

Grade Inflation - A Problem On Campuses



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While the U.S. is suffering from an economic inflation, American colleges and universities are suffering from their own kind of inflation—grade inflation. Grade inflation, the over-issuance of A's and B's is partly caused by college professors and administrators.

Time Magazine recently reported that last spring 42 percent of all undergraduate grades at Yale University were A's. Also, at American University 75 percent of all grades last spring were A's and B's. Where the average grade was C five years ago at Pittsburgh University, it is now a B.

The reasons cited for these changes are: pass-fail options in difficult courses, the fact that many professors started to give higher grades in the late sixties to help students escape the draft, and some professors wanted to avoid what they considered the punitive effects of grading. Some faculty members are even bribing students with good grades which will in turn make the student give a good evaluation of the teacher at the end of the semester. Other teachers are more generous with A's and B's because they know students need them to get into graduate school.

Dean Capin, Dean of Academic Affairs, commented, "Maybe the marking criteria as listed in the college bulletin is not being followed. A teacher should look at the grade description and understand that a '4' denotes work of an outstanding quality." The Dean also emphasized the fact that the number of courses

being dropped has increased sharply in the past two years. This is due to a change in withdrawal policy which was introduced two years ago enabling the student to withdraw from a class up to the tenth week of the semester. Previously the time limit was two weeks.

At Wilkes College, for the fall and spring semesters last year, the grades were as follows:

Grade	Fall 1973 Percent	Spring 1974 Percent
4	20	23
3	33	35
2	30	28
1	9	7
0	2	2
W	3	3
X	3	1

"We may be introducing a system whereby a student is not being as responsible as he would be if he had to stick it out," says Capin on the matter. He also stated that the statistics shown above don't tell the whole story about withdrawals. These figures are based on the computer cards that are turned in and this doesn't necessarily indicate the total number of withdrawals."

Last semester, based on the number of cards received, there were 396 classes dropped. This semester, the number is 704.

While no official notice has been given by the administration, according to some sources some department heads have warned their staff to be conservative in the number of A's and B's they give out and other department heads have implied that D's and F's are still a part of the marking system.

Dr. John Natzke, assistant professor of sociology, feels students have "a collective nymphomania." They like when the profs only show up once a week and many times they love to be undercut in the quality education they're paying for. He also noted that "evaluation is inevitable in our society." He says, "The most popular professor seems to be the most liberal in his evaluation." He also considers it a disservice to give A's or B's to those who don't deserve them. Natzke subscribes to Dean Capin's belief in saying, "The question we have to consider—does the grade mean what it's supposed to mean?"

Natzke also said that a large number of students have asked to drop his course, Intro to Sociology, with a C average because many students feel a C is a lousy grade and would hinder their admission to graduate school. If a person does poorly on his GRE's and has good



DR. JOHN NATZKE

grades, this is a reflection on the department and the school. He concluded, "The best service we can do to the students is to make them tow the line and be as honest as we can in our evaluation."

In contrast to Dr. Natzke's view on GRE's, Dr. Watters, of the education department, believes that GRE's don't necessarily measure the student's academic accomplishments in any discipline. They only

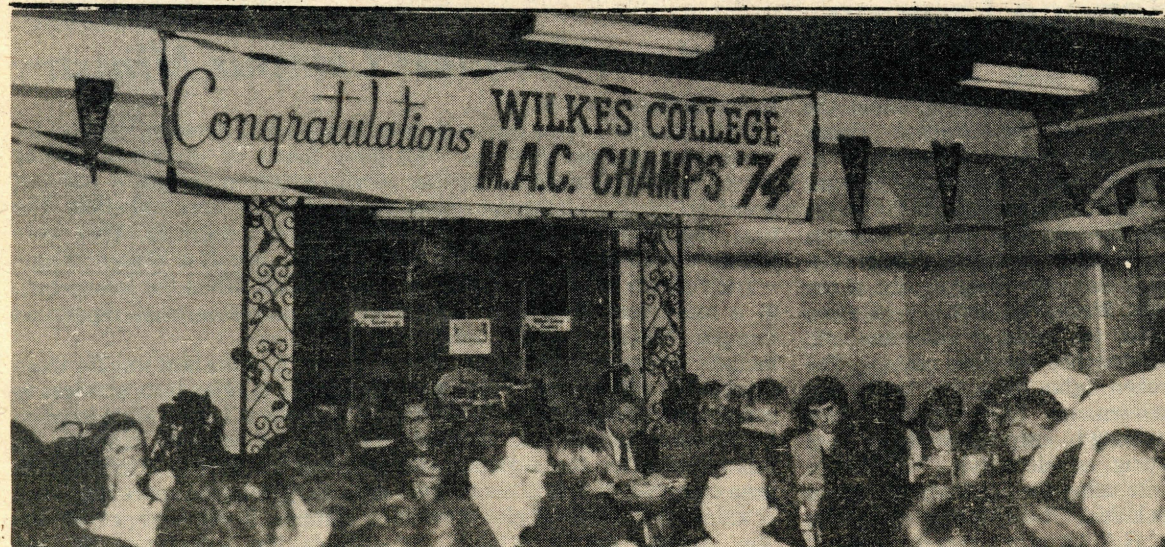
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CONGRATULATIONS CHAMPIONS—The sign says it all here at the Plains American Legion last Sunday evening, where the Blue and Gold gridders and coaching staff were honored by the Football Parent's Club, after winning their first Middle Atlantic Conference title in five years.

S.G. 'Direction' Discussed At Meeting

In the student government meeting of November 12, there was an entry on the agenda titled "Direction of Student Government." The discussion on this point opened with the explanation that SG is divided into four parts. (Academic team, Judicial team, Social team, and clubs and organizations). "Much of the work is done at these team meetings with only a summary report given at the SG meetings. That is why it appears to look that nothing gets done at these meetings."

Stew Feeney took the floor and started by repeating much of what he wrote in a letter to the Beacon last week. He stated that attendance has been lacking and that the classes "... Are lacking in keeping up with their representatives."

Feeney went on to say that members who are absent must submit a written excuse to the Executive Council for review. If they (Executive Council) feel the absence is not justified, appropriate action would be taken.

Feeney then told IDC president Bob Howes and CC president Mike Stambaugh that if either of them are absent they must send a representative to inform SG of their organization's activities.

The purpose of the Social team was brought up next. It was pointed out that the team does not

specifically deal with social activities. It concerns itself primarily with improving the conditions on campus for the student. It also serves as a catch-all team that will work on anything that the other teams cannot handle. For example, the Judicial team can only work on judicial matters.

Kevin Shaughnessy feels that a team of six people would be a good idea. In addition to being concerned with student life, it should schedule all SG films. At present, Shaughnessy is responsible for the films. He cited the problems he had when he was appointed to the film committee. His predecessor didn't leave behind any records which meant that Shaughnessy had to start

from scratch. With the Social team handling the films, there would be some provision for an orderly carry-over from one year to the next.

On November 19, the Buckley Act becomes law. It is a Federal regulation that opens up the students private file that the colleges keep. Any student can now see his or her own file upon request.

After finishing his report, Stark proposed that SG vote to join the Lobby. Bob Spinelli seconded the motion and Stew Feeney called the roll. The motion passed overwhelmingly.

Howie Stark was unanimously elected as the Lobby representative on campus.

CHAMPS Victory Over Albright Gives Colonels Title

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH

The visitors locker room at Albright Field rang with the sound of some forty Wilkes College gridders shouting the words that every athletic team dreams of. "We're number one. We're number one. We're number one."

And number one they were. By virtue of their 14-10 victory over the Lions of Albright College last Saturday, the Colonels are second to none in the Middle Atlantic Conference "Northern Division," capturing their first conference crown since 1969.

It took a blend of raw talent, desire, and just plain guts to reach the top, and getting there via that route made being number one just a little more satisfying. "This is one heck of a ball club," said Colonel coach Rolie Schmidt right after the win, "and I'm proud of all of them."

After Albright drove right down the field on the Colonel defense in the opening minutes though, it looked like it was going to be a rough afternoon in store for the Wilkesmen. But true to form, their "D" toughened near the goal line, and they held Albright to a field goal. Mickey "the Breeze" Calabrese, the Colonel tailback put the Colonel's in front for good a few seconds later however, when he followed great blocking to take the kickoff 96-yards for a score.

Breeze got the other Wilkes tally late in the first half also, when he followed the tremendous blocking of the Colonel offensive line and fullbacks John Baron and Fred Lohman, in for a score.

That second half of football belonged to the Wilkes defense. They have not received much print all year, but had it not been for them last Saturday, Wilkes would be sharing the number one plateau.

Steve "Winky" Leskiw, who was in on almost 20 tackles from his inside linebacking position, was all over the field after Lion ball carriers. But the big plays came from the Colonel secondary, who shut off the Albright "wishbone attack," when they needed it. Tony Schwab was in on 10 unassisted tackles, and his teammate, safety Dave Trethaway was in on nine, in addition to pilfering an Albright aerial in the endzone to save the game.

Freddy Marianacci, who injured

his shoulder two weeks ago against Del Val, really shouldn't have been out on that gridiron Saturday. But Freddy had come too far to be denied the opportunity to miss out on the "fun" now, and he played well despite being in severe pain a great deal of the time.

For coach Roland Schmidt, it has been a long wait. He hasn't coached a conference championship team since 1969, and for a man who is used to winning, a five year drought can be a hell on earth.

But when the clock showed no time remaining, and his hope of coaching a champion had turned once again into a reality, the usually serious face of the 43-year old mentor, cracked a little smile as he gave his wife a victory kiss.

Yes, he wanted that championship, and his players wanted it. In the locker room at halftime, every one of the Colonel gridders could feel that championship before their eyes. They sat there with looks of anticipation on all of their faces; anticipation of a dream come true. As coach Schmidt walked into the room, he immediately ordered his squad to huddle up.

"Gentlemen, when we came here this afternoon, we were sixty minutes away from a conference title. Now we are only thirty. Thirty minutes and the job is done gentlemen."

They filed out of that locker room with fire in their eyes. And thirty minutes later, the mission was accomplished, the Wilkes College grid Colonels had won the Middle Atlantic Conference title, and Rolie Schmidt, his grid team and an entire student body were proud to be called Colonels.

Grades vs. Quality

Marks Pose Major Problem For Students And College

There has been much controversy lately over the college grading system. Throughout the country grades are on the uprise. Cumulative averages are higher than ever before, and people are questioning this grade inflation.

Our problem here at Wilkes is different than the one at most schools. Our average grades have risen over the past two semesters but the rise is insignificant in comparison to other schools. This is the root of the problem.

We feel that the quality of education at Wilkes is just as good, if not better, than the quality of education offered at schools with lower grade standards. A 2 in a particular course here may be the equivalent of a 3 in a similar course at another school.

Many teachers consider a 2 to be an acceptable average grade but to students it is often not enough. To get into graduate school or to face the job market a high cum is very important. A Wilkes student with a 2.6 may have better qualifications and a better educational background than a student with a 3.2 from another school with a lower quality education. But the one with the 3.2 cum has a better chance of getting that sought-after job because of what's actually on "the record."

We feel that teachers should evaluate students on the basis of their work. But we feel that good marks are harder to get here than at many other schools. A teacher shouldn't have to worry about giving too many A's or too many C's, but the fact remains that the former could lower our standards and the latter could hurt student marketability. The system is a bundle of contradictions.

There doesn't seem to be an answer. We do advocate an honest evaluation of the student's achievement. Above all things, the grading system must remain fair. At the same time there should be a way to equate standards set up by all colleges so a particular grade at one would be the same for all. (Credits are transferrable but cumulative averages are not).

We feel that we have the better quality education, but will we have a chance to prove it? Or will we have to make a choice between sacrificing quality education and high standards or jeopardizing the student's future? What's the answer?

The Readers' Voice

Pre-Hahnemann Life Considered Tough

To the Editor:

Following is a slightly touched-up excerpt from a letter I recently wrote to a friend about college life, and things in general. Its main topic is that of the renowned Wilkes-Hahnemann program. I really think that it's about time someone said something about the program, and this letter said it pretty well (for me anyway). Please feel free to use it as you please, even if you throw it out and use it to line the wastebasket, read it, at least someone will know my truth.

Dear Janie,

By all rights, you probably shouldn't even have opened this letter. From September 26 to November 10 is a long time to write a letter, even for me — I've started this letter many times — it never sounded right or got my point across or I was too confused or busy to write.

Not having a summer vacation really threw me — I'm just starting to get settled and my brain is just beginning to work again. Classes have been going downhill — I'm holding a 3.0 by the skin of my big toe this semester. It'll probably pick up after this week — I'm trying to catch up (like by 10 organic labs) and stay ahead — I've decided that a six year med program is no good at all — you end up cheating yourself. It sounds corny, but you don't get a chance to "live." Your only friends turn out to be an organic book and a copy of last year's genetics exam (obtained at the "fair" price of two pints of blood plasma, preferably yours) if you take the program seriously. As you know, however, I am far from being serious about anything that will end up destroying me if I take it seriously . . . get the pun!! The program provides you with a good but rushed background in science, yet takes away that singular thing that makes up a good doctor, and that very thing which I

am desperately trying to preserve only help you waste two precious within myself . . . that is my own years of your life. I'll survive sense of self and integrity. More or because I have the capacity to take less, it is my individuality and my sense of people (culture?) that matters, not the almighty "A" — We serious about them, to the extent of losing myself. You know, I really had F. Lee Bailey here and less than worry about the people who are five people from the program and going to jump off the Market Street Bridge if they don't make it to the lecture. (There was a bio exam Hahnemann — I feel just as bad for the next day; what's an hour and the people who have had to, let's say, three-quarters off of study time, extend the truth to get a good grade, especially for something as relevant or even those who get hyper if they to our society as the law??) don't have the best grade in the

Do you remember how much I class. I have never had to regret any used to read? Like 5 books a month decision I have made in the past, you — well . . . this past year I think I've have to stick to your decisions or read about 7 new books!!!! I really your life will be full of "maybe's" miss it, too. It's impossible to keep and "what if's" . . . but I can't help up a normal social life (whatever wondering, what if I didn't have to that is), read, and still maintain a 3.0 worry about the program, and all average or better. (Don't ask me the extra courses I've had to take, or how I'm going to keep my 3.7). the concentration of science courses Especially when taking organic and the lack of psych, and some chem, genetics-physiology, physics, philosophy or theology, and what speech (when the prof thinks that about all of the books I could've read he's teaching a 12 credit course), by now??? As I said, there are too and sociology. I'll stick it out and many if's, but two years is a long probably even make the program (I time to waste, especially when there figure I've made it this far, and are better things to do . . .

Love,
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This is just an excerpt from an expansive letter I wrote to a very good friend. Thanks for letting me let off some steam, and thanks for listening, very few people do that nowadays.

An Extremely Disillusioned
Class II Wilkes-Hahnemann
Candidate

Service Lacking

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago an article appeared in the Beacon about the graffiti on the Warner House bathroom walls. As a member of Warner House, I would like to point out that the dorm cleaned the walls. Now I would like to ask, when is maintenance going to fix the broken lights and put a door on one of the stalls. Warner House has been a two seater for about a year and still maintenance has done nothing. The broken lights have live wires and maintenance has not yet done anything to keep the students from having an electrifying experience while using the facilities to relieve the kidney. It seems that everytime our R.A. turns in a repair request it is ignored. For the money we pay to go to Wilkes, one would expect better service.

Sincerely,
Jeff Trimmer

Students Request Campus Ministry

To the Editor:

Under Reader's Voice last week, a letter appeared stressing the need for "improved campus services." We have found by discussing among ourselves that the need for another service exists on campus — one that would not require additional college monies but just time and effort. The time and effort has been volunteered by local clergymen. They have agreed to contribute the time and energy to the students of Wilkes College.

Their efforts have been teamed up They will not affect the non-sectarian in a movement known as United an, non-denominational reputation Campus Ministry. Their services of the College.

include: Presence on campus, with We feel that the best way for these established office hours, for open- clergymen to offer their services to counselling relationships. They will the students is to provide a location be resource people and facilitate for them on our own campus. We relationships for the students with sincerely feel that by offering these area churches, if that is the request area clergymen the space they need of the student. They will also provide on campus, it will best provide the the student the opportunity for students the opportunity to take community involvement. Their advantage of the services these purpose is not to preach or to clergymen are offering us.

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Commuter Council Meeting,
5:30 p.m.

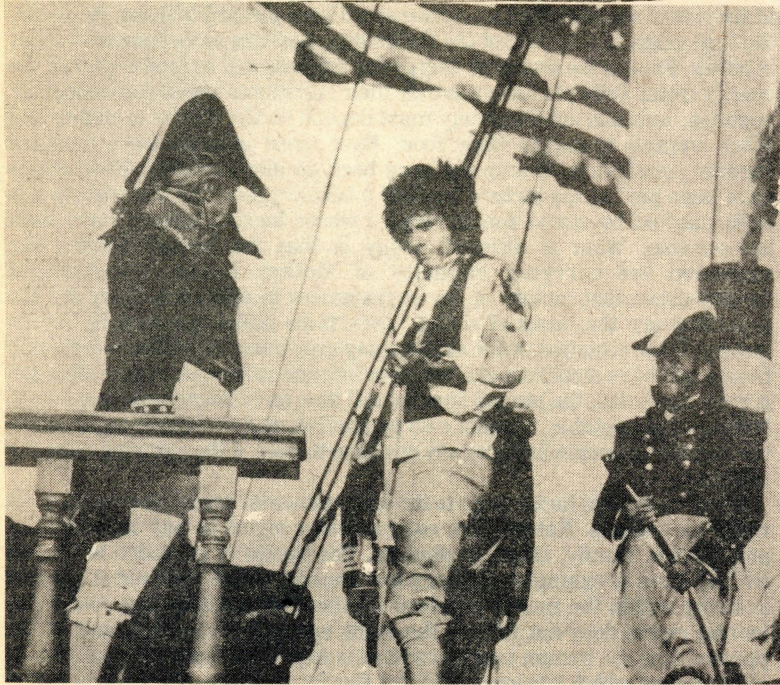
Freshmen Registration for
Spring Term 1975

Friday, November 22
Wilkes College Center for the
Performing Arts, "One Flew Over
the Cuckoo's Nest," 8 p.m.
Freshmen Registration for the
Spring Term 1975
Senior Class Swim Party, 8 p.m.,
Aquadome

Saturday, November 23
"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,"
8 p.m. — C.P.A.

Sunday, November 24
BEACON Meeting — 2 p.m.
"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,"
2:30 p.m. — C.P.A.
I.D.C. Meeting — 6:30 p.m.

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"The Man Without A Country," will be presented on Friday, December 6, at 8:30 p.m.

Cliff Robertson portrays a stunned Lt. Philip Nolan, shown accepting a sword from a U.S. Naval officer for bravery displayed in a sea battle against a foreign nation, in the ABC-TV telecast.

Summer Russian Seminar Scheduled In Leningrad

The Pennsylvania Consortium for International Education has officially endorsed the Edinboro State College second Russian Language and Culture Seminar to be held in Leningrad, USSR, during the 1975 summer session. Six semester hours of college credit will be earned for successful completion.

Lasting from mid-June to mid-July, the seminar will include 4 hours of formal instruction daily in homogeneous groups of no more than 10 students each; lectures in English and Russian by Soviet professors specializing in various aspects of Soviet Culture and Civilization; and tours to theatres, museums, art galleries, schools, universities and other points of interest. Beach, sports, and recreational facilities will be available.

The total cost last summer was \$830 plus \$186 for ESC tuition. The cost for the 1975 summer session will be announced as soon as the new rates become available.

This program is for beginners, intermediate students, and advanced students. The emphasis will be on conversation and the practical aspects of the Russian language useful for visitors to the USSR.

Although not required, it is recommended that participants who have not previously studied Russian enroll in a beginning course. Edinboro State College will offer two beginning courses in the Spring semester 1975, one at 10:00 a.m., and one at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For reservations for the summer seminar, or for information regarding the ESC elementary Russian course, write or call Dr. Julius M. Blum, Professor of Russian, Edinboro State College, Edinboro, Pa., 16444, telephone: (814)734-2417.

(Bavitz Answers)

1. The Chicago Bears
2. John Unitas, Fran Tarkenton, and John Brodie.
3. Jim Bakken of the St. Louis Cardinals.
4. Travis Williams of the Green Bay Packers.

Significant Data Released On College-Bound Seniors

According to the College Board of a regional summary analysis, Middle States College-Bound Seniors, 1973-74, secondary schools, colleges and state commissioners of education in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia for the first time will have significant data on this year's high school graduates on national, regional, state and local levels.

The College Entrance Examination Board has created the most comprehensive national summary report ever to describe the characteristics, goals and plans of about one million high school graduates who have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) nationwide.

One-third that number, 335,076 of this year's seniors, took the SAT in the six-state Middle States Region.

The Admissions Testing Program, traditionally known as "the College Boards," is actually three programs: The Scholastic Aptitude Test, which provides a standard measure of the verbal and mathematical abilities of students planning to enter college; the Achievement Tests, covering 14 high school academic subjects, including six foreign languages, provided to colleges for use in course placement; and the Student Descriptive Questionnaire, in which students profile their educational objectives, extracurricular participation, self-perceived skills and areas in which they may need help in college.

In verbal skills, the average of all graduates who took the SAT was 444, compared to the Middle States Region, in which the average was 445. Results in mathematics were: U.S. 480 and Middle States 481.

On a percentile basis, Middle States graduates whose scores fell at or above 500 on the SAT's scale of 200-800 were statistically the same as the U.S. test sample.

In the Achievement Tests, the region's high school seniors who took at least one of the 14 one-hour examinations during their three years in secondary school averaged from four to 17 points higher in their scores than the U.S. population in English composition, mathematics, American history and French.

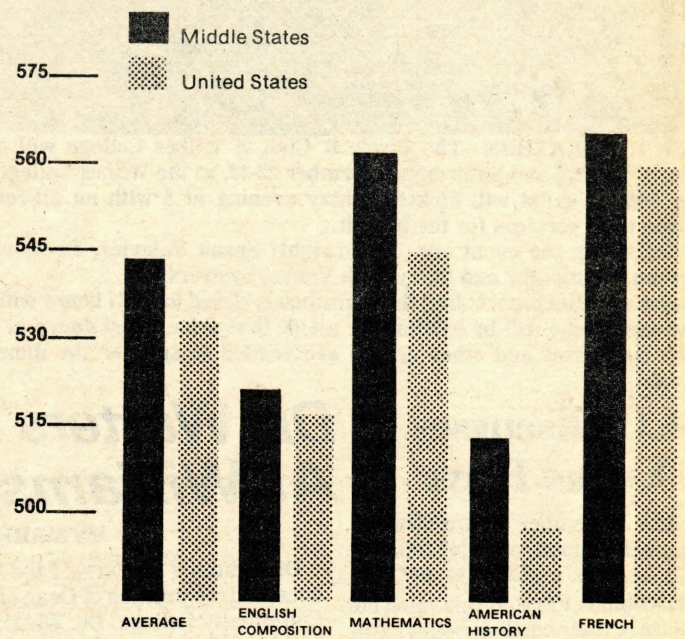
The average of scores for all students in the nation graduating in the class of 1974 who took at least one of the Achievement Tests was 533, compared with an average of 544 for the Middle States.

Other comparisons are: English composition; mathematics; Ameri-

The Wilkes College Jazz Band will present a Concert Friday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Building. The concert will last until 8:30 and is open to the general public for free.

ACHIEVEMENT TEST SCORES

ADMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM/COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD



can history; and French. (See chart).

This pattern of comparable score results was sustained in the percentage of Middle States graduates whose scores fell at or above 500 in Achievement Tests taken. Nationally, 63 per cent of the test-takers' scores were 500 or above, while 67 per cent of the scores in the region were 500 or higher.

On a statistical basis, these differences are termed "modest." Variations of this scope usually are the result of many factors which affect the reporting of test results — such as numbers tested or number of times each student has taken the tests. (Most students participate in two administrations of the SAT and typically choose to take three Achievement Tests each time).

Also, standardized tests' scores are most effective when used in conjunction with students' high school records. Thus comparisons between the Middle States Region and total number of college-bound seniors tested cannot be seen to reflect higher "standards" or "quality of education" in one area versus another.

Overall, 985,247 college-bound seniors took the SAT nationwide, while 335,076 or 34 per cent were tested in the Middle States. Nationally, 246,624 seniors took part in Achievement Tests, of whom 85,139 or 34.5 per cent were tested in the regional area. Typically, about one in four students who take the SAT every year choose to take one or more Achievement Tests, most often the English composition test.

Seniors registering for the Admissions Testing Program represent about one-third of all high school graduates and about two-thirds of all those graduates who were expected to enter college this fall.

According to students' own descriptions of themselves — which tend to be statistically valid when compared with actual reports from

schools and parents — the senior class of 1974 in the Middle States Region has numerous interesting characteristics:

— Eleven per cent belong to an ethnic minority, Black, Mexican American, Oriental, Puerto Rican or other, compared to 14 per cent nationwide among students tested.

— Forty-one per cent estimated parents' incomes at less than \$12,000, while just under one-third said their parents earned more than \$18,000.

— More than one-fourth expect financial aid from home of less than \$625, and nearly one-fifth estimated their parents could contribute more than \$3,600 toward college costs.

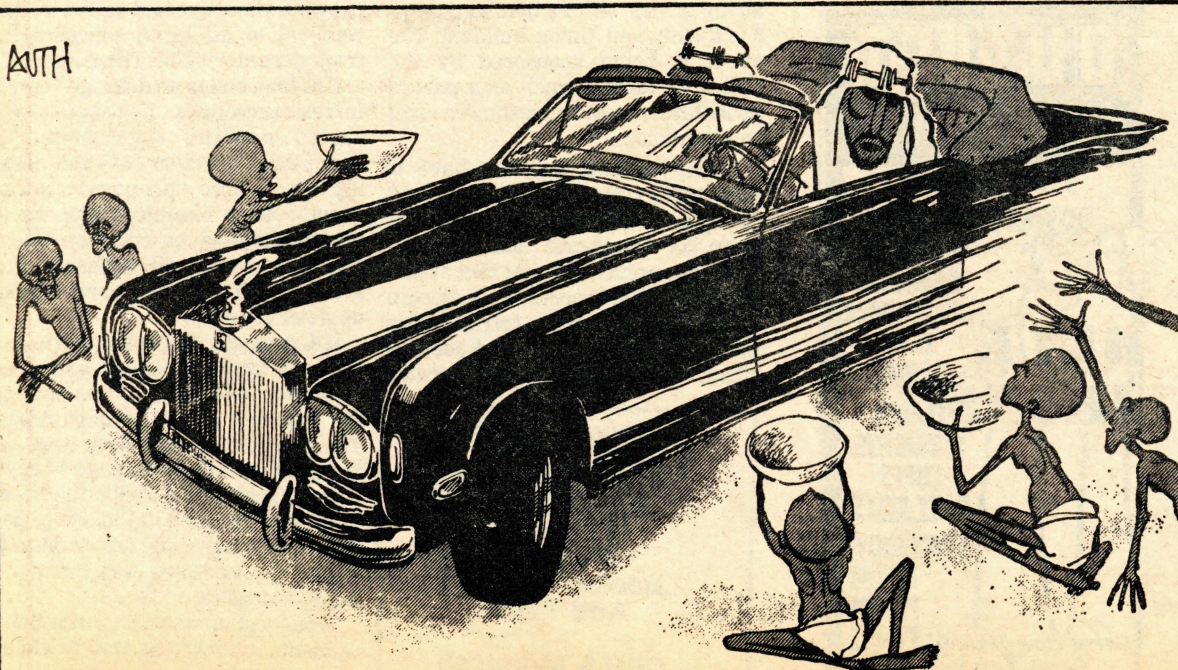
— Three-fourths were in the highest two-fifths of their class and their latest reported grades in academic areas averaged 3.0 or B.

— From seven to 15 per cent of those grades were earned in advanced, accelerated or honors courses.

— Health-related majors are the first-choice field of postsecondary study for nearly one-fifth of the young women, education is decreasingly popular for both sexes, and the biological sciences are the most popular field among males.

The College Entrance Examination Board is a nonprofit membership organization that provides testing and other educational services for students, schools and colleges. The membership is composed of more than 2,000 colleges, schools and school systems, and education associations.

In the federal-state employment service placed 3,334,000 people in jobs during the 1974 fiscal year. Youths 22 years old and under put in jobs numbered 1,386,000; women totaled 1,338,000 and Vietnam era veterans totaled 393,400.



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DANCE MARATHON—The Circle K Club of Wilkes College will conduct a Dance Marathon for Multiple Sclerosis, Friday and Saturday, November 22-23, at the Wilkes College gymnasium.

The 27-hour event will kickoff Friday evening at 8 with an all-college dance featuring "Slave," which is donating their services for the benefit.

Co-ordinating the event are, left to right: Susan Volovicz, Plymouth; Jean Johnson, Dallas; Diane Mital, chairman, Plymouth; and Mary Beth Vanyo, Swoyersville.

Chairman Mital reports that the marathon is slated to go 27 hours with one five minute break allowed per hour. The winners, who will be battling for a \$100 first prize, must dance at least 14 hours.

Area businesses and other groups are needed to sponsor the dancers with all proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis.

CC Discusses X-mas Party

At the November 14 meeting of Commuter Council, a major topic of discussion was a place for parties. The Elks Club in Pittston was ruled out because of their carding policy. This means that there will be no party before the Thanksgiving vacation. However, Gus Genetti's has been contacted concerning a Christmas party. The party cannot be held on a week-end because Genetti's is booked for every week-end before Christmas. A tentative date for the party is Thursday, December 12. A buffet, beer, and a band is planned. Price per person will be announced at a later date.

Supporters of the United Campus Ministry were at the meeting to inform the Council of its services. The Campus Ministry would provide a place and opportunities for students to seek guidance, to discuss spiritual concerns, and to act as a sounding board for personal problems. This service is non-denominational.

Supporters asked the Council for a vote of confidence to go through with establishing this service. Joe Kubicki made a motion to table the issue until feedback was received from students to see if the service is desired. The motion carried and the issue was tabled until next week.

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Dr. Watters Accepts Post At Williamsport College

BY MARIANNE MONTAGUE

Dr. Edmund Watters, of the Wilkes College Education Department, has accepted the position of Dean of Instructional Service at Williamsport Area Community College. Dr. Watters will complete the fall semester here and will begin his new job on December 16.

In his new position, Dr. Watters will be involved in developing courses and programs of study designed to serve the needs and interests of students and community members in the six-county region. The Williamsport region is varied, consisting of urban and rural areas.

He will also be involved in an international studies program and will work with over 160 faculty plus staff and students to improve the quality of instruction, at the educational center. He believes in maximizing student participation, learning, and the right to make vital choices in course selection.

Dr. Watters also hopes to be instrumental in a program designed to supplement the study of technology with more emphasis on the humanities and direct those interested in the humanities to a better affiliation with technology.

Dr. Watters will still be associated with the Wilkes College Graduate program and overseas summer education seminars. He summed up his experiences at Wilkes with the following observations.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to have worked with so many concerned, interested, and com-

Editor's Note — Faculty Corner will appear from time to time in the Beacon. It is a column open to all Wilkes College faculty members. In it, they will discuss topics of relevance to life in the world today. The Beacon would like to thank Dr. Reif for his contribution this week.

Faculty Forum

The Food Crisis

BY DR. CHARLES REIF

Chairman, Department of Biology

The BEACON has asked that I write a few words on the "food crisis" and at the risk of sounding like a broken record I am pleased to do so. However, the food crisis is only part of the status quo; perhaps environmental crisis is better. Food is the source of energy for animals and so food is part of the energy crisis. Only plants can satisfy their nutritional needs with inorganic supplies; animals unfortunately must depend on the efforts of plants and other animals to supply their food. Ever since animals were invented various populations of animals have been on short rations. Food crises have been part of the picture for half a billion years. Human history has been marked by starvation of peoples whose local situations have been unfavorable. What is different today is that the human species has exceeded the carrying capacity of Mother Earth. Populational density-dependent factors of the environment in operation today for the first time are the bases of social interactions which are new in human history. If the situation which exists today ever improves, millions of human beings will have died from starvation or attendant diseases. If the situation is ever corrected, the human species will then have discovered some way, humanely acceptable, to reduce its population, and will never again allow the number of people living at any one time to exceed the carrying capacity of Earth.

Many ecological facts relate to the environmental crisis. Nature does not value individuals. Nature does not guarantee rights to any individual or any species, family, class, or phylum. The course of evolution is littered with all sorts of examples of plants and animals which were not successful in living within the means provided by the environment. The concept of human rights does not fit into the stark ecological realities, and at the present time the human legal structure is expecting Earth to maintain an environment which it is impossible for Earth to provide. The central fact is that human overpopulation has been achieved.

Overpopulation is measured in terms of damage to the environment. Damage to the environment is expressed as food shortage, pollution, imbalance of the ecosystem, and/or extinction of species of organisms. Human extinction is not beyond the realm of possibility. At the present time the United States is the most overpopulated nation on Earth because, with individual and collective technical advantages, citizens of the United States are doing more to damage their territory than is any other group of citizens. And the American concept of freedom for too many American citizens has been interpreted as license. The total effect of license is deterioration of the environment. The result is that the ecosystem (which must include the proper functioning of human economics) becomes imbalanced so that food shortages, pollution, and premature death become the lot of many plants, animals, and human beings.

An important facet of the American Dream, as I see it, is the belief that the problems of human survival can be solved in a democratic fashion. This doesn't seem to fit with the concept that Man evolved as an aggressive animal or with the fact that each of us has, somehow to some degree, in his phenotype, ignorance, stupidity, and selfishness. I do not judge these traits as being right or wrong but I do assert that they are the key ecological factors of the present environment. In the present "food crisis" these three factors are coming into play more and more. Unless enough people are willing, and able, to make their food supplies available to other people who are otherwise doomed to starve to death, no solution for the present unpleasant situation is apparent. The catch is that few people are willing to volunteer, even if a way could be arranged to make sure that the other people received their food. As cruel as it sounds, those countries which presently are able to provide for their own needs probably must coldly turn their backs on other nations which cannot feed themselves and hope that they, the fortunate countries, can figure out how to regulate their own population so as not to suffer the same fate.

For those of us who have some regard for our fellow man and who realize the extent of our predicament, living through the next years is not going to be easy. I believe that men of good will can find the way to assure a balanced ecosystem which includes an acceptable human standard of living. In the context of the environmental crisis, what I recently referred to as "packaging" of Wilkes College students means, to me, that in addition to providing the specifics of academic subject matter, the faculty must practice in their own lives, and instill in the students, The Marks Of An Educated Man.

IDC Gripe Session At SUB Tonight

"Wilkes Bites," a session for airing gripes, will be held tonight at 9 in the Student Union Building. The event is being sponsored by the Interdormitory Council as a part of its lecture series. Refreshments will be available.

Dorm students will not have to have large refrigerators out of their dorms after Thanksgiving. Assistant Dean for Residence Hall Life, Al Foderaro mentioned that fact at last Sunday's IDC meeting. Foderaro noted that for some, refrigerators would be a necessity. Foderaro affirmed that a new refrigerator

policy will be formulated. A previous directive had called for the removal of all large refrigerators from dormitories by Thanksgiving.

IDC took action on damage control in residence halls. Legislation was tabled pending the receipt of dormitory reaction at the next meeting. The proposal would require dorm executive councils to assess damage to common areas and charge it to all residents of a given unit, if the guilty party cannot be determined.

IDC passed a proposal recognizing that the present college policy on residence hall damage does provide for payment of all damage costs. The proposal attempted to improve the present college damage policy.

A suggestion was made that locks should be installed in Pickering Hall to control access and lessen damage costs. A committee was formed to study the issue.

A suggestion was also made that if students in Pickering Hall would not place their garbage outside their doors on weekends it would not be scattered all over.

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Education Credits Slated For Seminar In England

Dr. Edmund Watters will conduct a summer educational seminar in conjunction with Nottingham College County Council of Education, Nottingham, England. The seminar will focus upon the people, culture, and education of England.

The group will depart either June 15, 1975 or June 16 and return July 13. The cost will be approximately \$800-850 including flight, lodging, meals, entrance fees, excursions, and six Wilkes Credits. A maximum of six education credits can be earned by students participating in the trip.

As part of the exchange each student and teacher will live as a family member in the home of an English teacher. During the first ten days each primary teacher will work in a British Primary School as an assistant teacher. The group will visit points of national and local interest during these days.

A visit is planned to the Shakespearean Theater in Stratford on Avon. There will also be visits to Cathedrals and a barge trip on the Thames. One day will be devoted to a tour of Parliament and an explanation of its organization by a member of Parliament.

Lectures, visits to training colleges, and teaching centers and discussions will supplement the experience. There will also be lectures, discussions, and films held prior to the trip to prepare the participants for their study.

Eric and Janet Thurston, former Fulbright Exchange students, and Stanley Irving, Primary Advisor, Nottingham will host the group and also plan excursions to Oxford or Stratford, Cambridge, Salisbury, and a number of sites in the vicinity of Nottingham, England.

Essentially, the trips will be planned to build upon the interests and educational aims of group members.

The group will take a bus trip to Scotland, the Isle of Skye, the Lake District, and return to London. This excursion will be designed to provide a wide variety of typical English and Scottish experiences including Highland games, Scottish dancing, Tom Jones evening, Shakespeare play, Edinburgh, and museums. The last three days individuals will be free to pursue their wishes in London.

Nottingham is declaring June 16-July 13 Wilkes College-Nottingham Exchange Week. Special events will be planned around this theme. Since only a limited number of individuals may participate, individuals should contact Dr. Watters at 717-824-4651 or 717-696-1090 as soon as possible.

Museum Tour Set Tomorrow; Bus Leaves At 8

Wilkes students will have the opportunity to tour the University of Pennsylvania Museum on Friday November 22. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from in front of Weckesser Hall and arrive at the University of Pennsylvania at 11 a.m.

The students will participate in a guided lecture tour of the Latin American Collection at the museum in the morning and an unguided tour of the rest of the museum collection in the afternoon. The museum collection includes ancient Near East archaeology and a Far Eastern collection.

Students will also be able to tour the facilities of the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and Drexel University. The bus will leave at 3 p.m. for the return trip to Wilkes.

The cost of the trip is \$7 per person to be paid in advance. Reservation payments should be made as soon as possible to Dr. Furlow, department of history, Franklin 33, telephone extension 330.

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Parking stickers again will be sold on November 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26. The first two days will be for commuters only. Because of the Thanksgiving vacation, students will receive their sticker upon paying for it instead of receiving the sticker a few days later. Two hundred stickers will be available for sale.

The Christmas decoration committee has suggested that in order to replace some of the decorations and to add more to the upstairs of the Commons, a collection will be taken up in the Commons on Thursday, November 21. All commuting Students are asked to give to help decorate the Commons. The decorations will be put up on Thursday, December 5 by members of the council and any interested students who are willing to help.



HAHNEMANN—The Wilkes College Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital Cooperative Medical Education Program in Family Medicine has gained momentum among students in its third year at the local college.

Shown in the new Stark Learning Center discussing the six-year core curriculum, members of the sophomore class enrolled in the program include, left to right, first row: John Ellis, Kingston; Gary Batok, Laffin; Gary M. Smith, Lehman; Mariellen Scott, Sheatown; Joseph Stern, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Joseph T. Bellucci, associate professor of education; and Joseph H. Kanner, director of Wilkes Testing Service.

Second row: Brian Bliem, Newtown; Frank Rosenberg, West Orange, N.J.; Guy Barbato, Union, N.J.; Jay Shery, Toms River, N.J.; Lou Fisher, Allentown; Jules Geltzeiler, Union, N.J.; and Dr. Ralph Rozelle, project director of the Wilkes-Hahnemann program and dean of Health Services.

Third row: Sam Solomen, Wilkes-Barre; Gabe Ruggiero, Hazleton; T. Grant Phillips, Massapequa, N.Y.; Joe Scoblick, Archbald; Rich Bellacosa, Union, N.J.; Mike Chisdak, Moosic; Ed Wychock, Scranton; and Rudolph Kevak, Hughestown.

Fourth row: James Prowant, Lewisburg; Mark Abbruzzese, Stroudsburg; Barbara Kilkenny, Carbondale; Anne Wall, Allentown; Gwen Campbell, Catasauqua; Ronald Greenberg, Liberty, N.Y.; Robert Everhart, Kingston; John Bobin, Hometown; and Rafael Velez, Philadelphia.

Fifth row: Nick Chiumento, Pittston; Tony Chiavacci, Pittston; Jerry Menacick, Clark, N.J.; Tony Zaldonis, Pittston; Henry Finn, Waymart; Gregory Borowski, Lake Ariel; and Jeffrey Schachter, West Orange, N.J.

Sixth row: Rudolph Fellin, West Hazleton; Ann S. Boris, Wilkes-Barre; Sandy Argenio, West Pittston; William J. Gibbons, Long Island, N.Y.; Lee B. Moskowitz, Cheltenham; Jonathan Keough, Harrisburg; Robert G. Sauers, Avoca; Lee Besen, Scranton; and Tony Aversa, Old Forge.

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measure the student's performance in that given test. Dr. Watters also feels that there are four possible reasons for the appearance of high college grades: better student, better teachers, a possible lowering of standards, and the student's participation in choosing his educational program.

He said that the students deserve to be evaluated on their own quality and that there should not be a forced curve distribution. Forced curves only tend to "bastardize the educational program."

Welton Farrar, of the Commerce and Finance Department, reflects that the students at Wilkes are suffering with averages within the 2-3 range as far as employment is concerned. From experience, he noted that interviewers are not that knowledgeable about the meaning of grades and regard, for example, that a 2 at Wilkes is on par with a 2 at any other college in the country. "We at Wilkes are victims of whatever other schools are doing," said Farrar in regard to the nationwide grade inflation.

Both Farrar and Dr. Robert Werner, Chairman of the Commerce and Finance Department say that at Wilkes this semester, the current trend is to drop courses, which is in

essence a cop out on the students' part. On graduate schools and employment Werner noted that the employer or dean should weigh all factors of an individual rather than just grades. He hopes overall common sense will prevail in hiring employees and selecting students.

Al Foderaro, assistant housing director, who last year was at American University, noted that most of the reported high averages there are a joke. It was common for many students to have a 3-plus average without putting forth much effort. "And most of these students," he said, "had a hard time getting into graduate school because of low GRE scores." Their grades weren't indicative of their knowledge.

"As far as I know, no direction has been given about subscribing to a certain grade profile," stated Dr. Philip Rizzo, professor of English. "It used to be that colleges on grade sheets suggested ratios for each grade." Dr. Rizzo refused to give his opinion of the subject, however.

Dr. Joel Berlatsky, of the Department of History, stated that the college has a genuine interest in maintaining standards but "they can't tell you to limit the number of A's you give out." Dr. Berlatsky believed this would be a violation of academic freedom. "Grades depend on who's teaching and how they view grades."

In view of the fact that college grades are up while the SAT scores are down, the history professor pointed out that it's difficult to tell what statistics mean.

Senior Citizens WCE's Guests

Senior citizens (60 years of age and older) will be the guests of Wilkes Community Effort (WCE) on Wednesday, November 20, for a dinner and theater party.

The program calls for the guests to have dinner in the Wilkes College dining hall and then attend a student production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

A special section of the Center of the Performing Arts will be set aside for those attending as guests of Wilkes Community Effort. WCE, an organization formed in October 1972 to aid flood victims, is directed by Philip Tuhy.

Eligible residents wishing to obtain tickets for the dinner and theater party should register at the office of WCE, basement of Franklin Hall, 165 South Franklin Street on November 18 and 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on November 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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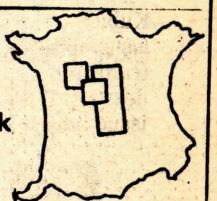
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JOB SEMINAR HELD—During a question and answer period at an informal job seminar held during the week at Wilkes College, the principal speakers and officers of the Pennsylvania Student Education Association (PSEA) discussed the various aspects of an interview for a teaching position.

Posing several questions were, from left to right: John Chwalek, director of guidance and placement at Wilkes College; Paula Zych, Canton, Ohio, vice-president of the PSEA; George Washburn, director of personnel, Kingston (N.Y.) City School District; Ellen Steinkirchner, Kingston (Pa.), president of the club; Sally Kanner, Wilkes-Barre, treasurer; and Vic Mahoney, Department head in the Kingston (N.Y.) district.

Wilkes PSEA Holds Job Seminar For Future Teachers

"I think you're the first group that asked for this kind of seminar, and it's a great idea," stated John Chwalek, director of guidance and placement at Wilkes College.

These words of praise from the college administrator concerned the informal job seminar sponsored by the Pennsylvania Student Education Association (PSEA) of Wilkes College and held recently on the regional campus at a time when teaching jobs are not easy to come by.

The principal speakers were George Washburn and Vic Mahoney, of the Kingston City School District of New York. This district is ranked third in — so the children are exposed to the the state. Washburn and Mahoney two facets of thinking.

have been coming to Wilkes for the "Other criteria involved in past eight years, recruiting graduates for teaching positions in their school system. In the seminary, they discussed the various aspects of their screening and interviewing procedures.

Washburn, director of personnel in the district, revealed why they travel over 200 miles to Wilkes and other surrounding liberal arts colleges.

"We can easily hire teachers within a 10-mile radius, but we prefer to have the children exposed to different philosophies and outlooks. We seek a variety in staff, and such items that we look for are: philosophy, the college's methodology in the teaching area, and the content of teaching," explained Washburn.

"We select people from both realms — conservative and liberal

selecting a teacher is their outlook with respect to authority, religious views, and economic strata. For example, hiring an Ivy League graduate for disadvantaged children would present problems because their economic backgrounds are so different. On the other hand, a city graduate with a junior college background might have trouble teaching children from an upper level.

"Our district needs teachers who can adjust to one strata or another." Screening criteria include: the willingness to move to Kingston without reservations; general evi-philosophy, the college's methodology in the teaching area, and the commitment to the field; attitude toward young people and life in general; description of past jobs; and experience with all kinds of young people.

"Since teaching is a competitive field, we can be selective," remarked Washburn. "One question we ask our applicants, is if they are willing to compete, to run the risk."

With regards to the prospective teacher, the Kingston City recruiters look for: neatness (a very important attribute); cleanliness; tact; manners; type of questions from the graduate; enthusiasm; and gratitude.

"Wilkes is the kind of school where the best teachers come from with respect to the aforementioned qualities," declared the director of personnel.

"For the past eight years, we have always seen at this school prompt, interested, and clean students. Cleanliness, general appearance and general attitude are the primary factors for the job in our district. This is not a job of politics or athletics, but education. We have to set an example for our children," stressed Washburn.

Following the screening procedures, students fill out applications, and send their references. Graduates are not hired unless they visit the school first and see what the system is like. Candidates then meet with the school principal from the school where the position is open. The student could also be asked about his high school record and the extracurricular activities in which he has participated.

Also, the candidate will be asked in great length about his student teaching, his hobbies, what he considers his chief assets and weaknesses.

"The purpose of these types of questions is to open this person up," clarified Washburn.

"We inquire if the candidate would be concerned enough about his children, and to what extent would he help an individual. We are also interested in candidates who would contribute to any extracurricular activities," confirmed Washburn.

"Diplomas are no longer passports to a job. Last year 25 per cent of the 1,000,003 college students prepared for teaching, and only 147,000 were hired."

Washburn informed the group that chances are best for a candidate where the academic reputation of

the college is very high. He said Wilkes College has that particular quality. He stressed the importance of grades because of tight competition.

The second part of the lecture was presented by Mahoney, who is an English Department chairman in the district. He portrayed the interview as an opportunity for the student to exchange ideas and to "sell yourself."

"We, the older generation, are interested in the young succeeding. The interview is not an inquisition," remarked Mahoney. "Appearance,

courtesy, and intelligence are favorably impressive for any job position."

Mahoney gave accounts of successful and unsuccessful interviews. He cited both the good and bad points of each one.

"Bizarre appearance turns us off. We are used to long hair and beards though," related Mahoney.

He concluded his talk by saying that the interview was constructed for the student to succeed, and for the student to take advantage of the opportunities given by the older generation.

GRADUATES

BY JANINE POKRINCHAK

JESSE CHOPER, is a 1957 Wilkes College graduate, is presently a Law professor at University of California in Berkeley. Constitutional and Corporation law are Choper's areas of concentration.

Choper earned his B.S. in Commerce and Finance at Wilkes in 1957. In 1960 he received his L.L.B. from the University of Pennsylvania.

His law career began as law clerk for the late Chief Justice Earl Warren. From that position, Choper became an associate professor at the University of Minnesota Law School. Since 1965, he has held his job at the University of California.

In addition to his teaching career, Choper has written several articles and books with other authors. His latest article was recently published in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

The Choper family lives in Berkeley, California.

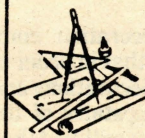
BITS AND PIECES

MARY ELIZABETH MORRIS '72 and William Mickulik were married recently. They reside in Sunbury, Pa.

NOREEN KULNIS '71 earned her Master's degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1972. She now teaches in Westminster, Maryland for the Carroll County Board of Education.

ALBERT AND MARTHA THOMPSON KVORTEK '67 announce the arrival of a son, Andrew James, on May 28.

JACOB SCHULTZ '71 and Patricia Cadden recently tied the knot. Schultz works as a rehabilitation specialist for the Wilkes-Barre Redevelopment Authority.



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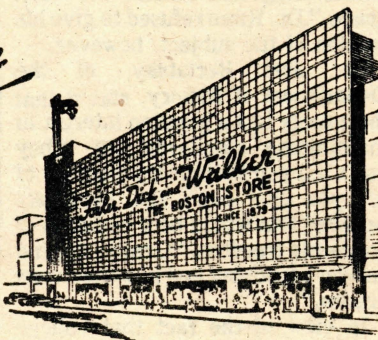
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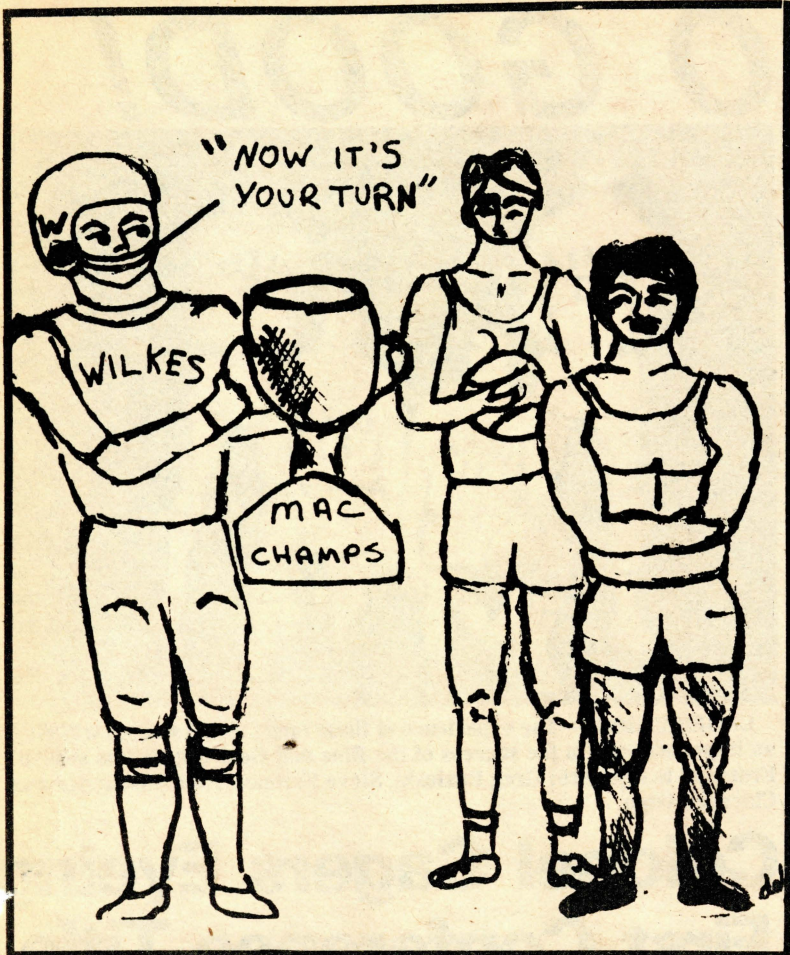
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Butler-Webster 2 Win In Semi's; Rams And Roosevelt Are Eliminated



It will be an all Western Division final in the Intramural Football League championship game tomorrow afternoon, when Butler House and Webster II collide at 3:30 p.m. on the Ralston Field turf.

Webster II finished the regular season as champion in the West, with Butler the runnerup. Butler lost only one game during the season and that was a 30-18 defeat at the hands of this very Webster II unit.

Butler House totally surprised the Eastern Division champion Rams on Monday afternoon, running over them 19-0, to end the Rams aspirations for the IM crown.

The Rams seemed to be getting it together offensively the initial drive of the game, but an interception by a Butler linebacker gave them the ball on the Ram thirty yard line. Two plays later, Butler quarterback Dave Orischak surprised everyone including the Ram defense, and bootlegged around right end for ten yards and the score. The extra point attempt was good.

The Rams came back on the passing of quarterback Rich Cronauer to Bill Kalish, but their drive was halted 20 yards short of a score, and Butler took over.

The score stood Butler, 7-0 at the half.

Butler took the second half kickoff and started moving again. A pair of penalties against the Ram defense aided the cause, and with ten minutes left in the contest, Orischak took it up the middle for a 15 yard score, to practically put the game out of reach

for the Rams.

With eight minutes remaining, a Butler defender picked off another Cronauer pass, and from there, it was just a matter of time. Keeping it on the ground for a while, Butler still managed another pair of first downs, and with the help of a personal foul call on the Rams with three minutes remaining, Butler had a first down on the four yard line.

With the Ram defense looking for the run, Orischak mixed them up and found tight end Steve Coleman crossing over the middle for the final Butler score.

Orischak's scrambling ability enabled him to keep the Rams at bay all afternoon, as he completed nearly 80 per cent of his passes.

Roosevelt game it everything they had on Tuesday afternoon, but it just wasn't quite enough as they lost to powerful Webster II, 6-0. Webster II wasted little time getting their first and only score, with quarterback Billy Winter scampering 35-yards for the deciding tally in the first six minutes of play.

After that, it was just a matter of stopping the heralded Roosevelt offense. Bob Armstrong, the Roosevelt back who broke away for a touchdown on Friday against the Purple Gang to put his team in the playoffs, was shut off completely and Roosevelt was forced to go to the air.

There also, Webster II played flawlessly, and it was a Vinnie Krill interception that killed Roosevelt's only serious drive of the day, late in the first half.

Wilkes-Lehigh Rematch Is Drawing Closer

Note: Coach John Reese is worried about his wrestling team.

Worried about what, you ask? Certainly not about his squads chances this year. He has six varsity wrestlers back from last year's national championship team, in addition to an undefeated performer from two years ago. Why would anyone in his right mind worry with experience like that back?

We'll tell you why. Injuries have once again riddled the Reesemen, and instead of only having to worry about inexperience at three weight classes, the Colonels now have five vacancies.

167-pounder Jimmy Weisenfluh, who placed fifth in the Division III nationals last season, tore cartilages in his left knee eight weeks ago, and was forced to have the leg operated on. The supposition on his return to the Colonel starting lineup is mid-January.

Junior Dave Ellis, who recorded a 9-0-1 dual log as a freshman two years ago, but sat out last season with a nose injury, was being counted on to fill the vacancy left by 142-pound national champ Art Trovei. But Davey appears to have reinjured the nose, and his status remains questionable. He failed to make the trip down to Bloomsburg

State College last weekend for a scrimmage with the Huskies.

So, with both Ellis and Weisenfluh out, that would leave Coach John Reese with only five experienced grapplers, Rick Mahonski (118), Lon Balum (126), John Chakmakas (134) Gene Ashley (158), and Al Scharer (hwt.).

The other five starting berts will have to be filled by some talented, but inexperience newcomers. If Ellis is not healthy, Reese may use Mike Kassab in the 142-bracket. The Colonel mentor is also high on senior Bobby Ellis in that weight, and which of the two he will use won't be decided just yet.

Warren Stumpf, a transfer from Kent State appears to be the leading contender for Mike Lee's old position at 150. Warren has the talent to become one of the great ones for the Reesemen, but again it's the question of experience early in the season.

Replacing Weisenfluh temporarily at 167 will either be sophomore Mark Stevens or first year man Greg MacLean. Stevens appears to have the inside track on that starting berth, but MacLean is giving him a battle.

With Jeff McDonald dropping out of school, another unexpected

vacancy presents itself at 177. Dave Gregrow, a sophomore transfer from Army two years ago, wrestled junior varsity all of last annum, and looked very impressive. How he reacts to the pressure in the early meets will be a very important factor in his success.

Joe Grinkevich was married after the end of last season, and transferred to Syracuse University,

Balum has the ability to pin his opponents when he needs it, and in some of the bigger matches with opponents such as Lehigh and Navy, the Colonels will need those extra three points to compensate for the inexperience at some of the other weight classes.

At 134, John Chakmakas is back. John won it all in Division III last year, and lost a close match in the

The fifth lettermen returning is the outstanding Colonel heavy-weight, Al Scharer. Scharer, like his counterpart Ashley placed second in last years nationals, but things should be different this time around.

Overall, the Colonels are strong. The five lettermen are five of the best grapplers in the country, bar none. The problem for coach Reese will be seeing how his five newcomers perform in the early going. They have talent, but going up against Lehigh, Oklahoma, Penn State and Navy is no picnic for anyone.

Lehigh University has already bought hundreds of tickets for the contest with Wilkes on Tuesday, December 3, at the Wilkes gymnasium, and general admission ducats are at a minimum. Coach Reese is hoping to avoid a repeat of last year, when his squad traveled to Lehigh to take on the Engineers and the crowd totally intimidated his team. A gymnasium full of Colonel rooters at that match would be a lot better for our grapplers than staring out at unfriendly faces listening to boos and jeers from a rowdy Lehigh congregation. Let's fill that gym early on Tuesday.

New Name Sought For Colonel Gym

The BEACON sports department, in cooperation with the Wilkes athletic department is holding a "name the gym" contest, in order to find a more appropriate name for what is now the Wilkes gymnasium.

The idea was the brainchild of Jerry Bavitz, and BEACON sports editor Paul Domowitch in the hope of finding a better label for a gymnasium, which has become extremely famous in the past few years, as the home of the Wilkes College Open, and last year's national Division III wrestling tournament.

After approaching the director of athletics, and a few other administrative heads at the college, the pair received the O.K. to go ahead with their plan.

Anyone who wishes to enter a name is asked to submit it with his own name in the BEACON box in the public relations office, on the third floor of Weckesser Hall, or give his

entry to anyone of the judges. The judges of the name the gym contest include Domowitch; Bavitz; John Reese, director of athletics; Art Hoover, director of student activities and alumni affairs; George Pawlusch, sports information director; and Rodger Bearde, head basketball coach.

The winning name will be announced on Monday evening, December 2, at a pep rally, which is going to be held in the gymnasium.

Sports Chatter

By Paul Domowitch

so John Yost is expected to replace him. Coach Reese doesn't feel he loses much with Yost in there, and is very optimistic. John looked very good last weekend at the Bloomsburg scrimmage.

There may be only five starters from last year returning, but what a quintet they are. At 118, Rick Mahonski is back, after having surgery on his leg during the off-season. Rick finished second in the nationals last annum, and now he's back with one year of collegiate experience behind him, and a mentor like John Reese to perfect his natural ability.

Lonny Balum, also a sophomore returns at 126, and if he loses more than two dual matches the entire season, it will be a real surprise.

preliminaries of the University-Division confab to the grappler who finished runnerup in the tourney. This season, if he stays healthy, it will take a heck of a wrestler to best him.

Gene Ashley returns at 158, and big things are expected of Gino. After a so-so sophomore season, Ashley really came on last season and placed second in the nationals to the lad, who was eventually given the "outstanding wrestler" award.

THE BAVITZ QUIZ

1. George Allen was an assistant coach on this NFL team for eight years before he became head coach of the Los Angeles Rams. Name the team.

2. The same three quarterbacks rank 1-2-3 in these lifetime statistics: passes attempted, passes completed, and yardage gained passing. Name the quarterbacks.

Colonel Football

much in doubt. However, Chuck Suppon, who had been warming the bench the previous four weeks, entered in the second half and mythodically led the Blue and Gold to a 24-14 win.

And of course, last week's win over Albright was the culmination of it all.

Bill Horan Sr., president of the Football Parent's Club summed it up best at the Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, when he said, "As far as I'm concerned, Wilkes went 7-0 this

3. Name the kicker who during a game in 1967, set two NFL records by attempting nine field goals and making seven.

4. Name the player who holds the NFL record for average yards returned on kickoffs in a single season.

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season. Those other two contests just never happened." Unfortunately, they did happen though, and the Colonels finished the 1974 season with a 7-2 record instead of 7-0.

But those two losses were learning experiences for the Schmidtmens, and they utilized that experience picked up against Post and Ithaca as a cornerstone, on which they built a Middle Atlantic Conference championship. Next Year . . . who knows. We'll just have to wait and see.

Lettermen's Meeting

John Baron, President of the Lettermen's Club has announced that there will be a meeting of the organization this evening at 8 p.m. in Weckesser Annex. John is urging all new lettermen, who are interested in joining the club to attend this meeting, as well as all of the regular members. Refreshments will be served.

BEACON SPORTS

OH, IT FEELS SO GOOD!



VICTORY IS SWEET—Colonel co-captains Bill Horan and Terry Blaum are shown here holding the trophy emblematic of winning the Pretzel Bowl last Saturday in Reading. The victory also gave Wilkes their first MAC title in five years.

Marchant Rebuilding With Wilkes Mermen

BY MARIANNA MONTAGUE

Over 30 male and female students have reported to practice at the Wilkes-Barre Aquadome for this year's Wilkes College Swim Team. Coach Rick Marchant, a senior Fine Arts Major, is very pleased with the turnout of both veteran swimmers and beginners.

Lettermen, Dave Kowalek, of Nanticoke, and Garry Taroli, of Kingston, have been selected as co-captains for the 1974-1975 season. Coach Marchant is impressed with the large turnout and urges any more interested students to contact him or come to practice on week-days from 5 to 6:30 at the city swimming facility.

Returning team members include Dave Kowalek, Garry Taroli, Bernie Ford, Lisa Waznik, and divers Joe Abate and Paul Niedzwiecki. Coach Marchant is emphasizing stroke improvement and the basic skills of starts and turns in practice. He is directing practices towards improving the skills and times of the better

swimmers and orienting the newer swimmers to the competitive experience.

Some of the local first year members include Meyers High School standouts Jeff Jones and diver Cindy Glawe, Nanticoke swimmers Keith Augustine, Kevin Augustine, Jeff Boberick and Bishop Hoban's Maria De Rojas.

The Wilkes Team will travel to Trenton State for their first meet on Tuesday, December 3.



A ONE AND A TWO—Bandleader Ray Nataitas is caught by the camera here last Saturday, as his band greets the Colonel gridders coming onto the field. Nataitas and his band have done a great job this year, adding colorful flavor to all of the Blue and Gold football games, along with the cheerleaders, majorettes and strutters.

BASEBALL NOTICE

Head baseball coach Gene Domzalski has announced that there will be a meeting of the diamond team on Thursday, December 5, at 11 a.m. in Weckesser Annex. All members of the team are urged to attend.

Championship Season Comes To An End

BY PAUL DOMOWITCH

Sunday evening's Football Parent's Club Appreciation Dinner at the Plains American Legion marked the official conclusion of Wilkes College's version of "That Championship Season."

Mixed with proportions of both success and misfortune, 1974 turned out to be quite a year for the Colonels. Since mid-August these kids have been after an MAC championship, and Saturday afternoon marked the end of that quest.

For many, it was a frustrating season however, despite the team's first title in five years. Take Bill Horan. Billy, the Colonel co-captain along with Terry Blaum started out this season with aspirations of becoming the greatest pass receiver to ever wear a Colonel uniform. But as in the past, Horan was plagued with injuries, and caught only one pass all season. Being part of a championship team is a magnificent feeling, but for someone like Billy, who possesses outstanding talent and could have made a good team better, watching from the sidelines in "civilian clothes" is an unexplainable torture.

Nine weeks have dwindled by so quickly. Had the Colonels been losing instead of winning, those nine weeks may have seemed like nine years. But victory has a habit of making the days seem like hours.

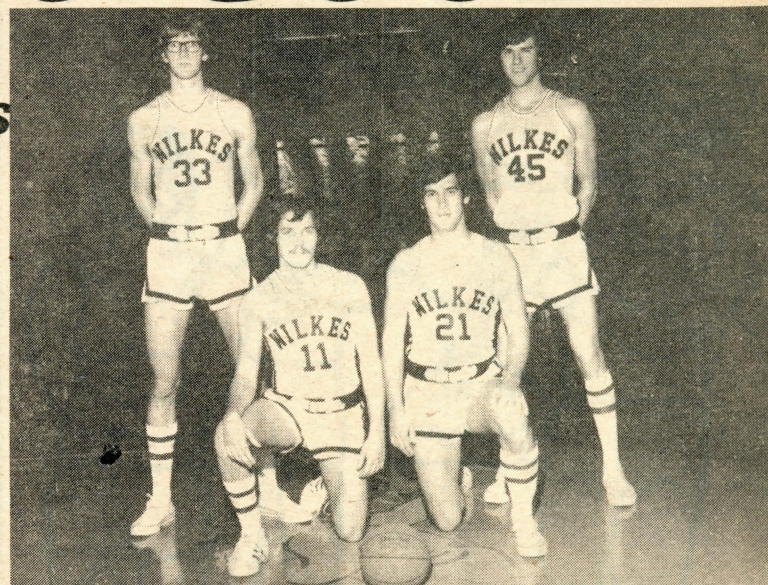
It all started on September 21, when Wilkes took the field on a cloudy Saturday afternoon to take on powerful C.W. Post. Optimism on the Blue and Gold was high, because of the knowledge that Post's All-American quarterback Eddie Powers had been injured the previous week against Western Kentucky, and would not see action against the Schmidtmens.

But that optimism soon fluctuated as Post put a pair of quick scores on the board to go out in front. By the second half, rain came down in buckets, and with the precipitation seemed to go the Colonel fortunes. Final score: 44-6, Post.

After beating Lycoming and Moravian, the Colonels returned home to take on Juniata, and it didn't take much to get the Colonels up for a return showdown with last year's NCAA Division III runnerup Indians. However, Wilkes held only a 10-9 lead at half. But something came over the Blue and Gold in the Bobby McBride field house during intermission, because they went wild in the second half winning it 30-9.

On October 19, Ithaca came to town with their number one ranking in the Lambert Bowl, and a host of talent. It was supposed to have been no contest, but someone forgot to tell the Colonels, who finally gave in grudgingly losing it 24-14 after leading the New Yorkers 14-7 at the half. Ithaca went on to win the Lambert Bowl, and is playing in the NCAA Division III semi-finals this Saturday against Slippery Rock State College.

Two weeks ago, Delaware Valley came to town, with Wilkes needing a victory to clinch a tie for the MAC title. But until the last five minutes of that ball game, a victory was very



CAGE SENIORS—The experience of these four Colonel seniors will play an important role in the success of the Blue and Gold cagers this season. From left to right are: Greg Buzinski, Steve Ference, Rich Miscavage and Clarence Ozgo.

Colonel Cagers Eyeing First Conference Title

Head coach Rodger Bearde feels it. Center Greg Buzinski feels it. Every one connected with the Wilkes College cage team can feel it. It is a new found sense of pride and confidence, which worked its way onto the Colonels a little more than eight months ago, when they realized that they could win, and win consistently.

They finished the season with a spectacular 19-6 record, the best in the college's history, but one element was lacking. Despite a tournament championship to go hand in hand with those 19 wins, the Colonels did not win the Middle Atlantic Conference championship.

Now, it is a year later, and with last year's team remaining almost intact, optimism is in no short supply. Coach Bearde is not hiding the fact that he will settle for nothing less than the MAC diadem come next March.

The entire starting quintet from last season has returned for yet another year, but only four of them will be starting in the December 2 opener against Lock Haven State. Freshman Ken Hughes, who made All-New York City, while playing for St. Raymond's High School in the Bronx last annum, has impressed Bearde so much, that he is expected to break in at one of the guard spots.

Hughes, a 6-2, 160-pounder is a magician with the ball, and it is Bearde's plan to let Kenny take over the ball handling chores in order to give the other guard, Stevie Ference, an opportunity to score more often.

Ference, one of the senior tri-captains for the Colonels was the playmaker last season, and only shot when necessary. Still, he averaged almost 12 points a contest, and more is expected of him in the offensive category this season.

The fine front court combination of junior Jack Brabant and senior Clarence Ozgo remains intact for '74-75, and this pair can do it all. Brabant, who averaged 14 points a game last season, and was the Colonels top rebounder is perhaps the best pure shooter to ever wear a Blue and Gold uniform. Clarence is the team leader on the court, and his performance is enough to inspire anyone. He led Wilkes in scoring last year with a 15.3 average, and is an excellent defensive performer.

Rounding out the starting crew for the Beardmen is 6-6 pivotman, Greg Buzinski. Greg surprised a lot of people last season, hitting the chords for 15 points a game, and outplaying and outmuscling several apparently stronger centers. Along

with Brabant, he was selected All-MAC second team at the conclusion of last season, and this year he could be second to none.

The talent does not end there however. Bearde can go to his bench at any time and not lose a thing, while his starters are resting. With Hughes breaking into the starting lineup, last year's starting guard, Mike Prekopa will be on the bench. But Mike will be pressing Hughes all-season and should be a real plus coming off of the bench in crucial situations.

Back also are last year's "super sub" combination of senior Rich Miscavage and Frank Britt. Miscavage, who can play either guard or forward, averaged only 2.8 points a contest last season, but when he gets hot, everything he puts up seems to fall. Rich is also probably the best passer on the entire team, and has a knack for finding someone open under the hoop.

Britt doubles as a center-forward and could probably start for any other team in the MAC. At 6-4, he possesses the size and the strength needed to dominate underneath, and can shoot well.

The remainder of the bench is also very strong.

and could be a great one.

Talent is certainly in no short supply this season, and neither is confidence. Bearde wants that Middle Atlantic Conference title this season very badly, and his players have something to prove to everyone including themselves. For the past two decades, basketball has taken a back seat to wrestling at Wilkes, and with good cause. With the exception of last season, the Colonel cage teams have never really had their head above water, battling with the .500 mark at best.

But this season is different. The Colonels realize that, and until they see a trophy resting in the lobby of the gym reading "Wilkes College Colonels 1974-75 basketball champions," they will not be happy.

—DOMOWITCH—

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