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The twenty-second annual Letterman's Formal will be held next Friday, December 8, in the Colonial Room of the Kincaid House. Henry Greene and his orchestra will provide the music. Couples will dance from 9 to 1 a.m. Proper dress for the affair is long gown for the girls and black tie for the men.

Dean Rashall, advisor of the affair, stated: "The Letterman's Club, as sponsor of this evening once a year, finances a great portion of the dance and expects no profit. The only benefit sought in the opportunity for students to enjoy a formal dance."

Mike Romeo is general chairman of the formal. Committee chairmen are: Joe Wieland, tickets; Mike Babuschak, publicity; Bruce Comstock, decorations and Felix Ovelsky, president of the club.

The theme of the affair will naturally be a Christmas motif utilizing red and green in pleasant harmony. As usual, Dean Rashall will lead the Lettermen in entertaining those who attend with such favorites as "Silent Night" and "White Christmas."

Play of Daniel in den of CPA

Mr. Richard Chapline conducts rehearsal for "The Play of Daniel," to be held at the Center for the Performing Arts in mid-December.

Implications of God is Dead bringing overwhelming reaction

The Death of God Colloquium on Thursday, November 16, in Stark Hall provided a large crowd of faculty and students with a discussion of the theories and implications of the God is Dead Theology. Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion, the colloquium featured addresses delivered by Dr. Stanislaw Vujica, Dr. Roy E. Williams, and Dr. Abraham Barras. Dr. Vujica, who made the introductory remarks outlining the main points of the program, stated after the colloquium that the overwhelming reaction to this session insured the holding of at least two more programs of this type before the end of the year.

In his remarks, Dr. Vujica explained the origins of the God is Dead Theology in Nietzsche's The Last Metaphor. Nietzsche stated that "God is dead. God and we have killed Him. Churches are the tombs and monuments of God." From Nietzsche's theories came Dietrich Bonhoeffer's concept of "Religious Christianity." Bonhoeffer's theory was that man has come of age and lives as though God does not exist. Christianity can now function as if God does not exist and as a result can be authentic.

From these theories and others, Dr. Vujica continued, "In the contemporary discussion of Nietzsche's work, the new theology has raised questions for the philosopher." Dr. Vujica ended his address by asking some fundamental questions of the theologian: The total impact of the problem draws people to the question and it seems to reflect a trend in current society. The statement "God is dead" presents a logical dilemma, according to Dr. Vujica, because it combines a physical and metaphysical concept and questions faith. This is impossible. The question, he himself, to prove their relationships to the society.

Dr. Roy E. Williams was the next speaker, who brought three contemporary theologians who express divergent aspects of God is Dead theology. "Van Veen," stated Dr. Williams, has proposed that God is dead, man is either meaningless or misleading; and the essential meaning of the Christian Gospel can be asserted without the use of the term "God."

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Student Government began the initial phase of a constitutional convention required yesterday when members of the Constitutional Convention assembled in the Old Main auditorium.

Judy Simonson, chairman, emphasized to the committee members that "we have to keep in mind the practical problems of the students: we must find a place for voicing of student opinion, and we must provide a government which will give the students a real voice in government experience." Following her introduction the chairwoman asked the committee members to prepare a list of possible committees to start. Each committee will have a secretary to keep minutes of each meeting and post them on the bulletin board in the Commons following each meeting. At the end of the convention the minutes of all of the committees will be compiled. Within each committee a two-thirds majority is required to decide a dispute. However, in the constitution, a civil majority will be the tentative date for completion of the Constitution is Friday, March 1. Students who have not yet signed up to Student Government, the students, and Administration for final approval. If provisions are made, Student Government will be effective in early April.

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The narrator who first introduces the theme of the God is Dead controversy is Dr. Kay. Dr. Kay began the question and answer period, then the students; Rod Palmer, Bill Gasperik, MIchael Har- ton, and Mark Rosenbaum.

"The second contemporary theologian discussed is Dr. Abraham Barras. For Hamilton, God was not necessary as a problem-solver; but it is still possible to be a Christian. For Thomas Altizer, the last of the con- temporary theologians considered by Dr. Williams, "God is dead" is a necessary concept. For Hamilton, existence that He can cease to exist without the use of the term "God."

Recalling some of the questions about the God is Dead controversy, Dr. Williams feels that the "central affirmation of the death of God causes nearly to the death of the whole concept. To talk about the death of God is to talk about the death of the heart of the Eternal" and to contra- dict and offend the very basis of re- ligious man's view of the world. Conclusion of the program after a question and answer period, Dr. Bar- rons summarised the discussion. He added his analysis of the Death of God Theology. The new theology, in his expression represents a concept as revolutionary as the concept of the Messiah — the first person that proposed the new vision of the world. The tentative date for completion of the Constitution is Friday, March 1. Students who have not yet signed up to Student Government, the students, and Administration for final approval. If provisions are made, Student Government will be effective in early April.

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How can it be possible for you—a Wilkes College student—to spend sixteen of your better years of life in an educational environment and never once have to think! How do you look yourself in the mirror at night knowing that you have passed another day in complete sterility? How can you hope to function, let alone survive, in today's complex society when you have spent sixteen years regurgitating only that information hurriedly memorized the night before an examination? How, dear student, do you plan to spend the remaining years of your life? Do you plan to work at a menial, dead-end job, to weather the frame-work of complete boredom, anti-intellectual activity, and total un-involvement? If your present status is any indication of your future activity, you will die never having done anything for anyone but yourself. You, dear student, are selfish!

Some of you will graduate with honors. Cum—Summa, — or Magna Cum Laude, others will receive cash prizes for outstanding academic work; several of you will be named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and many now say you receive a letter at the end of each semester complimenting you on your ability to master the system and attain the rank of President of the Student Government. Most of you who join this membership to maintain your scholarship; how easily you forget the responsibilities which you face. How often you spend a few weeks each year telling the rest of us how you're going to change things around here, and get elected to Student Government, not because of the rest of us really believe you but, simply, because we don't care.

On two recent occasions, dear students, you ably conformed to your college image. After years of grapes and groans over the assembly programs, less than two hundred of you bothered to attend the concert by the Philadelphia Piano Trio on Thursday evening, November 16. And, on Monday, November 29, while most of you spent the day cemented in your chairs in the cafeteria, tirelessly copying away, some word spilt out of your professors' mouths, about one-fourth of your fellow students took the time to elect forty members to the Student Constitution Revision Committee. To be sure, it is surprising that five hundred of you could take the time from your other pursuits to cast your ballots. But, where were the vast majority of you; where were you — the honor students, the Nobel prize sports, the scholarship-minded club members, and the status seekers in common? Does your selfishness to yourself and to the rest of us mean that you don't care?

The Student Constitution Revision Committee has been charged with the responsibility of creating out of nothing a viable body of people representative of you. Yet, you have definitely indicated time and time again that you don't really care. It is hard to know how long does so low as your own narrow interests remain undisturbed.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Square revisited**

**Dear Editor:**

For the first time since my entrance into this college two years ago, I have heard a heretical, indeed, major national issue. This, in itself, I find enlightening, however, the path this concern took last Thursday—Nov. 9 evening certainly must be looked upon as frightening.

I refer the opposition (by the fired up students and townspersons) to the students of the false press their feelings on public square in what almost broke into uncontrollable rioting.

The supporters spout about American patriots yet attempt ven Gareth to present American policy in Vietnam while freedom is being unconstitutionally rushed. This is their patriotism?

They talk of brotherhood, and others fighting dead or Vietnam. Does that form an adequate insatiable result of our involvement? Should we just forget the Vietnamese people, even if the United States are slaughtered in far greater numbers in their own country as a result of our involvement? We are at war the Vietnamese exist there? Shouldn't we examine the history of our involvement rather than simply say we should fight for the men lost there as right or wrong in the first place?

They say we were asked by the South Vietnamese people to help. But, if that government representative of the people. They again say, yes, yet again, according to the United States, the South Vietnamese armed forces last year and 253,000 South Vietnamese soldiers died in 1969. (U.S. Defense Statistics) Where does the Vietnamese soldier go for military aid?

When asked many why they turned their backs so vehemently against the peace advocates, there emerged a wide range of replies from adversity to long hair, the inability to believe in the group) to the need for protection of our娇贵. Many were actually talking about the need of being done but still turned out in support of those who were in favor of continued fighting or the war. But, in little of the minority peace side there were many unsure of why not understand what patriotism means.

The student interest was certainly encouraging hot to argue that there is such a positive vehemence form while such great shrouts of doubt and uncertainty remains strong to offset the benefits that should be reaped from such interest. I do hope, however, that these students can stand and redress themselves along more purpilous lines. I would like to see the broadened perception of possible examination, understanding and discussion of the Vietnamese crisis.

Our college is but an outlet of what is left of informed and interested members of the student body and we must try to make sure that campus becomes an environment where students can take into its responsibility the attraction of national personalities to our college's representation. As the problem at Wilkes seems to be evolving apathy to understanding or lack of it. I look forward to seeing and hearing about such issues in two-interested sides with central coordination and cooperation. If you are so interested or involved, I hope you will also be ready to turn out in support of such a student committee.

**Steve Kaplan**

Class of 69

**Muck ad**

**Dear Editor:**

Reference was made in last week's Beacon (heard from the heed) to the change in grading at Yale University. I wonder if the student will be under any less pressure to achieve a pass or even a B? 

If he would be to achieve an A, B, or C, 80, 0, 70, or a 4, 3, 2. 1. As long as we can evaluate and required, there will be distinctions made which will completely pleasing to the one being graded.

I might call attention to the fact that the grading system at Wilkes is not a less liberal grading system or a superior, above-average, average, below-average grading system, but rather a more liberal system intended to encourage working for knowledge and personal growth.

Whenever accomplishment is to be measured, there will be areas of am- biguity once seen—how one human being evaluating another. It is almost impossible to clearly measure what constitutes educational progress. Knowledge can be measured but under- standing and wisdom cannot be measured, knowledge is an essential goal of education, however, it is but knowledge and wisdom where one considers creativity, it becomes obvious that evaluation must be a subjective thing and the faculty member must exercise and re- ply upon personal judgment.

Such devices as graduate record examinations, medical aptitude tests, top aptitude tests, ad infinitum, are often used and grading differences between institutions and tests for the level of knowledge achieved. Unfortunately, we know, too, the pitfalls of a more correct educational process for stereotypes educational system that would teach for tests rather than how to think, to develop, thought, mature individual capable of exercising the judgments throughout- out his life, his own only his future but the future of our society and its structures.

Versus high pass versus low pass evaluation of educational practice is the hasty, premature amplification of these problems. History forever be, subjects of discussion for faculty, and students as an educator as educational exists.

Thank you.

**Sincerely yours,**

Francis J. Michelini

Dean of Academic Affairs

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**Praise to "God"**

**Dear Editor:**

A comment on the "God is Dead" essay in today's Beacon.

The tremendous turnout of Wilkes students for the collium on the "God is Dead" theology should indicate the intense interest of administration members that intellect- ual curiosity does exist on this college campus. I would suggest that these dif- ferent topics, we the student body will make apathy a thing of the past for this college.

Respectfully,

Ina E. George

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**Lacrosse lackeys**

**Dear Editor**

I would like to comment on the old collegehumorism, "all talk and no action," that the student body is benumbed to. You are heard bemoaning the lack of cultural interest demonstrated within this student body. The average student has been through their vigorous exhortations and, from time to time, to even act on them. It's quite possible that a fiscally more generous percentage of our student body and faculty administration members frequent such cultural campus ac- tivities as music recitals, art exhibits, student club activities, but, the fact is that the show of indifference by the faculty is hardly an indication to the student of the present participation of college in college. Full participation in all college functions is prerequisite to student involvement in the college and the community.

Sincerely,

Linda Snow

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**7th Seal' marks fourth**

**Bergman film**

Inger Bergman, whose inquires into the nature and state of man have been richly dyed by the camera through the film media, has once again been selected to have his work presented at the bi-weekly Coffeehouse Seriers.

Next week, on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 8 p.m., Bergman will offer The Seventh Seal at a 7:30 p.m. in the Theodore, Inger Bergman and Inger Bergman, and Inger Bergman, and Inger Bergman, the film Described "such what may have happened dur- ing the seventh seal."

"Antonius Block, a knight, is on his way home from a crusade together with his team. He is down by the road, daydreaming. They are and disappointed. As they ride along, they see traces of the plague. The knight weighs whether he should return to the man full of implicit faith, but he is re- turned tormented by doubt and uncer- tainties. They are the search for God? This thought is intolerable."

Yet, he is not finished with life. With his back turned to God, he heads back the direction of the cross, he hopes for a reprieve and pos- seses a game of chess. Before he reaches it, he is killed in a man full of implicit faith, but he is re- turned tormented by doubt and uncer- tainties. They are the search for God? This thought is intolerable.

And as the game of chess draws to its close he upsets the pieces in order to see and save the little family from Death.

Described as "avid and-alive," by Bosley Crowther of the New York Times, the Seventh Seal is a richly dyed film with mystery and torment and bouquets with pleasant Business. The profound- ness of the ideas are lightened and sly-ly, The "7th Seal" is a profound examina- tion that is interesting and strong.
Art classes view jewels on field trip to exhibit

Pictures were of Mr. Anthony Evangelista and a student on the rec.

Everhart Museum, Scranton, was the setting recently for the semi-annual showing of jewelry accepted in national "Jewelry Today." The aim of the exhibit, according to Carl E. Ellis, curator of art, was to provide the best in contemporary jewelry design and craftsmanship. A secondary aim was also to stress the purchase and use of such jewelry by the public.

The nine juried artists and their four Good Design Awards include: Paul Magenau, of the Good Design Award have been given on the basis of individual pieces; but this year's, Joes.

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Wears be praised Peace impossible


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Opposite: "Publicus"---Promoting a sense of community addressed itself at the outset: What can be expected if peace comes one step at a time? How prepared are we to do about it? At first the committee exhibits the perplexities involved in the background of community, but soon it decides upon an objective analysis of the situation and the result is despair. Try as it may, the committee can find no substitute for war to create a thriving society. Peace in its opinion is a step-by-step activity, too costly an ideal for responsible men to think about.

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Publicus

Why is the dollar going down the drain? An explanation, you say. Not really. It may survive the Gallic gold-buying spree, but then they may pull the same garbage next year and the year after that and . . .

The reason our dollar is ever susceptible to this international blackmail is that we are spending money we don't have and don't plan on getting in the foreseeable future. Just some score of Lyndon's clear-headed thinking. Of course, a great country like ours could never go broke, could it? Well, once upon a time, kiddies. Great Britain was a great world power, too. This is why they starred syntactics of socialist aid and perhaps the bickering between the British and American public. The conflict was about the time. Of course, good old Yankee pragmatism would protect us if it were in our power and could do so. but it is not and cannot. Our "intellectuals" are in command of much of our money and are all hot over "War on . . . Operations" and other such that they are not only guilty of pride because they are great from an idealistic standpoint. Unfortunately, the British have no taste for local leaders and actual contact with the people they are to: see them develop in idealism and in honesty, too. All it takes to become an executive and resident expert on poverty is a membership in the Democratic Party and an in with some==

We have analyzed the front-runners for the Republican presidential nomination. This week we take a look at the Democratic hopefuls. Sor- rev. fellow. Lyndon will get the nod --- who else is there? Bobbie Kennedy probably that many husbands, unable to find jobs, "detected" their wives after discovering financial made with 101 and non-art major awards have received. America, for the good of American women. All of these were obvious from everywhere. Most pieces tend to show mechanical, electrical, and geometric headings. The age of the computer has arrived in jewelry as well. There was some intuitive insight, perhaps, but this is just an indication of the nature of our age.

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