

## Fires In Slocum Hall Under Investigation

by Donna Nitka

During the week of March 14, the residents of Slocum Hall were the victims of three fires. The fires, all of unknown origin, are currently under investigation by the Wilkes-Barre Police and Fire Departments.

The first fire occurred on Thursday, March 18, at 1:15 a.m. in a closet on the second floor of Slocum Hall. The fire department was alerted and the hall was evacuated. The fire caused minimal damage and no one was injured.

The second fire was discovered on Saturday, March 20, at 11:15 p.m. when a burning box of garbage on the second floor triggered the smoke detector. The residents extinguished this fire.

At approximately the same time as the second fire was discovered, another fire erupted in the lounge on the first floor of the hall. Students summoned the fire department and began fighting the fire with extinguishers. In their effort to control the fire, the students emptied seven fire extinguishers before the fire department took over. The fire caused extensive smoke and fire damage. The lounge floor and furniture were burned, and the fire came close to burning through the floor-boards. Four students were treated for smoke inhalation at the scene.

Housing Director Paul Adams stated that his office is "treating" the fires "as seriously as they can." He noted that "people have been justifiably scared," and that he intends to use this to convey his fire safety message. He added that, at the beginning of the school year,

when fire safety is discussed, most students do not take it seriously. He stated that now it will have an important impact on them.

Adams emphasized the importance of keeping fire doors closed and front doors locked. He also noted that students should become familiar with the residence hall fire/emergency procedures that are posted in each room. Housing personnel inspected the halls for possible fire hazards to insure that safety procedures are being followed.

The fires have resulted in a change in the men of Slocum Hall. Resident Assistant Ken Avery noted that the fires have "brought the dorm together." He stated that the residents have become "more conscious of fire safety and security," and that they are working together as a team.

One example of this teamwork is the patrol the students have initiated during sleeping hours. Residents volunteer to patrol the dorm during the early morning hours. Avery added that, after the fires, all the men in the dorm "were on edge," but that now things are beginning to return to normal. The residents of Slocum were given the option of moving to another hall or remaining in Slocum.

Slocum Resident Assistants Ken Avery and Bob Lewis were commended by Adams for their actions during the fires. Adams stated that they "conducted themselves as he hoped they would have." He also stated that he hopes everyone has benefited from this experience.

## E & S Class Spends Spring Break At Cape Hatteras, North Carolina

by Melissa Meyers

On Monday, March 8, the Advanced Field Studies in Oceanography class embarked on a trip to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Under the direction of Dr. Mike Case, professor of Earth and Environmental Science, six students spent their spring break studying the flora and fauna of the region.

The group arrived in Cape Hatteras at noon on Tuesday, March 9, after a thirteen hour drive. Their first day in North Carolina was spent settling in and sampling some of the area's "terrific seafood."

The next day, Case and his class travelled to the island of Shackleford Banks to begin their oceanographic studies. The island, formed about one thousand years ago, offered the group an excellent opportunity to examine marine ecology. Students Lois Westley and Evelyn Donnell concentrated their efforts on the mammals of the island, which include wild ponies, goats, sheep, and

and copper. cows. According to Westley, such animals are not native to the island, but were introduced by farmers who found Shackleford a convenient grazing land.

A study conducted by Lori Bracey and JoAnn Magers showed how plant and animal life changed in the different sections of the island. By analyzing the numbers of organisms found in the sediments of brackish ponds, Bracey and Magers were able to learn more about the distribution of life forms from the ocean side to the sound side of Shackleford.

Individual studies were conducted by two members of the group. Gary Scanlen amassed a collection of different types of seashells. With these specimens, Scanlen hopes to find out about certain parasites that live on marine shellfish. Water pollution was the topic covered by Mark Barsoum. Barsoum is now testing water samples he collected to detect levels of heavy metals such as lead

## Beacon Editorial Staff Selected

Lisa Gurka, Editor-in-Chief of *The Beacon*, recently announced the new editorial staff for 1982-1983.

Amy Elias has been selected to serve as Editor-in-Chief. Amy, a junior English Literature major from Laflin, currently serves as Copy Editor.

John Finn, a sophomore political science major, will serve as Managing Editor. A resident of Forty Fort, John is a two-year veteran of the staff and has served as Assistant News Editor and News Editor.

A newcomer, Rebecca Whitman, will assume the responsibilities of News Editor. Rebecca, a sophomore English/Communications major from Clarks Summit, has written several articles this semester.

Donna Nitka will serve as Feature Editor. A sophomore Biology major from Kelayres, Donna currently holds the position of Assistant News Editor.

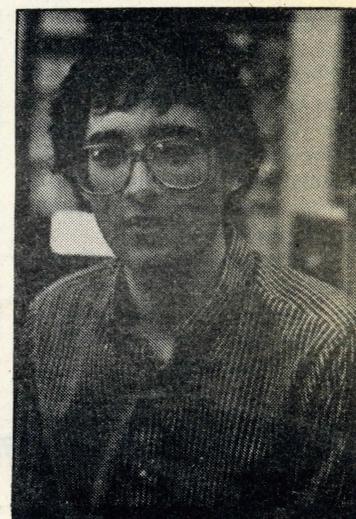
The position of Assistant News/Feature Editor will be held by Andrea Hincken. Andrea is a junior Communications major from Forty Fort, and has been a reporter for the past two years.

Marion Koviack, a junior communications major from Mountain-top, will take over the responsibilities of Copy Editor. She has contributed many articles over the past year.

Ellen Van Riper will be returning to her position as Sports Editor. She



Amy Elias



John Finn

is a junior English major from Den-ville, NJ, and is currently serving as Co-Sports Editor.

Returning to his position as photographer is Steve Thomas. A junior Computer Science major from York, Steve has also written several articles this past semester.

Sharon Mayernick, a freshman biology major from Kingston, will serve as Business Manager. Sharon recently joined the staff and has written several articles.

The position of Advertising Manager will be filled by Cheryl Harger.

A newcomer to the staff, Cheryl is a freshman communications major from Luzerne.

The staff was chosen by a selection committee composed of senior members of *The Beacon* staff, faculty members and administrators. Members of the selection committee were Dean Jane Lampe, Dr. Thomas Kaska, Dr. Norma Schulman, Dr. Robert Heaman, Dr. Michael O'Neill, Dr. Robert Freysinger, Dr. James Rodechko, Dr. Stanley Kay, Lisa Gurka, Mary Kay Pogor, and Lisa Cobb.

### NOTICE

The Earth and Environmental Science Department is sponsoring a trip to the Bay of Fundy, Canada. Open to all students, the trip will last for 4-5 days over next semester's fall break. Planned activities include geological and oceanographic studies. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$100. For more information, contact Dr. Bruce Berryman, ext. 245.

## Denison Hall Burglarized

by Cheryl Kashuba

Denison Hall was burglarized during Spring Break. Doors were kicked in and stereo speakers and jewelry were stolen, reports Housing Director Paul Adams, who also said the total costs of the break in are approximately \$2000. Cameras and other items were overlooked, Adams noted.

Some students felt the break-in occurred because of security problems, but Adams feels it is "best" if he does not comment on the matter. He points out, however, that the school is never responsible in such situations, and that this fact is "emphasized" in Housing Contracts, the Student Handbook, and other campus publications. The school, though, "sympathizes"

whenever some event such as this happens, Adams said.

"Dorms are vulnerable during breaks," Adams commented, because everyone knows there is no one around. The school warns students not to leave their valuables in their rooms during breaks, Adams said.

According to Adams, "Precautions have been taken to secure the doors" in Denison Hall, but he also added that not much could have been done to prevent the break-in because the doors were kicked in.

There are no leads as to who committed the burglaries, according to Adams. No one is sure whether the burglar was a student or an outsider.

### ELECTION RESULTS

Ralph Pringle, SG Election Committee Chairman, recently announced the results of the class officers' elections.

For the Class of 1983, the results are: President, Greg Marshall; Vice-President, Fred Daniele; Secretary, Danelle Scaran; Treasurer, Don Wolfrom.

Class of 1984 results are: President, Raef Fahmy; Vice-President, Ed Williams; Secretary, William McCann; Treasurer, Ralph Pringle.

Class of 1985 results are: President, Harry Dewey; Vice-President, Ellen McDermott; Secretary, Alison Campbell; Treasurer, Mark Janiczek.

### IMPORTANT!

Students interested in applying for financial aid must complete a Wilkes College application form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office by Friday, April 16.

This application must be completed by students who wish to be considered for a National Direct Student Loan, the College Work-Study Program, a Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, a Nursing Loan, a Gulf Oil Corporation Loan, a Nursing Scholarship and/or any type of Wilkes College Scholarship aid.

# Siegfried Awarded For Theatre Work

by Sharon Mayernick

Jay D. Siegfried, Director, Department of Theatre Arts, has recently been designated recipient of an Award of Excellence by the American College Theatre Festival.

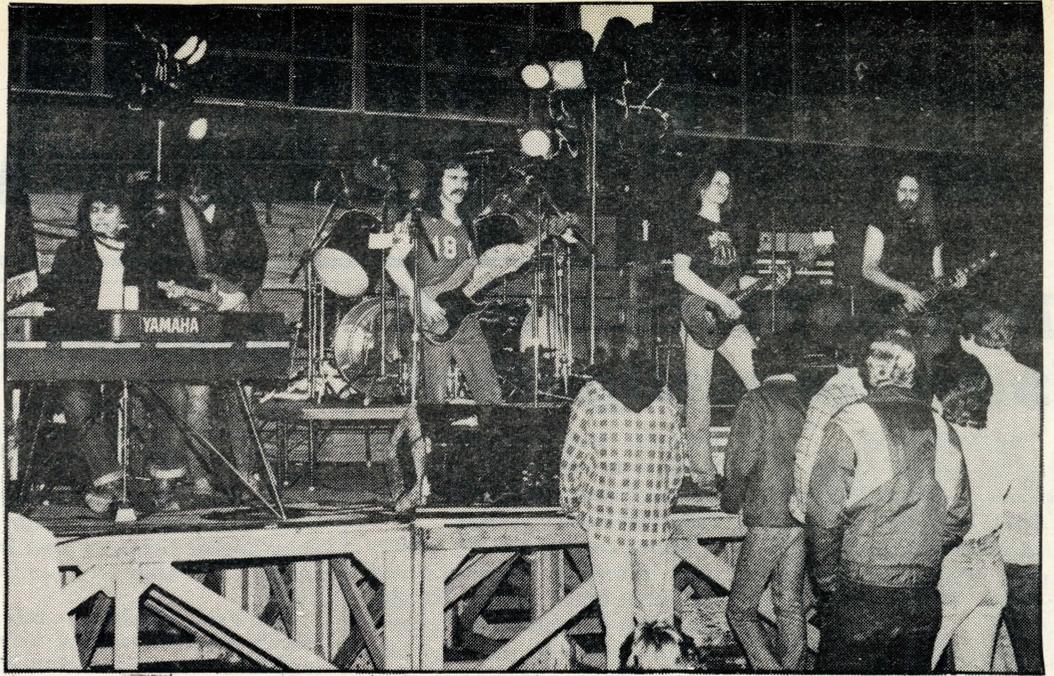
Guy Robinson, Public Affairs Representative of AMOCO presented the gold medal award to Siegfried at the XIV annual ACTF held at Hofstra University.

The University and College Theatre Association, a division of the American Theatre Association, produces the American College Theatre Festival.

The award, explained Siegfried, is given by the ACTF to acknowledge a person who has made a significant contribution to the promotion of theatre arts.

Siegfried's experience with the ACTF is multifaceted, as an adjudicator judging original plays, as an award-winning Director of an original play entitled *Dancers* (Kansas State College, 1976), as a member of the Play Selection Committee, and most recently, he has been named Chair of Region II which encompasses the states of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., for the year 1982.

The ACTF is an annual theatre arts competition with more than 450 original productions for which 13,000 students compete for awards, scholarships and special grants for actors, playwrights, designers and critics.



*Fountainhead*, a rock group from Connecticut, entertained students last week in the gym. The concert was well attended and provided an excellent selection of east coast progressive hard rock.

## Actions Taken To Correct Hazardous Conditions Behind Hollenback Hall

by Cheryl Kashuba

Questions have been raised by commuter students as to whether or not something can be done about the mud behind Hollenback Hall. Those students who park in the Park and Lock South cut through the Hollenback yard on their way to class. One student said, "It's a mess back there." It has been suggested that a sidewalk

be put in so students will not have trouble getting through. But the idea has come up against some legal barriers.

In the past, there was an accident involving a pedestrian near Parish Hall, according to Commuter Council President Joe Knox. Wilkes was found responsible and was forced to make a legal settle-

ment. The possibility of such an accident's occurring again has to be considered when deciding whether or not to put in a sidewalk.

"There is a question of the responsibilities of the parties involved," said Knox. He explained that a sidewalk would connect college property to Elk's Club proper-

ty; if someone were hurt on college property, the college might be responsible, and if someone coming from the college were hurt on Elk's Club property, the Elk's Club might be responsible. The Elk's Club might be "unhappy with the school" if the latter occurred, Knox said.

The legal questions are being considered by the Student Affairs Committee, according to Knox, and the issue is making "favorable progress." There is a chance that something will be done. If a sidewalk is not put in, there is a possibility that gravel will be put down.

## Scholarships Given For Study In Spain

by Andrea Hincken

Two students, both majoring in Spanish at Wilkes College, have recently been awarded \$500 scholarships to study abroad.

Lisa Johnson of Scranton and Lisa Bellucci of Conyngham are presently making travel plans for their separate trips to Spain.

Johnson, a junior with a double major in Spanish and psychology, stated, "I'm really looking forward to it." Johnson said that she will be studying in Seville, Spain, for one semester. She will be leaving on September 10, 1982. Her schedule, she said, will consist of 16 credits in Spanish conversation, grammar and Literature. The classes are held Monday thru Thursday, so she will have the time to go on some of the school's planned tours through Europe. The program will consist of 85 students from all over the United States and Canada. "It will be fun," she said, "to make friends with students from all over the country." Johnson also said she is excited to see how the people in Spain live, and she wants to learn more about their culture and their language.

Bellucci, a sophomore with a double major in Spanish and Economics, will be spending between six and eight weeks in Spain. The school she will attend has not been decided, but she has a choice of a school in Madrid or one in Seville. She said that she will

probably choose the school in Seville, because it is a smaller, safer area. Bellucci said she will be taking from 3 to 6 credits in Spanish conversation. "I think it's going to be a worthwhile experience," she said. She also said that she is looking forward to seeing how people in another culture live.

Dr. Hilda Marban, Professor of Foreign Languages, commented, "It's a fantastic opportunity for the girls." She stated that the scholarships for the students were given by an anonymous donor in the community, whom the students refer to as "the angel." In order to qualify for the scholarships, the students write an essay in Spanish on why they would like to study abroad. They must also have an interview with the Spanish faculty members. Marban said that seven students in the past five years have studied in Spain and Mexico. Two more students are expected to be sent next year, she added.

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# Tucker Discusses SCB Format At SG Meeting

by Lisa Gurka

Jay Tucker, Assistant Director of Housing, announced at Monday night's Student Government meeting that applications for next year's Student Center Board are available in his office. He also commented that next year's board will have a different format.

Members of the board won't get paid for simply being on the board, according to Tucker. There will be 13 student members, along with two administrators. All student members will be required to work in the Student Center in order to be members of the Student Center Board. "We're proposing this in order to get more people involved with the Student Center," Tucker commented.

The amount of scholarship cuts reported in last week's *Beacon* were incorrect. Student leader scholarships, currently full scholarships, will be cut to 2/3 for the 1982-1983 school year. In 1983, they will be cut to 1/2, and in 1984 the scholarships will be phased out. A new proposal has been submitted to President Capin, however, and if there are funds available, there is the possibility of the new proposal. According to SG President Ana Nunez, the new proposal calls for a 1/4 cut in student leaders' scholarships, thus reducing the amount for 1982 - 1983 to a 3/4 scholarship.

A fund request of \$175 by the Psychology Honor Society and the Psychology Club was unanimously passed by SG. The money will be used to help defray costs for members to attend the Eastern Psychological Association Convention in Baltimore, MD.

The president of the Fine Arts Association requested \$92 to cover the costs of two guest artists who presented a one-day workshop this past Monday. Because of a mix-up

in the renewal of the Fine Arts Association's charter with SG, the fund request was postponed until their constitution could be passed. Since this was the first reading, a vote will be taken next week.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters presented a fund request for \$119 (also a first reading). This money is needed to defray the cost of a bus trip to the Bronx Zoo for the little brothers and sisters. SG unanimously passed a vote of confidence.

Elaine Kerchusky, a junior business major, was nominated for the office of Student Government President. She will be running unopposed for that office in the election to be held on April 6. Elections Committee Chairman Ralph Pringle announced that SG, CC and IRHC elections will take place on that date. The voting times and places are as follows:

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Stark Lobby, and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Pickering Hall.

Student Government, on the advice of advisor Dean Art Hoover, is endorsing a policy that currently exists in the faculty and student handbooks concerning exams in the week prior to finals. The policy states that "no major examinations may be given during the last five class days preceding final examinations without the approval of the department chairman and the Dean of Academic Affairs." This policy is also up for discussion before the Academic Standards Committee.

Nunez reminded all clubs and organizations that posting publicity posters on glass or windows is against college policy. Posters are allowed only on the designated bulletin boards. SG passed a motion, 14-9, to allow students run-

ing for SG, CC and IRHC Presidents to paint publicity for their campaigns on the boards surrounding the construction site for the new dorm. The boards will be divided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Ecumenical Service, held on Sunday, March 28, went well. Nunez commented that everyone involved did a good job. The schedule for next year's services will follow the same series. That is, services will be scheduled for Orientation, Thanksgiving, Christmas/Chanukah, and Easter/Passover.

The 50 Anniversary Committee has been meeting to discuss plans for the finalization of the Cinderella Ball. Problems have arisen as to the date of the Ball because of the apparently filled social calendar for next year. The Committee had planned to hold

the Ball on Homecoming Weekend, with "Cinderella" being chosen from any class. However, several members felt this would cause problems with the election of a Homecoming Queen, who is chosen from the Senior Class. The Committee welcomes suggestions from the student body.

Bruce Williams, President of the Senior Class, commented on the condition of Stark Lobby. He felt that because of the litter and general poor appearance of the lobby, it looks bad to prospective students who are currently touring the Wilkes campus. Dean Hoover advised members of SG to "take it upon themselves to police the campus, and remove all outdated publicity and litter."

The Student Government film this week is "Godspell." It will be shown on Friday, April 2, at 7 and 9 p.m. in Stark 101.

## IRHC Conducts Officer Nominations

by Donna Nitka

Officer nominations for the 1982-83 Inter-Residence Hall Council were held during Sunday's meeting. Nominees for the offices of president, treasurer and recording secretary will run unopposed.

Marge LeBlanc, the current IRHC corresponding secretary, was nominated for the office of president. IRHC recording secretary Stacey Lipman and Food Committee Chairperson Mary Kutz are the candidates for the vice-presidency. Copus representative Naomi Harris received the nomination for the office of recording secretary. The candidates for the office of corresponding secretary are Sandi Bartels, Publicity Chairperson, and Mary Coates. Lori Kocur was nominated for IRHC treasurer. The elections for all IRHC officers will be held

on Tuesday, April 6.

Corresponding secretary Marge LeBlanc reported that eight students have expressed interest in attending the upcoming NACURH National Conference. She stated that fundraisers for the trip will include an Easter egg sale, which will take place before break, and an Allen Sub sale. The subs will be delivered April 15 and the order deadline is April 8.

Student Center Director Jay Tucker noted that the Student Center Board will have a new format next year. The Board will consist of 15 members: 2 admini-

strators; 3 student leaders or directors who will act as social director, personnel director, and secretary; and 10 Board members. Tucker stated that the Board members will also work in the Student Center. The three student directors will each work a total of 12 hours per week in the Center. The remaining Board members, who must qualify for white card work, will each work six hours per week in the Student Center. Members will be required to attend Board meetings every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. Applications are available in Tucker's office on the second floor of the

Student Center.

Advisor Paul Adams reported that housing contracts for the 1982-83 school year will be sent out within the next few days. He reminded students that the signed housing contract and a \$50 room deposit must be returned to the Housing Office by April 16 if the student wishes to participate in the room selection process. Room selection will be held from April 19 to April 23. He also stated that, due to a change in financial aid, students living off campus will no longer receive aid for living expenses.

### Commuter Council

## Road Rally Set For Sunday

by John Finn

The Commuter Council Road Rally will be held this Sunday, April 4, from 3-5 p.m. A minimum of 20 cars will be necessary for the contest to begin, and registration is being conducted this week, according to Mary Ellen Judge, Commuter Council Secretary.

The Rally is designed to test the skills of contestants and is not meant to be a race. According to the rules, points will be deducted from scores if contestants reach checkpoints too early.

The contest is open to all Wilkes students, and there is a registration fee of \$5.00. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded. A party will be given following the Rally for participants and those who helped conduct the event.

Judge commented that a very

"scenic" route has been chosen for the Rally's course.

The Council discussed plans to initiate an on-campus parking fee for commuters, which would be effective beginning next fall. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was passed which will allow members to begin talks with the college administration concerning the legality of such a fee.

The proposal before the Council now is to charge each commuter a semester fee of \$20 if he is given a parking space on campus. The money thus raised by the Council would be used to subsidize off-campus parking programs. With this system, the Council plans to further alleviate the high cost of parking, a problem faced by most commuters who drive.

Two Council members voted

against the proposals, and stated that if a student deserves a parking space on campus according to the Council's merit point system, he should not be charged.

Other members raised questions such as, "What new services will be provided for the \$20.00 fee?" and "Will students be guaranteed a space if they pay the fee?"

Joe Knox, CC President, said, "If charges are levied, spaces will be guaranteed to those who are given permits, but, Knox added, only if those persons have paid the charges.

Knox added that next year, stricter on-campus parking regulations will be in effect. The Council is planning to assign each permit holder to one specific space for the entire semester.

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# Who To Endorse?

In past years, editors of *The Beacon* have endorsed candidates for the office of Presidents of Student Government, Commuter Council, and Inter-Residence Hall Council. This year, both the candidate for SG President and the candidate for IRHC President are running unopposed. That leaves only the contest for CC President open for comment.

After reviewing both candidates' platforms and listening to their presentations at the Presidential Forum on March 30, we find both candidates of equal potential ability.

The similarities in the backgrounds of Mary Ellen Judge and Ed Stachowiak are striking. Both have been associated with CC for three years. Both are Biology majors, and have been editors of the biology club newsletter. As their platforms indicate, they have basically the same ideas for the governance of Commuter Council. Considering how much (or how little) we know about anything else of each candidate, we feel it would be impossible to choose between the two. We also feel it would be unfair to endorse one candidate and not the other, based on the above reasons.

I, Mary Ellen Judge, submit this platform as an outline of the ideas and goals that I intend to fulfill as Commuter Council President. I plan to work for the needs and improvements of the Wilkes College commuter students.

## I. Parking

a. To charge a set fee for parking permits on campus that would be awarded per semester basis. This money will be used to subsidize Park and Lock stickers. A set amount will be put aside per month for the sole purpose of this subsidization.

b. Parking permits will be coded, that is, each space in the commuter parking lots will be numbered and the number of the space as well as the initial letter of the lot will be printed on the parking permit. This will insure a parking space for each commuter with a permit in the parking lot that he or she has been assigned to.

c. To investigate and examine all spots around campus that would be able to accommodate cars for parking. The area would be submitted for approval to the Administration. In this way, more spaces would be available for parking to commuting students.

d. To set up meetings with King's College commuter council for the purpose of establishing cooperative programs involving lower municipal busing and parking rates.

## II. Social Activities

a. To work for a more comprehensive social schedule that would allow for more off campus as well as on campus parties. Party creativity has dwindled over the past few years and this must be changed with new ideas.

b. To work for the scheduling of more college functions during the activities periods.

## III. Apartment Involvement

a. To form an active apartment committee that would better integrate apartment students with the commuter council. This would be accomplished by obtaining a list of all apartment students and personally contacting each one and inviting their participation in commuter council.

## IV. Overnight Commuter Facilities

a. To establish as quickly and efficiently as possible a program called **Overnight Facilities for Commuters**. This program will allow commuting students, should they decide to, to be allowed to stay overnight in the dormitories due to severe weather problems. My goal is to fully publicize this program, allowing each commuter student to be exposed to the benefits of this worthwhile program.

## V. Commuter Involvement

a. To increase commuter involvement in college affairs by periodically sending representatives from commuter council to clubs and organizations to inform them of upcoming events that would interest commuters as well as the progress of commuter council itself.

b. To arrange a commuter forum, similar to the one held in February, 1982, once a month that would be open to all commuting students. With this forum, students will be able to voice their problems and keep informed about commuter council's progress.

## VI. "After Hours" Administrative Office

a. To work for the establishment of an "after hours" administrative office at the college. This office would help provide students, most especially commuters with the services that might have otherwise been unavailable to them during the hours they are on campus or that might have been inconvenient for them to contact while on campus.

## VII GROUP INSURANCE RATE

a. To look into a program involving a group insurance rate for all interested Wilkes College students.

Since I am campaigning for CC, I will attack the subject of commuting first. I would like to see a much better system of worked out for those taking an LCTA bus to school. I can relate well to the issue since I travelled as such for over two years. A much better price deal should be arranged and I will strive to attain such a goal. This can be done with negotiations on bus tokens as well as the "fare deal" system. Also, for those who walk to P[L South, I would like to see a sidewalk put in behind Hollenback to facilitate easier walking as well as beautifying the campus. Although the system of the Car Pool referral system has not worked in the past, I would like to see it work this coming year. Also I would like to develop more fully the overnight facilities system proposed this year. I now move to the most serious problem faced by commuters; parking.

It is obvious to any student who commutes via his own vehicle that there is no clear cut solution to the parking problem (contrary to the statement made by my opponent). But this realism does not impede our progress in attempting to better this dilemma. I have made throughout the academic many suggestions to the council. Some of them include the multi-level deck and charging for the award of parking stickers. Although the parkade is out of our realm, a much better parking system is not. Along with ideas from others, I have proposed a basic system for next year. This includes charging for a parking space (akin to the U of Scranton system). This money would not be used for CC's benefit but rather would be utilized to subsidize the Price of the P[L parking stickers. This still would provide a benefit to those receiving the parking sticker due to need as well as lowering the price of P[L stickers for those not fortunate enough to get a parking sticker. Also, the system would work on a per semester basis as opposed to the per year basis currently in effect. This would make more stickers available since many can be reused due to graduation in December, change in schedule, and differences in need. Also, I would like to see the policing of these lots strictly enforced. I once proposed the **IDEA OF REDESIGNING THE STICKERS SO TO SPECIFY WHICH LOT A CAR WOULD BE PLACED IN**. Also, I want to have the lot spaces numbered. Thus with this information conveyed on the stickers, the parking according to assigned spaces could be strictly enforced.

As far as programming goes, I would like to see the social calendar for next year paralled, if not imitate that of this year. The social committee with its four major events is more than one could possibly ask for. The coffeehouse is rolling along better than ever. The movie matinee needs work buty is an excellent idea. I would also like to see new and innovative events for the committees such as the road rally being held this year. Also, we should put more work into the Student Center and Apartment committees. Now I will deal with which in my eyes, is the most important committee of all; the Publicity committee.

I was chairman of the Publicity and Elections committee two years ago. Throughout the years I have realized that an event is made successful only through the publicity it receives. You, the people of *The Beacon* can relate to this first hand. I along with another student basically initiated the P[E committee to what it is TODAY. Those green signs you see plastered all over the campus were my doing during my term. It has this year and must continue to remain in able hands if CC is to prosper. The CC forum is an excellent idea for visibility and publicity. Akin to publicity, I emphatically promise (not just propose) to fill the council (24 members plus associates). How can we reach our constituents if we do not operate at full potential. I now move to my personal record.

As stated before, I was the chairman of P[E committee for one year. This knowledge is essential if we are to run an organization of such magnitude. I am sorry to say, but my opponent has not had this experience. This year we are basically equated as far as committee experience goes. I roam with most committees in order to get a more broad spectrum of what goes on. I still have an affinity for the P[E committee. Being vice president of CC for the past year has given me more experience than can be expressed in words. Being Joe's right hand man, I have followed in his shadow in order to "learn the ropes" in hopeful/anticipation of this year. Once again, my opponent cannot equate this experience. Last year I was editor of a minor publication which has developed my sense of publicity. Due to many scientific presentations (I attended one this weekend in Pittsburgh) I have developed a sense of public speaking. Once again, my opponent cannot relate to this. The most important of all qualifications is my serving as Biological Society president for one year. I have learned still am learning the ways of handling a club through management which is a day and night difference from being part of it. I feel I can use this experience to run CC next year without having to go through a transition state as anyone else would. I am leaving the club with a wealth of experience and appreciation for it in order to put it to use for the constituents of CC.

In closing, I wish to have all consider my platform as well as extremely superior qualifications in choosing a president for next year. I borrow the phrase: "judge for yourself" in choosing a CC president. I feel I am the most qualified for the job and can do the most to benefit those who make CC: the commuters.

Thank you,  
Ed Stachowiak

## Guest Commentary

by Carl von Kadtko

The near future for Wilkes College will be difficult for students and faculty. At either side of the podium, the issue will be the lack of funds.

From the student's perspective, the lack of Federal funding as a part of President Reagan's budget plans, combined with inflation and restrictions on the surviving aid programs adds up to trouble. Many students will postpone or cancel their plans for a college education. Others will seek military sponsored college programs. Whatever the choice, this drain of young people from private colleges to these alternatives will hurt medium and small institutions. In the words of our College President, Dr. Capin, "...it will not be surprising to see mergers or closures of small and medium sized colleges in the near future."

The College's position is also bleak. Wilkes budget planners expect that there will not be the usual number of college age people available even if the aid programs were considered, since the "baby boom" of the post world war two era ended in the early 1960's. Costs of heating, staff, and maintenance are also rising, resulting in a drain of dollars from within as well as outside the campus.

The answer to these problems is direct and simple, at least in terms of economics. Cost cutting as well as cost-effectiveness planning will be the trend setting ideas over the next decade.

Wilkes College students can expect to see changes soon. There are plans underway to allow an exchange of Wilkes and Kings College foreign language staff. Hybrid academic departments, as well as the elimination or re-structuring of others will be possibilities. In short, all departments will have to show their worth. This does not mean that the spirit of a liberal arts college will be eliminated. The Humanities will be preserved to provide "...an education for a way of life," according to President Capin.

Expanded night class and continuing education programs will be set up to recover some of the loss in students and revenue, but even with all of the attempts at making the budget efficient, a freshman entering Wilkes can expect a yearly increase in tuition at approximately two to three hundred dollars.

Although these problems are serious, the Financial Aid Commitment Team (or F.A.C.T.), an advisory group on financial aid has been formed. F.A.C.T. consists of Wilkes College, College Misericordia, Kings College, Luzerne County Community College, and the Hazelton Campus of Penn State.

This group held a press conference on February 24, 1982. At the meeting all of the college's proclaimed that they would be hurt by the cuts in financial aid, inflation, energy costs, etc.

However, I did see something which, even in the discussion of the woes and wants of the institutions inspired in me: The positive and constructive power of a crisis pulling colleges as well as the students and faculty of a college together, making them realize the interdependence of the individual parts to the whole, can lead to a Renaissance in the quality of a college education. This awareness is the best thing we can foster in the decade ahead.

# Dr. Fox To Pursue Studies Abroad

Name: Marge Le Blanc  
 Hometown: Pottsville, PA  
 Class of 1983  
 Major: Political Science

## ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE:

- IRHC Representative, Catlin Hall — one year
- IRHC — CC Social Committee member — one year
- Chairperson, Publicity Committee — one year
- Chairperson, Social Committee — one year
- Representative at three National Association of College and University Resident Hall (NACURCH) — one year
- Served as National Communications Coordinator (NCC) to (NACURCH) — one year
- IRHC Corresponding Secretary — one year
- Class of '83 Executive Council — one year
- Volunteer at Visitation Day and New Student Orientation
- Member of Homecoming Committee — two years
- Statistation for Lacrosse Team — Spring 1981
- Member of C.O.P.U.S. — one year
- National Student Lobby Day — Spring 1981

## PLATFORM

1. A. Increase strenght of the organization and awareness of IRHC on campus.
  - a. To build up pride within the organization.
  - b. Encourage associate membership and non-member attendance and involvement.
  - c. Initiate a publicity campaign to make all hall students more aware of IRHC, its purpose and accomplishments.

E X E C U T I V E

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Study the method by which election of members of Executive Council takes place.
  - a. a. b. b.
  - b. Establish confidential evaluation of executive council and chairpersons on a semester basis.
  - c. To hold a weekly executive council meeting, which representatives may also attend.
- C. Increase awareness of and involvement in National Association of College and University Residence Hall s (NACURCH).

## 2. PARKING

- A. Initiate a Study of the parking problems and establish and publish guidelines for the selection of parking sticker recipients.
- B. To reduce the aura of mystery concerning the selection process.
- C. Reorganize the parking committee to include representatives from Hall Presidents Council.

## 3. HALL GOVERNANCE

- A. Continue and encourage growth of the Hall Presidents Council.
- B. Support the establishment of guidelines for Hall Council Officers developed by Hall Presidents Council.
- C. Reorganize the parking committee to include representatives
- B. Support the establishment of guidelines for Hall Council Officers developed by Hall Presidents Council.
- C. Hold a Hall Council Workshop which would aid officers in carrying out their position.
  - a. Outline duties and responsibilities.
  - b. Review regulations and make suggestions concerning social programming
- D. Set up a Hall of the Month program.
4. Continue Freshmanb Follies and the Red Hot Times.
5. Improve relationship and communication with other student-organizations and with campus publications.

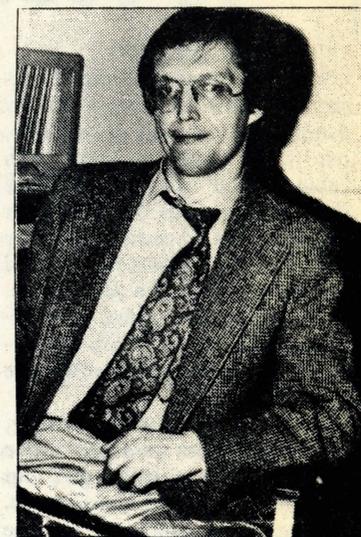
by Amy Elias

The National Council on the Humanities has recently granted Dr. Christopher Fox a Summer Stipend to complete work at Oxford University for the summer of 1982. An Assistant Professor of the Department of Language and Literature, Fox was awarded the stipend after the Council chose his proposal from hundreds submitted for review.

A scholar of late seventeenth-and-eighteenth-century literature, Fox had submitted his proposal entitled "Studies in Eighteenth Century British Literature and Psychology: 1694-1785" after he was nominated for Council recognition by the

Wilkes' English Department. Now that he has been awarded the stipend, Fox will pursue the topic of his proposal at Oxford, and will live for two months at the University and utilize the facilities at Bodleian Library and the British Museum in London for his research.

Fox noted that the opportunity to study at Oxford will enable him to explore the whole concept of self and consciousness in the eighteenth century. One of the problems of present scholarship on this topic, he added, is that many scholars have approached eighteenth-century literature from a twentieth-century psychological perspective. In order



Dr. Christopher Fox

to fully understand and appreciate the works of the eighteenth century, said Fox, one must come to terms with the eighteenth-century perspective.

Through his research and other activities, Fox is attempting to do just this. After submitting a topic proposal to the Modern Language Association (MLA) for its meeting in December of 1982, Fox was given the chairmanship of an MLA session in the Division of the Eighteenth Century. His proposal, "Psychology and Literature in the Eighteenth Century," was chosen from among thirty-five proposals submitted by various eighteenth-century scholars.

One of Fox's responsibilities as Chairman of the MLA session will be to select speakers who will present papers on eighteenth-century literature, and to moderate a panel discussion of the ideas presented. The MLA Division of Restoration and Early Eighteenth-Century Literature, when informing Fox that he would be chairing the session, wrote that its members were "impressed with the originality and attractiveness" of his proposal idea, and that they were certain that he would "attract good papers and a large and enthusiastic audience."

Fox is also completing a book of his own, which has been five years in the making. Tentatively titled *Locke and Early Eighteenth-Century Literature*, the book will deal with Locke's theory of personal identity and will feature a discussion of this theory and its influence on the theological, philosophical, and literary circles of Locke's time. It will also explore the impact of Locke's theory on the writings of Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope. An article by Fox that both encapsulates and further explores this topic, "Locke, the Scribblers, and the Discussion of Identity in Early Eighteenth-Century England," will be published this spring in *Eighteenth-Century Studies*.

Name: Elaine Kerchusky  
 Hometown: Folcroft, PA  
 Class of 1983  
 Major: Business Administration

## SG EXPERIENCE:

- SG rep — three years
- Executive Council — two years
- Recording Secretary — one year
- Vice-President — one year
- Chairperson Film Committee — two years
- Senior Representative to Graduate Studies Faculty Committee — one year
- Senior Representative to Teacher and Effectiveness Committee (:TREC) — one year
- Co-chairman Concert Co mmittee — one year
- Member 1981 Cherry Blossom Committee
- Used Bookstore Co-chairman — one year
- Mmeber SG Academic Committee — two years
- Class od 1983 Executive Council Member — three Years.
- Freshman Orientation Group Leader — two years.
- Advisor to Freshman Class — one year

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Voluynteer at Visitation Day 1981
- Wilkes Letterwoman — two years
- Varsity member Woman's Basketball Team — two years

## PLATFORM

1. Improve communications between SG and student body.
  - A. First, it is important that students are to express their feelings about certain issues. This can be achieved by:
    - a. Better informing the student body og the activities fo SG.
    - b. More student input on such matters as the budget and policy making procedures.
    - c. Encourage students as well as faculty and administration to attend more SG meetings and voice their opinions.
    - d. Work closely with CC and IRHC.
  - Maintain good communication between faculty committees and students, and possibly expand representation.
    - e. Schedule "student speakouts" to hear student input.
2. More student involvement in campus, social and acadenic events
  1. Improve general awareness of student services.
  - B. Stress student involvement
  - C. Personal contac t with students and all campus organizations such as the media and all clubs
  - D. Increased publicity for all functions
  - E. Insure student representation with matters in conjunction with administration.
  - F. Maintain good communication between faculty committees and students, and possibly expand representation.
3. Establish Programs:
  1. Establish a systemn to more accurately analyze the needs of various clubs and organizations concerning fund requests.
  2. To encourage individual departments to be more financially supportive of clubs and organizations associated with each department
  3. Carefully plan each SG budget
  4. Revamp SG social Committee.

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Guest Commentary

# A View From The Other Side Of The Desk

by Lisa Cobb

I have spent most of my life sitting at a desk in a room usually composed of one wall of windows, one wall blank or lined with cabinets, and two walls of black slate. It hasn't been the same room all these years, of course, but every year the "new" rooms have looked the same as those the year before. Now, after 16½ years, an estimated 3980 hours, I am not sitting, but standing on the other side of the desk.

I stand before a sea of, usually, blank faces. I ask questions, probe minds, lecture a little, give out assignments, and administer tests. I spend hours preparing for one hopefully dynamic hour during which I endeavor to spread some light on uninquiring minds and some expression on blank faces.

I am constantly aware of that piece of wood and metal which separates me from them: the desk. It represents horrible things to me. It is a symbol of distance. In the beginning, I wanted to keep that distance. I felt a security in the fact that I was separated from the students by a desk. Now, however, I no longer need a symbol of security. That desk has become an obstacle.

I can come out from behind the teacher's desk, but in order to get

to the other side of the students' desks, to get to the point where we are working together and not in opposite directions, I have to claw, scratch, and thrash through the invisible wall they have built. Every moment of the hour I spend with every class has to be energized, and I am the energizer. I'm exhausted after each class and then, from somewhere in the deepest chasm of my soul, I have to pull out more energy for the next group pushing through the door.

My favorite high school teacher was right when she warned that the real world is a cold, cruel world. They are what's cold. They come to my classroom with no warmth — no energy of their own, with an expression that says "energize me" or, worse, "entertain me." But I'm willing to try. I want to do it. I want to get past that desk and bring them to life.

This exhausting drive of mine is fine, however, only as long as I leave it in the building where it's needed. I can't bring it home — not to a dormitory. I feel myself changing gradually as I leave the school building and walk toward my residence hall. By the time I reach my dorm, I am no longer "teacher" but "student." It's a difficult adjustment. I can't be

teacher/authority in Sturdevant Hall; I must be student with senioritis. I feel as if I'm in limbo — trapped somewhere between one world and another, belonging to neither.

And I've discovered that I'm not alone. Any nurse in clinical or anyone on an internship can understand. These people are dealing with desks, too. The nurses find themselves behind the nurses' desk, but they know the real challenge is when they come out from behind it to work with the patients.

Co-op jobs, especially those appropriate to business careers, have desks too. The Wilkes student on the job can know all the theory and understand the system, but, until he crosses over the desk to meet the people, he is really not a part of the real world. And so we all, student-teachers, nurses, and co-op persons, cross over those desks in our respective ways and win our first victories in the real world.

We are excited about it, but we soon discover that our friends who are still only "students" aren't interested in sharing our excitement. Over and over again, we remain silent, aware that we can't bring that world out there home and

that we can't take our "campus" selves along out there. The two worlds don't mix.

And yet — even though I miss it — I wouldn't return to sit on the student side of the desk if I had to sacrifice standing before it to do so. I want to cross over it, or remove it as a barrier, to reach my students, but I now belong on "the other side of the desk."

Perhaps the reason that I can not return fully to the student side of the desk is because I know too much. The other side of the desk is a separate world from which my view of things is altered. I see things differently. I see the Wilkes faculty differently. I see myself in a new way.

It was a struggle to cross over the desk and I admit that this may be the reason I want the desk removed: because I want to be able to flit back and forth from "student" to "teacher." I want to destroy the formality in my classroom because I keep thinking "Hey! I'm only four years older than these seniors. Some of my close friends on campus are only a year older than they!"

But there isn't a desk between my friends and me. That desk is an obstacle to my relationship with the students, but what if I remove it? Will they no longer see me as authority and take advantage of me? You bet. When I consider this — the desk stays. So I maintain the distance. I take on an attitude that turns that desk into a wall. Oh-oh. Not only are the students building walls, but I am, too.

Am I giving that desk too much weight? But it was so hard to move from one side to the other. It was the biggest hurdle I've ever had to jump in my life! Perhaps I'm looking at the desk in the wrong way.

Maybe it's not for me to cross over the desk, but the students who should make the effort. Isn't it true that, ideally, the student should be reaching out for knowledge? The desk must remain, not as an obstacle, however,

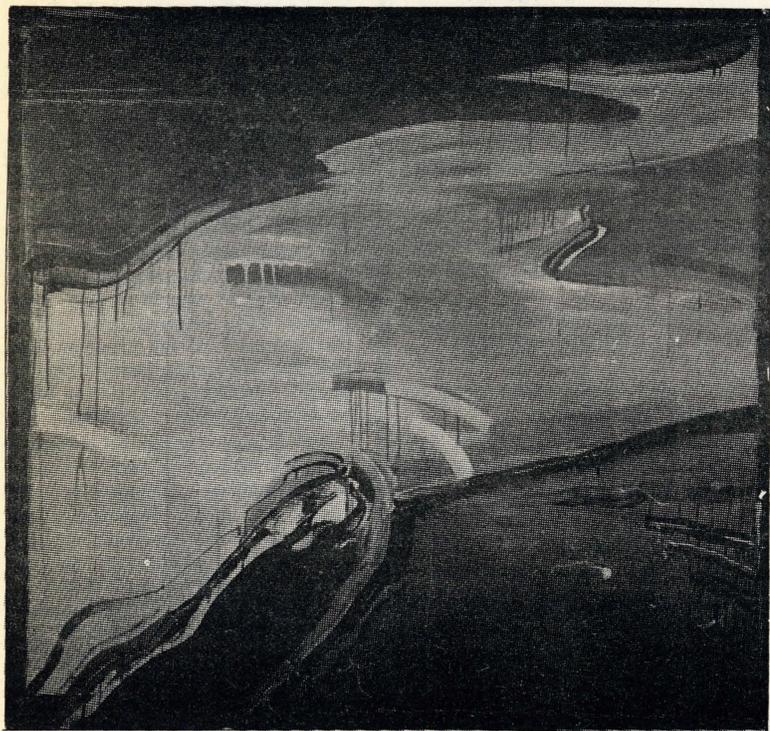
but as a symbol of the distance they must cross to reach knowledge and as a symbol of the bridge between being a student and a valuable contributor to the world. I will meet my students half-way and help them, but only if they make the effort to cross over the desk and reach toward real education.

I'm seeing the student's role from the other side of the desk and I'm realizing that I, some of my friends, and many Wilkes students are not making the effort. The reason I must change when I come back to the dorm from teaching is because here I must complain about work and any efforts I make in order to learn. As part of the student body, I must expect to be spoon fed.

Well, as a student and as a teacher, I want to destroy the limbo I'm in and unite my two worlds. Yes, I love the feeling of having senioritis and I wouldn't give up this temporary craziness, but let me admonish my fellow Wilkes students to start reaching out for knowledge. I realize now that many Wilkes faculty will meet their students halfway if the students make the effort to learn, if the students become their own energizers.

The desk can symbolize a distance kept between faculty and students. But notice when you're in class that most students sit toward the back keeping not one but several desks between themselves and the teacher.

As students, we hide behind a sea of desks, wanting only to be spoon fed the information and not making any efforts of our own. Yet we must, for, soon enough, we all will be on the other side of the desk.



The abstract art work above entitled "Acabonac Air-Landing" was painted this year by Berenice D'Vorzon, Associate Professor of Art at Wilkes College. It is part of her collection of acrylics which are currently on display in the Sordoni Art Gallery until April 18.

## D'Vorzon Awarded Top Prize

Berenice D'Vorzon, Associate Professor of Art at Wilkes College, was recently awarded first place for the best abstract painting in the Annual Guild Hall Members Exhibition at East Hampton, Long Island, N.Y.

D'Vorzon's acrylic, entitled "Hot Night on Tick Island," was chosen by an eminent jury whose members included Yvonne Hagen, Ibram Lassaw, and Mahonri Sharp Young. The Guild Hall membership is composed of professional New York artists who reside or work on Long Island.

The award-winning painting is part of a series of landscape-inspired abstractions which Ms. D'Vorzon is developing during her temporary leave of absence from Wilkes College.

### POETRY CONTEST

A \$1,000 grand prize will be awarded in the upcoming poetry competition sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

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## Poetry Reading Review

# Manuscript's Efforts Applauded

by Lisa Cobb

The Manuscript Society hosted poet Mike Hattersley, a faculty member of Muhlenberg State College, on Wednesday evening, March 23. Hattersley read before an audience of approximately 25 students and faculty.

Before reading his work, Hattersley discussed his view of poetry. He said that poetry is a precision, seeing the world in a precise way. He said that a poem should be a single flow of images which present a picture. The work should be concentrated and should never tell the reader what he should feel but, rather, should pre-

sent images which will create the feeling.

The poet commented that there is a war between the mind and reality which is constantly shaping and changing our imagination. Poetry, he concluded, is the effort to catch emotion rather than to create a picture.

Hattersley began reading with what he called "quiet poems." These poems were largely description which revealed the poet's sharp eye for detail. The poems I found especially well written and interesting were those in which he wrote about Cape Cod, where he

has spent a great deal of time.

He spoke very softly while he read and he had a soft humor about him which helped the audience feel comfortable with him. At the end of his reading, he was asked for encore readings of some of the poems he had read and he was asked specific, detailed questions by some members of the audience.

The poet commented that it is always an experience to read one's work in front of a new audience. He also commented that never before had anyone asked him questions dealing directly with specific lines and words. The reading was a success, to me, because of the audience response as well as the poet's willingness to first discuss his philosophy of poetry and then to answer the questions directed at him. Poetry readings are a valuable, educational program and the Manuscript Society should be commended for offering a fine reading.

## Ticker Tape

The Women's Free Lecture Series will present Kristie Hishman in a discussion on "A Psychology Approach to Disability," in the meeting room of Osterhout Library on Tuesday, April 5 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Student Government will present the film "Godspell" on Friday, April 2 at 7 & 9 p.m. in SLC 101.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre will show the film "Sleeper," directed by Woody Allen on Thursday, April 15 at 8 p.m.

Hugh Wolff and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, joined by Paul Spencer Adkins, an all-star cast, and the Philharmonic Chorus will present a concert version of Verdi's master-piece, La Traviata, Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre.

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## Letterwomen's Club Celebrating Twentieth Birthday

by Suzette Dyanick

Wilkes College isn't the only one celebrating a birthday next year. One of the oldest and most organized clubs on campus will be celebrating its twentieth birthday: The Letterwomen's Club.

It all started back on March 12, 1963 in the gym office. The group was called the Wilkes College Women's Lettermen Club. The Lettermen had a strong club and the Letterwomen wanted to join, but they were denied admission. The women athletes decided to create their own club; hence, the Letterwomen's Club was born.

The first order of business was fund raising. In October, 1963, the letterwomen had candy sales, bake sales, car washes and a shoe shine. In November of that year, the letterwomen made \$21.

In October of 1964, it was an-

nounced that the letterwomen would be working the concession stand at football games and would split the profits 40-60 with the lettermen: 40% for the letterwomen 60% for the men.

In December of 1965 the letterwomen had another bake sale. This time it was a cookie sale. The letterwomen baked 110 dozen cookies in the window of the Gas Company Building.

As the years past, they still baked cookies for the Gas Company, sold pins, sold programs, worked the concession stand, sponsored dances and worked coat checks for other organizations' dances.

In 1982 the Letterwomen are still working hard. With five varsity sports for women and three co-ed teams, women athletes at Wilkes are doing more than ever before.

The Letterwomen's Club depends

solely on its fund raising for its survival. The club boasts a \$2,000 endowment fund and the teams sponsor four tournaments a year. A basketball tournament, held in January, sponsored by the Letterwomen's Club in memory of Correen Santoro, a letterwomen who died of cancer in 1976.

Doris B. Saracino, director of women's athletics and advisor to the club, said, "The letterwomen alumni will be working directly with the club next year to make the twentieth anniversary a huge success."

The anniversary celebration will take place Homecoming weekend. There will be a formation of Letterwomen alumni marching behind the present Letterwomen in the annual Homecoming parade. Alumni field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and softball games are being scheduled.

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## Lady Colonels Win Opener

by Ellen Van Riper

The Lady Colonels opened their 1982 season on an upswing as they downed Misericordia 3-1 at Kirby Park. The ladies only managed a total of four hits, but they used them to good advantage.

The opening day line-up was the following: pitcher Sue Schwartz, catcher Karen Johnson, first base Lori Cashour, second base Renee Dougherty, third base Cathy Lee, shortstop Theresa McGraw, leftfield Charlene Hurst, centerfield Lisa Gigliello, and rightfield Karen Bove.

Sue Schwartz, a freshman, had a good day both on the mound and at the plate. She tossed a one-hitter while issuing 7 walks and striking out 4. At the plate she managed 2 hits in 3 at bats.

The other big performers for the team were juniors Karen Johnson and Stacy Keeley and freshman Lisa Gigliello. Karen went 1 for 3 and knocked in one run, Stacy went for 1 for 1 with an rbi, and Lisa accounted for a run.

As a tune-up for the regular season, the Lady Colonels travelled to Maryland to play a pair of exhibition games. The trip served a dual purpose, for it both created team cohesion and provided the coaching staff with a chance to evaluate the new talent.

All in all it was a successful journey for the team as they battered Washington College 16-3 and edged Western Maryland 8-6.

A lopsided victory is always nice, but in the second game the Lady Colonels fought back from a 6-0 first inning deficit to pull out an impressive victory.

The offensive leaders for the pre-season were Karen Bove, Karen Johnson, and Cathy Lee. Bove belted out 3 doubles and a triple enroute to compiling a .625 average. Johnson slammed a homer and a triple on the way to a .600 average. In addition she drove in 4 runs. Lee hit at an even .500 clip and knocked in 4 also.

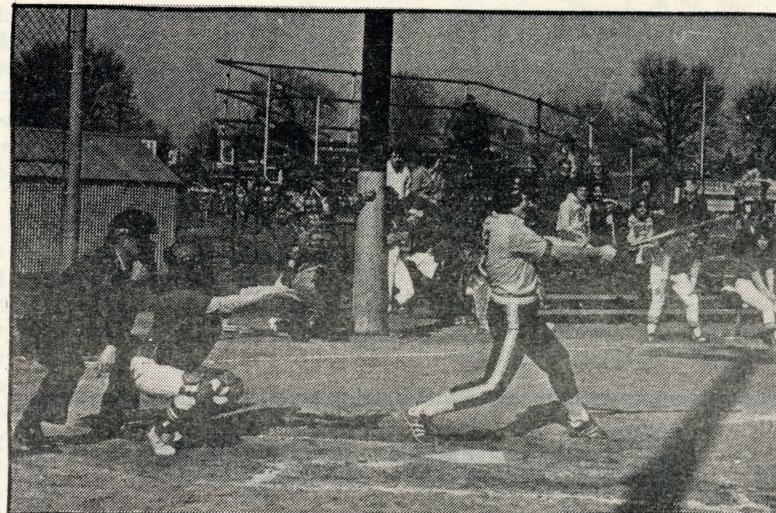
The 1982 edition of the Lady Colonel softball team is for the most

part young and inexperienced. There are five returning players from last year's squad, and it will be up to them to provide leadership for their young teammates.

Heading this group of returnees is captain Karen Johnson, and she is reined by "veterans" Karen Bove, Stacy Keely, Kim Smith, and Carol Hagen.

The first year players on the team are Lori Cashour, Jeanne Dougherty, Renee Dougherty, Lisa Gigliello, Diane Hall, Charlene Hurst, Marian Karmataviez, Debbie Kramer, Sue Leach, Cathy Lee, Theresa McGraw, Sue Schwartz, and Lynn Bush.

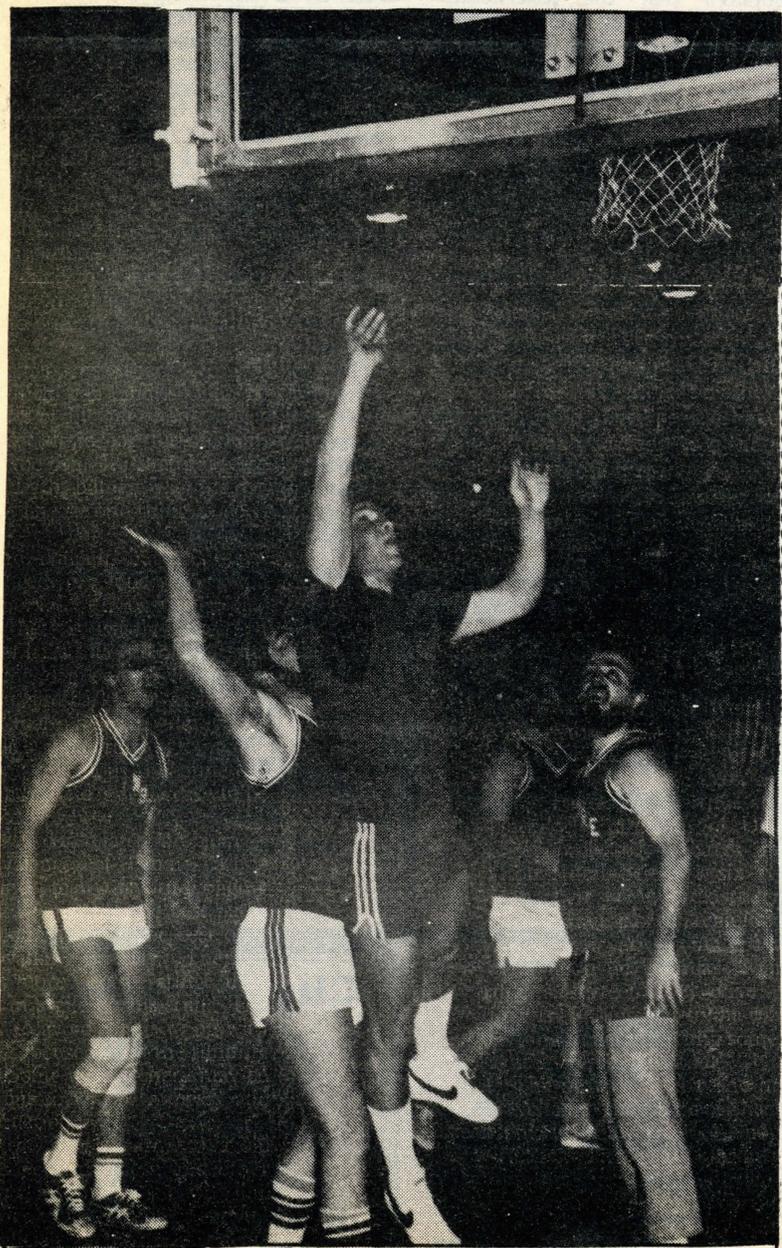
The Lady Colonels will open their MAC slate with a doubleheader against Juniata on April 3 at Kirby Park.



LADY COLONELS A HIT IN 1982 DEBUT. Sue Schwartz, a freshman pitcher, connects for one of her two hits. The team downed Misericordia 3-1 at Kirby Park.

## from the bench

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CAGE ACTION AT THE GYM. The men of Bedford Hall took on WBRE last Thursday. The guys from Wilkes won the contest handily.

The temperature has been gradually rising over the past two weeks, and there has also been a similar rise in the number of joggers. The winter die-hards have been joined by their fellow veterans who have come out of hibernation and also by legions of beginners. People are becoming more and more aware of the importance of physical fitness, and to many the solution is jogging.

Jogging has become extremely popular for a number of reasons. First of all it is a relatively inexpensive activity. The only big expense is a pair of decent running shoes. One could also buy expensive clothing and accessories, but all that is really needed are shorts, socks, t-shirts, and a sweat suit for colder weather.

The second reason for the wave of jogging mania is the fact that the activity promotes cardiovascular fitness. The recent health awareness of the nation has been focusing upon this fact.

On the surface the whole thing appears to be rather simple. All the jogger has to do is tie the laces and take to the streets. Even though the road may appear to be a bed of roses, there are still thorns which can harm and impede the jogger.

For those who run along roadways and/or sidewalks there are numerous things of which to be wary. Veteran joggers all develop "street sense," but those who are just starting may face a road fraught with danger.

The major problem concerns automobiles and ignorant drivers. Car exhaust, especially during rush hour, is not the most pleasant thing to breathe in, so avoidance of major roads is a good idea. Other than this cars themselves are completely harmless.

Unfortunately, automobiles are often driven by ignorant people, and

every veteran jogger has a good story to tell. One of the favorite tricks of these "drivers" is to drive up behind an unsuspecting jogger and lay on the horn. They get cheap thrills watching the poor soul jump five feet into the air.

Of course there is also verbal abuse of all kinds, and female joggers seem to get the worst of it. Women have to put up with whistling, lewd remarks, and wierdos looking for a pick-up. Sometimes the best thing that a woman can do to alleviate this abuse is to look as ugly as possible while jogging. However, this tactic can backfire, for it makes one susceptible to a different set of remarks.

The last auto related problem is intersections and crosswalks. Rule number one is not to trust turn indicators and/or a lack of them. Ten to one they do not mean a thing. Many trusting joggers have been sent scampering back to the safety of the curb by cars which turn in the direction opposite of that which the blinker indicated. The best thing to do is to wait for a sizeable break in the traffic.

Up until now the problems cited have pertained in general to jogging along streets and sidewalks. For those who think that jogging in Kirby Park and other such areas is safe, there are special difficulties which can turn jogging into a nightmare.

Most of the problems stem from dogs and/or their ignorant owners. Kirby Park does have a leash law, but for the most part it is ignored. Many people believe in letting their dogs run free in order to get enough exercise. Joggers also run free, and the presence of a loose dog often results in more than enough exercise.

All veteran joggers also have their favorite dog story, and is certainly not Lassie or Old Yeller. There is

nothing more infuriating than running with a loose dog nipping at one's heels and seeling the owner stand idly by. Most dogs have only playful intentions when they do this, but once in a while a jogger runs across one that doesn't. This can lead to an extremely unhealthy situation.

If this happens, there are two things which can and should be done. First of all, one should never panic or act afraid, for that only encourages the dog. It is natural to be scared to death, but don't let the dog know it. The second thing to do is to get rid of the dog.

It sounds difficult, but it is easy. All one needs is a loud voice and a bit of courage. If one gets mad enough, there is usually more than enough of both. To rid oneself of a bothersome dog one need only to stop short and bark at it as loud as possible. It also helps to sound mean and to add a good growl. Doing this might look ridiculous, but nine out of ten times the dog will cease to be a nuisance.

The last dog-related problem is the prevalence of canine debris which lines many favorite jogging paths. It seems that the best paths to run along are also the best ones for the walking of dogs. There is nothing more exasperating than stepping in a pile of this stuff. The best way to avoid this is to jog with one's eyes focused upon the running surface. Some good scenery may be missed, but so will be a messy and smelly situation.

Once the jogger learns to avoid and/or cope with these and other such problems, he or she will find the activity to be extremely enjoyable and beneficial. In fact the benefits and pleasure which come from jogging far outweigh any problems or inconveniences.