightfielder Sherri Zimmerman, a native of Hamburg, N.J. and a graduate of Vernon High School; sophomore outfielder Lisa Gigliello from Avoca and a graduate of Pittston Area; and sophomore pitcher Lynn Busch, a native and graduate of Dallas.

The first-year members of the team are outfielder JoAnn Matt, a

native of Pittston and a graduate of Pittston Area; outfielder Karen Galli from Nanticoke and a graduate of Nanticoke Area; third baseman Kenley Oates, a native of Wyoming and a graduate of Wyoming Area High School; infielder Renee Rubino from Jefferson, N.J. and a graduate of Jefferson High School; first baseman Michelle Zowowski from Mt. Pocono and a graduate of Mt. Pocono High School; shortstop Lisa Delgado, a native of Wilkes-Barre and a graduate of Bishop Hoban; infielder Beth Latini from Wayne and a graduate of Archbishop John Carroll High School; and second baseman Gail Jones from Wilkes-Barre and a Bishop Hoban graduate.

The only problems which Roberts has encountered so far involve the lab schedule and the pitching staff. Some members of the team have late afternoon science labs, so they have to come to practice an hour late on some days.

Roberts said that she "needs the cooperation of the teachers, for it is hard to win when people are an hour late for practice."

If there is any weakness this year, it lies in the pitching staff. Although Sue Schwartz is an All-Star pitcher, she cannot be expected to pitch every game. The only other pitcher is Lynn Busch, who even though has shown dramatic improvement since last year, has a problem with conflicting classes and labs.

Even though Roberts says that "we are very fortunate to have Sue Schwartz," she would still be a lot more comfortable if she had another

frontline hurler.

One solution to the problem may be junior Karen Bove, who has been quite impressive early on the mound. Roberts is expecting her to improve her pitching, and is hoping that she will be ready before the middle of the season.

The Lady Colonels this weekend will travel to Western Maryland College for a scrimmage, and they will make their home debut on April 14 when they host Marywood College for a double header at Kirby Park.



SWINGING INTO SPRING. Lady Colonel ace pitcher Sue Schwartz shows her batting stroke during a recent practice at Ralston Field.