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Liz Slaughters Competition

The annual Best-Dressed Coed Contest, held at the Center for the Performing Arts on Monday night, drew a large crowd this year. The event, sponsored by TDR, featured ten finalists chosen from among the 25 nominees who attended a tea held last Friday for the purpose of narrowing the competition. Commentator for the evening was Mrs. Marilyn Gauntlett, fashion and youth coordinator of the Lazarus Store.

The winner, Elizabeth Slaughter of Flushing, New York, is a senior psychology major. She is an active member of Cue and Curtain, WAA, and IDC, and has done extensive modeling. This was her third attempt at the title of Miss Best-Dressed Coed; for

the last two years she has held the first runner-up position.

The winning outfits worn by Miss Slaughter were: for campus wear, a heavy winter-white cotton shirtwaist dress with brown belt and accessories; for off-campus wear, a "Bonnie and Clyde" white v-necked overblouse over a bright orange crepe mini-skirt; for formal wear, a lemon yellow moire taffeta gown with a deep cowl collar and a moss green velvet bow accentuating an empire waist.

Runner-up for the evening's event was Mary Ann Jankowski of Mountaintop. Miss Jankowski is a sophomore English major and a former Miss Seventeen and Miss Datesetter. The other finalists were: Margaret Bell, a freshman from Kingston; Theresa Cushner, a senior from Shavertown; Barbara Dorish, a senior from Plains; Marie Gacloch, a sophomore from Binghamton, N.Y.; Barbara Hastie from West Pittston; Cynthia Lewis, a freshman from Forty Fort; Eileen Luff, a junior from Richboro, Pa.; and Sue Ryan, a sophomore from Morris Plains, N.J.

The three members of the student body who provided the evening's entertainment while the contestants changed and during the tense moments

of the judges' deliberation and decision, were Elliot Rosenbaum, Patty Lewis, and Ann Barnes, all music majors at the College.

Faculty judges for the contest were Mr. Robert DeYoung, Mrs. Carolyn D'Zurko, Mrs. Roberta Hammer, Mr. Edwin Johnson, Dr. Francis Michelini, and Miss Marene Olsen. Representing the student body on the panel were George Andresky, William Bush, Sharon Daney, and David Frey.

Announcement of the judges' final decision was made by Alicia Ramsey, president of TDR, who was called upon to ad lib during an extended intermission. Called upon to fill in with a joke or two, Miss Ramsey protested, saying she knew none fit to tell before so large and mixed a congregation. However, she finally managed to recall a few suitable "humorous anecdotes," such as the one about the buck-toothed cow. She says "moof." (The cow.) Miss Ramsey was assisted in her duties as emcee by two other members of TDR, Gretchen Hahn and Beverly Shamun.

Pictures of Miss Slaughter in each of her three outfits will be submitted with an official entry form to *Glamour* magazine for the national judging of the "Ten Best-Dressed College Girls."



Miss Liz Slaughter



First Row: left to right: Sandra Cardoni, Plains; Shirley Shamun, Ashley; Sandra Walters, Nanticoke; Gretchen Hahn, Forty Fort; and Donna Edford, Wilkes-Barre. Second Row: Paula Gilbert, Dallas; Carol Stadin, Wilkes-Barre; Marilyn Moffat, Forty Fort, chairman; Suzanne Swenski, Wilkes-Barre; and Sheila McCormick, Ashley.

TDR gala tonight

by Lynn Glomb

Tonight the annual Valentine semi-formal will be held at Genetti's Ballroom. The dance, sponsored by Theta Delta Rho, will be from 9-12 p.m. "Holiday of Hearts" is the theme of the affair, and tickets are \$3.50 per couple. They may be purchased at the Bookstore or in the Commons.

was chosen by a vote of all TDR members on Wednesday evening.

Sweetheart trees will be arranged as centerpieces on each of the tables, and the ballroom will be decorated in line with the theme. Punch and cookies will be served to the guests.

Chairman of the event is Marilyn Moffatt, vice-president of TDR. Committee heads are: Suzanne Swenski, refreshments; Sandy Walters, Shirley Shamun, and Sheila McCormick, decorations; Paula Gilbert, tickets; Carol Stadin, invitations; Sandy Cardoni, favors; and Gretchen Hahn and Donna Edford, publicity.

Entertainment will be provided by Bobby Baird's Orchestra. The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the queen, who will be presented with a bouquet of flowers. The queen, a member of the junior class,

Felix Greene exposes China

As part of the Concert and Lecture Series, the College will present Felix Greene, a U.S.-based reporter in North Vietnam, on Tuesday, February 13, at 8 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts.

In May, Mr. Greene returned from his fifth trip to China and his second journey to North Vietnam. He has traveled through the most heavily bombed areas in North Vietnam and has seen the devastation. He has had interviews with the prime minister, Pham Van Dong, and top military leaders and previously had a long exclusive interview with President Ho Chi Minh.

Mr. Greene has spent time in Peking and he feels that he knows what's going on now and to realize that however complex and turbulent the cultural revolution appears to those in China, it has inner direction which has not been fully understood in the West. Mr. Greene knows China intimately, and has twice interviewed Prime Minister Chou En-lai. His film, *China*, won the 1965 Award of Merit at Edinburgh's International Film Festival.

Look magazine in the summer of 1967 featured a seven-page illustrated article on Mr. Greene's latest trip. With the approval of the U.S. State Department, he spent three months in North Vietnam, writing for *The San Francisco Chronicle* and filming for CBS-News.

Mr. Greene has also filmed a movie, "North Vietnam - A Personal Re-

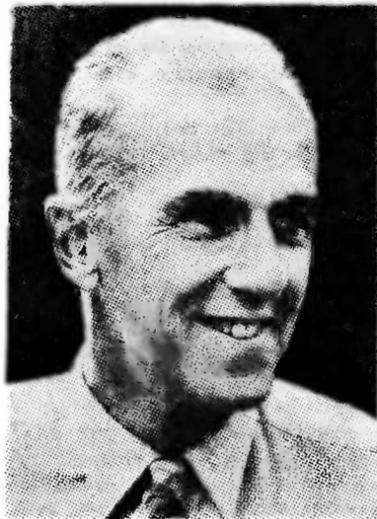
port," which has been acclaimed by *Cue* magazine as "the most jolting film in town . . . for anyone who gives a damn about what's being done in his name."

In this film, the undisputed heroes are the people of North Vietnam, rebuilding their bombed towns, and roads and bridges, mourning their dead, and conducting their simple lives with amazing unconcern for the constant roar of bombers.

In the country of our enemy, Greene interviews officials and natives alike. The North Vietnamese prime minister told him, "What the American people must understand is that we will fight 10, 15, even 20 or more years to maintain our independence." This determination is shown in the film on their bicycles, in the fishermen who must work nights to provide food, and in stations where men fire rifles at the U.S. bombers. The film climaxes with a visit of the nation's canonized leader, Ho Chi Minh, to one of the villages in North Vietnam.

Stanford University reviewed Mr. Greene's discussion as "A wonderful lecture given with remarkable ease of delivery." "His factual story and the manner in which he told it gave us a point of view about China today that was most enlightening," was said by the City Club of Rochester.

Besides being a lecturer, Mr. Greene has authored such works as *Vietnam! Vietnam, Awakened China, A Curtain of Ignorance* and the forthcoming *Letters From Hanoi*.



Felix Greene

Chapline to solo at CPA in Town and Gown concert

Mr. Richard Chapline, a member of the College music department, will be featured in his tenth annual program with the Town and Gown series this Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. His solo performance will consist of a group of Handel airs in English, miscellaneous German LIEDER, and SONGS OF TRAVEL by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The words for the last selection are taken from a posthumous book of poems by the same title written by Robert Louis Stevenson.

his performance by Dr. Liselotte Schmidt, a new member of the College music department who will make her debut on the stage of the Center for the Performing Arts.

Chapline is director of the Wilkes College Chorus, and he directed last semester's production of *The Play of Daniel*. The program is the first in the Town and Gown series for this year. The second program will be held in March at St. Stephen's Church and will feature Mr. Clifford Balshaw in an organ recital.

Chapline will be accompanied in

Flutist entertains in concert

Nancy Uffelman, flutist, member of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the University Circle Contemporary Chamber Players, will appear in concert on Wednesday, February 14, in the Center for the Performing Arts. The 8 p.m. concert is open to the public free of charge.

Miss Uffelman has been studying music since the age of eight. She has studied the flute with Maurice Sharpe, the first flutist of the Cleveland Orchestra, and James Pappoutsakis of the Boston Symphony. Following a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College, she received a Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She has had ensemble coaching with Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin.

A recipient of numerous awards, Miss Uffelman has won the Music Association of Japan Scholarship

Award, Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Award, and has received a citation for excellence in performance from Wellesley College. She was a winner of the Concerto Competition at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Miss Uffelman has given solo recitals in schools and colleges throughout the East and Midwest. Recent concerts include Hathaway Brown School, Cleveland Composer's Guild, Wellesley College, Willoughby Fine Arts Association, the Cleveland Institute of Music, Ashtabula Fine Arts Center, Aspen Music School and the Lecture Recital Club of Cleveland.

The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* reviewed Miss Uffelman's concerts as ". . . playing with distinction." The Cleveland Press says that her music is "extremely well played."

Miss Uffelman is the niece of Dr. Harold Fletcher, former chairman of

the history department. The next concert will be on March 7, given by Mertine Jones, mezzo soprano of the Philadelphia Oratorio Choir.



Miss Nancy Uffelman

- NOTICE -

The Bedford House will be the scene of a tea this afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. for all English majors. The open-house is being held by the English department to christen its new office building.

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- NOTICE -

Tonight, Dr. Bronis Kaslas, chairman of the history department, will lead the faculty seminar in a discussion on the "Unification of Europe" at 7:45 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts. This seminar is opened to all members of the faculty and their guests.

- NOTICE -

Registration for student teaching for the 1968-69 school year will be accepted until February 21, 1968.

Editorial

Help!

The **Beacon** is moving into new headquarters. We will now be denizens of the new Student Organization Building along with SG, IDC, **Amnicola**, and **Manuscript**. The new office will offer us an environment with immense potential.

Still we feel we need much more to meet the needs of the students of the College. What we need most is you. We need you to help us create the kind of paper that will inform, enlighten, chide, and inspire the students. We need you to help us to create the kind of paper which will be able to give you the kind of features and news that you want to read. We need you for ideas that will produce material that is clear, concise, and effective. We need you for typing copy, laying out pages, writing editorials, setting the tone of the student body.

Charles Dana, famous editor of the New York **Sun**, in his criticisms of journalism, summed up the major ill which plagues this paper — reporters. We need more reporters capable of finding the newsworthy and reporting it with understanding. We need people with differing opinions, different philosophies to create a greater variety. We need people who are willing to sacrifice their time digging for fact and opinion which will increase the perspective, illuminate the inconsistencies, offer new alternatives, and create a truly thorough newspaper that will cover all the news and the newsworthy.

Our sports staff needs more depth. With a present staff of only two, obviously we need more people. We need people from different disciplines. We have no science majors on our staff to cover, with a measure of understanding, the important ideas proposed in the fields.

We have no political science or business administration majors writing with knowledge about the world outside the College community. We have a few people capable of writing about current books, movies, plays; we need more. Our paper lacks the depth of the disciplines. We have no poets. We need more humor, satire, and levity from more people.

A good paper needs imagination, diligence, and sacrifice. It means work and it means a need for more people. It means you.

What — Where — When

VALENTINE SEMI-FORMAL — TDR — Genetti's Ballroom — Tonight, 9-12 p.m.

FACULTY SEMINAR — Dr. Bronis Kaslas — "The Problems of the Unification of Europe" — CPA — Tonight, 7:45 p.m.

BASKETBALL — Upsala — Home — Saturday, February 10, 8:45 p.m.

WRESTLING — Lycoming — Home — Saturday, February 10, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING — PMC — Away — Saturday, February 10, 6 p.m.

TOWN AND GOWN CONCERT — Richard Chapline and Dr. Liselotte Schmidt — CPA — Sunday, February 11, 3:30 p.m.

ART FILM — "Acropolis of Athens and Images Medievaes" — College Misericordia — Sunday, February 11

BASKETBALL — Wagner — Home — Monday, February 12, 8:15 p.m.

LECTURE — Felix Greene — "China's Internal Explosion" — CPA — Tuesday, February 13, 8 p.m.

NEWPORT JAZZ QUINTET — University of Scranton — Tuesday, February 13

LECTURE — Ned O'Gorman — "The Creative Artist in the Community" — Misericordia — Monday, February 12

CONCERT — Nancy Uffelman — CPA — Wednesday, February 14, 8 p.m.

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Chaos, argument, debates
Paine's assertion rejected

Dear Mr. Paine:

I wish to emphatically reject your assertion that one must not preach a moral opposition to the war in Vietnam. I firmly believe that only on moral grounds can the question ever be adequately resolved. Most of the discussion to date has revolved around the questions of the origins of American involvement, the nature of our treaty obligations, the true meaning of the Geneva Agreements, the validity of the domino theory, and the possibility of achieving a significant military victory in the jungles of Asia. I believe that all of these must in the long run take second place to a consideration and application of the following fundamental moral principles:

1. Every conscious human action is either moral or immoral. There are no areas of human conduct which can be considered morally neutral, amoral. This is true in business, in politics, in education, in the home, the office and in the arena of international affairs. Every decision, every choice, whether as prosaic as Christmas shopping or as momentous as the killing of a Vietnamese peasant, must be weighed and measured in terms of its ultimate morality.

2. Killing other human beings can never be considered a morally good act, but it may be morally acceptable if necessary in order to avoid a greater evil.

3. Closely connected with and substantially limiting the operation of the second is the principle that all men are of equal value and no individual, no group, no nation may be unwillingly sacrificed or destroyed to satisfy the needs, imagined or real, of another. To ignore this is to commit genocide, a crime all civilized nations of the world have condemned.

Today, right this minute, in Vietnam you and I are killing men, burning houses, eroding minds, prostituting women, tearing families apart and melting the flesh of children into unrecognizable blobs of scar tissue. We are involved in a vicious war that has dragged on for over 13 years and promises to continue for an indefinite period into the future. How do we justify it?

We have been told a number of conflicting and inconsistent tales about

why we are in Vietnam: to protect the independence of South Vietnam; to prove that aggression does not pay; to meet our treaty obligations; to preserve democracy and self-determination in South Vietnam; to protect the Free World: to stop the spread of monolithic international communism. With time each of these has been demonstrated to be less than true, and now, in the last six months what appears to be the real reason has begun to emerge. First with Secretary of State Rusk and then from a number of more or less official sources we have been told that the real enemy is China and we are in Vietnam not for altruism, not for Boy Scout merit badges, but because it is in the vital interests of the United States to contain and limit China. In order to do this we must maintain a circle of military bases around the periphery of China, and Vietnam is a vital link in this chain. This new line, a hard as nails, realistic, big boy approach to international politics freely admits that the interests of the people of South Vietnam are of little concern to us and that an unpopular military dictatorship in South Vietnam is probably better for us than a democratic regime — at least we can control and manipulate an unpopular military regime which is dependent upon us for money and arms to subdue its own people and maintain its political power.

This new position seems to make more sense than all the others which have been offered in the past and it may be the only reasonable alternative to believing that the war is a horrible error which we backed into and now must fight through in order to save the face of our government. If in fact this new hard line is the real basis for our presence, it is the final truth, if at long last the government is ready to level with us, then we should all be fully cognizant of the fact that *we are sacrificing a small and unwilling country and its people for our own imagined security needs*. This is a moral enormity far greater than any of us have suspected, and it is horrifying in its implications. If this is the real reason for our presence in Vietnam, then the government has done well to avail itself of hesitation, circumlocution, half-truths and outright

distortions in order to hide this from us, for never in our history have we, the American people, been asked to contribute to and personally sanction such a moral monstrosity. We are in fact asked to approve the slaughter of tens of thousands of innocent and unwilling people in order to reduce our own supposed insecurity from a potential enemy 9,000 miles across the largest ocean in the world. That the people of South Vietnam are unwilling is suggested by the fact that the Saigon government cannot raise taxes, cannot maintain a reliable army, cannot establish security in its very own capital, has lost the support of most of the Buddhist leaders and all the Catholic hierarchy in South Vietnam (Catholic bishops recently asked for bombing halt and negotiations), and in what was far from a free and open election, in September, 1967, the government was repudiated by over 65 per cent of the voters. Only the Thieu-Ky military junta is interested in a continuation of the war and it is this right-wing military dictatorship that we are being asked to support in the name of Macht Politich, Machiavelli, and the principle that the end justifies the means.

Mr. Paine, this war seems to me to be little else if not a moral issue.

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Propaganda
discredited

"America, to arms!" is a fascinating piece of propaganda since most articles of this ilk use half truths to try to sound convincing while this uses half truths to sound humorous. He mixes some very real facts with some very stupid assumptions. His statements in the second paragraph about how the *Pueblo* was seized is largely correct except for two things: calling it a seizure by the "international propounders of communism" (which is likely but not provable so we will ignore it) and calling North Korea "impish." A country that seizes a ship in international waters and sends squads into other countries to assassinate that country's government officials is more than simply "impish."

The third paragraph is an example of the authors "clever" satire which proves that he can afford to buy the *Village Voice* at least once in a while. As the article goes on it gets more ridiculous, for example, he seems to say that America claims it was a fishing ship. This is news to Dean Rusk since we have stated it was a spy ship, similar to the Russian "Trawlers" that spy off our shores. Should we seize all Russian "Trawlers?" It makes no difference what the ship was loaded with. Are we to allow the North Koreans to tell us what we are permitted to carry in international waters?

Half Truths

In the midst of the nonsense, he tosses in two half truths at this point. He is almost correct when he says that diplomacy is useless when dealing with China (we have seen the results thus far) and other powers of her type (the proper use of threats can do wonders on hard headed people). Power must be displayed to prevent blackmail as we must always remember the lesson of Chamberlain at Munich.

We are the greatest power in the world (no one can judge the merits of a people so we may regard his parenthetical statement as patiently absurd.) We have been wrong but, lest our friend forget, we are sometimes right. America can do evil but it can do good (time for a gasp from all good college radicals).

Remember the Pueblo and arise

America, to arms! Let no one tread on thee!

On January 23, 1968 a dastardly attack upon the sovereignty of this nation, consummated by the capture of a tiny, unarmed vessel, the *USS Pueblo*, by the international propounders of communism, under the mask of impish North Korea, was committed. Flagrantly violating international law, the evildoers sent a fleet onto the high seas and in broad daylight boarded the innocent American craft, forcefully dragging it and its eighty-three member crew into Wonsan harbor. It was an act of piracy, an outrage!

I ask, are we going to sit calmly back while this international conspiracy takes over the world? Arise, we own no chains. We are the embodiment of right: wrong is alien to our nature, for God gave us the purpose of ridding the world of sin. Must I remind you of your birthright: need I explain that anyone who thinks not the way we think is a disciple of ill? We have a mission!

The innocent *Pueblo*, loaded with electronic gear used in the study of fish migration in the Sea of Japan, must not be sacrificed. We should have attacked P y o n g y a n g and Wonsan as soon as word was received of the ominous deed. Why did we wait? Diplomacy will do no good with those hard-headed followers of Lenin and Mac. Power must be dis-

played in order to prevent blackmail! Arise, let no one tread on thee!

We are the greatest power (and people) the world has ever known. Shall we allow anything to stand in our way? No, I say, to arms! We need not fear, for we are in the right. Have we ever been wrong? Can America, the home of the free and the land of the brave, do evil? Arise, let no one tread on thee!

The Korea of Kim II Sung should be bombed into oblivion, perhaps taking China and the U.S.S.R. along with it. The United States claims but three miles as its territorial waters, what right has anyone to claim more? We should use our might to create justice under international law. The United Nations is inefficient, and we must act when it cannot. The world should be our conquest. Arise, let no one tread on thee! Let us acknowledge that we are the greatest.

The only way to peace is war, for by no other means can we dissolve the radical elements that would destroy our system. Embark upon the task of weeding the communists out of our own government and then move on to those of the rest of the earth. We owe that much to ourselves. Let people know that America wants peace: if they will not listen, destroy them. As we remember the *Maine*, we must not forget the *Pueblo*. Arise, let no one tread on thee! Arise I say! America, to arms! Let no one tread on thee!

(Benaj Onkhan)

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Evaluating today's politics

Youth counseled against extreme

Dear Editor:

Paine's article of last week protesting the war has pointed up a cause for alarm that has bothered me for some time.

None of us who have personally participated in a war would frivolously or lightly advocate its use as an instrument of national policy; yet sometimes there may be no acceptable alternative. War is an evil, an extreme evil, but not the greatest of evils. There have been times when a resort to force might have obviated the need for more crushing force later. Perhaps this is the case today.

The war, however, does not alarm me nearly as much as the reaction of some of our population to the war. It appears that the stress of the war has uncovered not so much the structural flaws in our social organization and our political institutions as, far more serious, a basic character weakness in some of its people.

Vicious and Scurrilous

A familiar tactic of today's protestors is a vicious and scurrilous attack on the integrity and motives of our national leaders. Granted that they are lower than the angels, that they are subject to errors in judgment and policy, but they are not the devil incarnate, impelled by base and vile aims, as some seem to imply. One of the things that impresses me in my correspondence with friends outside of the country is that they generally

admire the courage, integrity, and ability of most of our national leaders in comparison with those they have known in other lands.

The corollary of the protestors' scorn of our leadership is the admiration of the leadership of the country we oppose. American solons are regarded with bitter cynicism, while leaders of opposing nations are viewed with blindly naive admiration. Ours can do no right, theirs no wrong. Ours lust for imperial power, theirs for justice and freedom. Our military murders and enslaves, theirs succors and liberates. I need not count the melancholy inventory. You know it too well.

Victimized Youth

I am not concerned with the adults who hold these views, but with the nation's youth. I feel that they are real victims of much of this style of agitation, that they are being paid in patently spurious and counterfeit intellectual coin.

Paine seems to feel that youth maturing in today's environment can but develop a paranoid cynicism. This, I submit, is only true if today's youth is totally unprepared to face the true facts of life and realism. If today's youth have been lead to expect that when they loosened the vexatious restraints of childhood apron strings they would enter a Fiddler's Green of joys and pleasure unburdened with cares, they have been badly nurtured

for adulthood. They will find, perhaps to their sorrow but not, I hope, to their surprise, that the burdens and duties of adulthood are far heavier and more restraining than those they knew as children. If properly reared and educated, they should acquire the strength to bear these burdens.

Our nation, in its adulthood, has likewise assumed heavy burdens. Perhaps wisely, perhaps foolishly, our country has taken on certain tasks and obligations. To precipitously dump these burdens would be an act of puerile irresponsibility as heinous as the abandoning of family and responsibility by an adult individual.

Paine, if he is a faculty member, has an obligation to expound the truth as he sees it. I too bear that obligation. I cannot believe that our young people are so fragile that they cannot face the truth, nor so lacking in perception that they cannot recognize the truth. My counsel, therefore, to our youth maturing in today's imperfect and troubled world, would be as follows.

No Witless Dissent

As college students, the intellectual elite of our youth, you must not blindly follow some sloganeering Pied Piper, nor indulge yourselves with witless dissent. You owe it to yourselves, and to our society, to become thoughtfully informed. Learn something of the philosophic base of our and other cultures; become acquainted with the institutions which guide men's lives: learn, through history, of man's past follies and triumphs; and familiarize yourselves with the march of today's events. Then, if you disagree with policies and issues, if you feel our leaders err, dissent with reason and logical arguments rather than with rash and sterile slogans. Such arguments will be far more meaningful, and, though you may earn the enmity of your opponents, you will also earn their respect. Of far more importance, you will have earned self respect.

R. H. DeYoung
Economics

Propaganda

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Ransom Korea

Perhaps it is too much to bomb Korea into oblivion; holding their capital up for ransom (payment being the *Pueblo* and her crew) would be more logical. The United Nations certainly is inefficient and we must act when it cannot. The world should not be ours by conquest but neither should it be communism's because of our inaction.

I agree with Mr. Gnidrah that we must remember the *Pueblo*, the lives of 83 men mean something to me. We must not destroy all those who disagree with us, but we must not let those who seek to destroy us do so, even if they do it 83 people at a time.

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Moral motives not relevant

I have little to say, except obliquely about the moral considerations of the war in Vietnam, and perhaps the less said the better, because morality is a personal thing, but the issue comes up so often that a few words may be in order. Obviously I have chosen to oppose the war, and I would be glad if my words helped crystalize opposition in as yet uncommitted citizens. But I am not in the business of history, and so I let the statistics, which are abundant, remain in the province of the reader, and I am similarly not in the business of moralizing. I do not consider myself morally superior to any man, and am in no way disposed to preach on the subject.

No Ideological Bias

I operate from no ideological bias beyond that of a concerned citizen of a great democracy in time of crisis, and I have no moral position more startling than the humanistic doctrines associated with the Judaeo-Christian tradition, with which any American audience is familiar. The business of morality is too abstract to be of much use in a specific political problem of this sort, and the name-calling is dangerous, interfering as it does with the rational debate on which our system relies: it is worse than foolish to call the hawks "fascist killers", or the doves "cowardly commies"—it is the worst kind of mindless, totalitarian thinking.

It may well be that all killing is immoral, and it may well be that since the atavistic reintroduction of the killing of non-combatants in our century that it is amoral, but it remains that it exists. Theologians and philosophers have struggled with the problem of the existence of evil in the world, but for all their efforts, there is still no consensus on the matter. Man remains imperfect whether because of original sin or because he hasn't gotten around to perfecting himself yet.

It is still the ironic truth that the moralizers are more dangerous than the supposed sinners; it was the moralizers who crucified Christ; the Inquisitors were far more repulsive than the supposed heretics they tried to extirpate; the Albigensian crusaders were far more repugnant than the poor

Albigensians they butchered; Comstockery is ever suspected.

Political Blunder

Certainly those who claim to be speaking from the position of 100% morality are not contributing much to the debate over the war. A man must consult his own conscience before he acts, but he must persuade, not force, his opponents, and he must avoid maligning them. Those who call their opponents fools and knaves may not convert anyone, but they certainly create an atmosphere where rational debate is almost impossible. I oppose the war as a political blunder where military solution is not feasible: I oppose it as needlessly disruptive of American society, but the morality of it is for every individual to decide.

I would never call any supporter of the war immoral, and I would never permit any supporter of it to brand me a communist or a coward. This kind of name-calling is absurd, but the complexities of the issue lead too many people to it, and when it is done in the name of morality it is all the more misleading.

No Crusade

This is not to banish considerations of morality, but to insist that political issues are best discussed and resolved in political terms. The ugly mess in Vietnam is no great moral crusade versus monolithic world communism: it is a sad and tragic blunder. Let the diatribes which have silenced or offended moderates come to an end. Let there be no more squashing of dissent by branding it treason, and no more dissent in the name of moral rectitude. We have had enough phrase-mongering from both sides.

This great issue will be decided by the as yet silent and perhaps uncommitted majority which dislikes the war but wants to be patriotic. It is my hope that they will see that opposing the war is the way to be patriotic, but in no case will I preach to them, allow them to preach to me, or pay much attention to preachers unless they be clergymen whose function it is to preach morality. Let's the rest of us just practice it, and get the strident and hysterical note out of these most crucial considerations.

CIYA researches draft renders service to eligibles

The draft commands compliance to its rules without telling everyone concerning what all those rules are. It is entitled to compliance but not through ignorance of those affected. The Committee for Informed Young Americans discovered how little is known about the draft law and how difficult it is to find any information and decided something had to be done. It has spent months researching the law and has discovered many facts that are not generally known by anyone outside the Selective Service headquarters.

1. Many persons are not even required to register for the draft.
2. If you are not required to register and volunteer, you will be registered without being told you do not have to register.
3. Few persons have seen the draft law.
4. The government does not give out copies of the law to the public.
5. A "glassblower" is in a "critical occupation" subject to deferment: there are dozens of other "critical occupations."
6. There are two "services" which fulfill your military obligation besides the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Ma-

rines and the Air Force.
7. If you are scheduled for induction there are many postponements available.

8. It is possible to appeal classifications to the President.

9. There are 22 other classifications available besides "IA."

10. The American Council On Education says: "Enrollment in the first two years of graduate and professional schools next fall will be limited to women, veterans, men physically disqualified and those over the age of 25."

11. Beginning in July, 1968, almost 75 per cent of all men inducted by Selective Service will be college graduates.

The Committee for Informed Young Americans provides a free service for students who send a brief resume of facts pertinent to their classification, this clipping from their newspaper, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to this address:

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Community drives tops; College breaks record

Dear Editor:

The Wilkes College Committee of the Wyoming Valley United Fund Campaign would like to thank the professional staff, the non-professional staff, and the students for their cooperation and their contributions to the fund in the campaign on the Wilkes campus.

There were highlights in the campaign. This year the amount contributed was the largest in the history of the College; it exceeded the amount asked of Wilkes. This helped to put the drive in the community over the top. This is the first time that this has happened in a number of years. The College has received special recognition by the Wyoming Valley United Fund Campaign Committee for its efforts.

Here are some of the statistics which you might like to know:

Professional Staff	\$ 8,541.00
Non-Professional Staff	\$ 800.00
Students	\$ 670.00
Secretarial Staff	100%
Residence Directors	100%
Professional Staff Average Gift	\$ 58.00
Total	\$10,011.32

There are some spots in the units represented above that could have made our contribution larger if they had recognized the need for their gift. It is hoped that the students can play a greater part in next year's campaign.

Thanks then each of you who found it possible to make a gift to one of the organized ways of giving to help others.

Members of the Wilkes Committee: Dr. Charles Reif, Mr. Michael Barone, Mrs. Nada Vujica, Mr. Chester Correll, Mrs. Doris Barker, Mr. Arthur Hoover, Mr. Samuel Davenport, Mr. Ron Rainey, Mrs. Roberta Hammer, Mr. George Elliot, Mr. Joseph Gatto, Mr. Edward Johnson, Mr. William Denion, Mrs. Helen O'Brien, Miss Felicia Perlick, Mr. Robert West, Mr. Richard Raspen, Mrs. Anne Kish, and Mr. Leonard Connolly.

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Con Con meets on overlap woes

by Klaus Loquasto

The overlap in areas of jurisdiction among the three branches of the proposed new Student Government was the prime topic discussed at last Tuesday's meeting of the Constitutional Revision Committee. The discussion was subsequent to an agreement made by committee members that the general structure of the new government and constitution should be patterned after the structure of the national government.

The meeting was called for the purpose of coordinating the plans made thus far by the branches of the proposed new government. The new government, modeled on the federal government, will consist of three major branches. These branches are the executive, the senate, and the judicial; and it is hoped that a system of checks and balances can be achieved in the new government by means of these branches working with one another.

Representatives of two branches, the executive and the senate, met at Tuesday's conference to iron out difficulties, but more meetings are expected before any workable solutions are attained. Executive representative Tom Kelly and senate representative Katie Eastman discussed such problems as the appointment of senators to committees. It was proposed that the sen-

ate chairmen be appointed by the president of the new government with the approval of the judiciary branch. It was suggested also that members of the senate nominate candidates for the officer positions in Student Government. Both officers of SG and senators are to be elected by the student body.

On the part of the executive branch, it was proposed that the vice-president be given more responsibility. Plans are being considered to allow the vice-president to conduct the meetings of the new government and to give the president the power of approving or disapproving the agenda. During the meeting, the president would participate much in the manner of an active member. It is also under consideration to invest the president with miscellaneous and arbitrary powers which would be partially or wholly subject to approval by the judiciary branch. There was also a proposal that impeachment proceedings be subject to the approval of ten per cent of the student body and two-thirds of the senate.

Sixteen persons attended Tuesday's meeting in Stark 116. President Joe Gatto said that most of them were members of the student body. Judy Simonson is the chairman of the committee.

Comedy planned in late February

by Claudia Hoch

Cue and Curtain will present a production of the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy *The Teahouse of the August Moon*, based on the novel by Verne Sneider, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 23, 24, and 25. One of the most successful plays of all time, it has won the acclaim of well-known critics who have called it "a howling hit . . . an enchanting play, filled with the most extraordinary good sense about human and international relations."

The play is the story of the career of an Army of Occupation officer stationed in a remote town on Okinawa. His duty is to teach democracy to the natives, but there is a stern and stubborn colonel breathing down his neck to insure the strict enforcement of the Manual of Occupation. The young officer has not prepared himself for the ingenious charm of the people, for within a few days he finds himself the owner of a Grade-A Geisha girl, while the materials sent him for the construction of a school are being used to build a teahouse. At the same time he him-

self, in an effort to improve the economy of the village, has taken to selling the principal product, potato brandy, to all the surrounding Army and Navy officers' clubs. The gala opening of the teahouse is, of course, the moment chosen by the colonel to make his inspection of the village, and the ensuing eruption is volcanic.

The production is directed by Mr. Alfred Groh. The members of his cast are: Barbara Gonzales as Lotus Blossom, Chuck Robbins as Sakini, Bill Peters as Colonel Wainwright Purdy, III, Dennis English as Captain Fisby, Ted Levitsky as Sergeant Grevovich, Bob Graham as Captain McLean, Janyne Naill as Miss Higa Iiga, Rita Singer as the old woman, Alice Frondutti as the old woman's daughter, Wayne Sittner as the ancient man, Ed Manda as Mr. Hokaida, Russ Jorgensen as Mr. Omura, Dan Reese as Mr. Sumata, Elliot Rosenbaum as Mr. Sumata's father, Matt Fliiss as Mr. Seiko, Carrol Cobbs as Mr. Keora, and Paul Steinberg as Mr. Oshira. An as yet unnamed member of the cast will be a goat.

Frosh nominate their classmates

Nominations were held for freshman class officers on Tuesday, February 6. Elections will take place February 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Commons.

Nominations for president are Dan

Fontana and Ben Lodeski; vice-president: Robert Blum, Bill Schultz, and John Shaskas; treasurer: Rick Hoffman, Karen Krammerer, and Roger Stout; secretary: Bonnie Gellas, Chris Haicken, Barbara Roman, and Rachel Walison.

Five freshmen will also be elected to Student Government. The nominations are Edward Blazsjewski, Jerry Bowers, Joann Brown, Andy Cecconi, Mark Hoffman, Sheila Hogan, Bill Kaye, Jerry Macaffe, Joan Postupak, Gaye Roberts, and Elaine Witko.

Another freshman dorm student must also be elected to the Constitution Revision Committee. The nominations are Bill Kaye and Barbara Perry.

The students elected to these offices will be in office for a month and a half. At that time elections will take place for class offices for next year.

The meeting was conducted by Paul Wender, freshman class adviser. Speakers were Michael Clark and Ned Williams. They gave more details concerning the elections and stated a few prospects to be elected for the school leader.

Volunteer tutors needed

There is a continuing and increasing need for tutors who will volunteer "one hour a week for education." Will you?

Pupils of 7-12th grades, 90 per cent from low-income homes, will be the recipients of your aid under the YWCA tutorial program which has centers convenient to all Wilkes College men and women. These centers are located in the central YWCA, Wilkes-Barre; St. Stanislaus Institute in Sheatown, near Nanticoke; at the Salvation Army in Plymouth; Dallas Methodist Church; Pittston YMCA; Swoyersville Borough Building and in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hazleton.

Tutors are urgently needed in all branches of mathematics and sciences. Almost 80 per cent of the pupils who are referred by school officials, etc., require aid in all grade levels of reg-

ular, modern and business mathematics or in science ranging from general science through chemistry, physics and biology.

Pupils are being referred to the centers for aid in French, German, Spanish and Latin. Volunteers are invited, all centers, in other basic subjects including English, history, geography, reading, and special education.

St. Stanislaus Center

Pupils residing in the institute and those from surrounding areas need one-hour-per-week tutoring urgently. The center is on Newport Street, Sheatown, and is just about one mile from the central district of Nanticoke. The "Y" suggests dormitory students form a car pool to help. The center is open from 5:30-9 p.m. daily and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Pupils of all grade levels await tutors in all subjects including reading and special education.

Volunteers will not only be helping the person tutored but will be making the entire county-wide tutorial program possible. The "in-kind community contribution" of volunteer hours comprises 45 per cent of the program which is funded by the Luzerne County Commission on Economic Opportunity. Funding is for approximately the same amount and the remainder is made up of "in-kind space" contribution of the YMCA and several outlying centers.

A YMCA spokesman said, "Since Wilkes College students have been so cooperative in the past may we feel free to hope for the same type of cooperation when our pupils urgently need this sharing of your educational abilities? Prospective tutors may contact the YWCA Tutoring Office, 823-0181."

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Vujica named CCA leader

At its annual convention held in New York on January 20, the *Croatian Academy of America* elected as its new president Dr. Stanko M. Vujica, chairman of the philosophy and religion department at the College. The *Croatian Academy of America* is an organization of American scholars and intellectuals of Croation descent, dedicated to the purpose of promoting the understanding of Croation history and culture in the English speaking world. The organization has chapters in all larger cities of America and publishes its own "Journal of Croation Studies." Dr. Vujica is a member of the editorial board of the Journal.

Matmen crush Fifth straight foe

The Marauders of Millersville State College succumbed to the Colonel matmen Saturday evening, 28-3, as the men of Coach John Reese racked up their ninth victory of the season. The Colonels have now won five in a row, with their only loss of the year coming at the hands of Springfield College earlier this season.

Andy Matviak and Kenny Hynes started the Colonel rout with decisive wins, 9-0 and 11-2, in the 123-pound and 130-pound classes. John Marfia boosted the score to 11-0 when he scored a pin over Dave Epler at 5:45 in the 137-pound division.

Denny Verzera fell victim to Jeff Connor, 9-8, via the decision route in the 145 class. Connor's win was the result of a third-period rally in which he racked up seven points.

Gary Willets decisioned Harold Sohn at 152 pounds by the score 9-2. Joe Wiendl piled up an impressive 8-1 decision over Steve Scherfel as the NCAA runner-up kept his slate unblemished.

In the most exciting bout of the evening, Dick Cook decisioned Ron Tirpak 10-8 in the 167 class on the basis of two minutes riding time. Barry Gold had little trouble with 177-pounder Tom Pennypacker, winning 6-0.

Freshman Ron Fritts gave the Colonels their second fall of the evening in the heavyweight division as he pinned Jack Dougherty at 3:30.

The Reesemen return to the home mats when they host a strong contingent from Lycoming College in the opener of a doubleheader Saturday. The arch-rivals, a perennial MAC threat, are always capable of an upset.

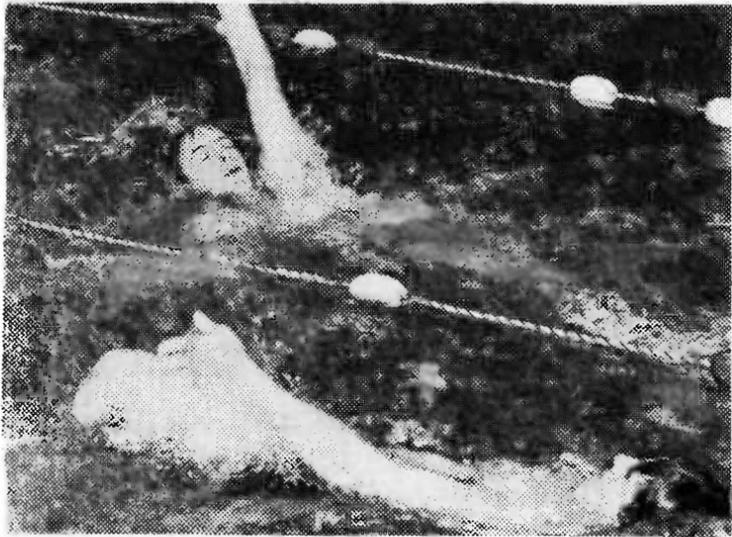
- 123—Andy Matviak (W) decisioned Bob Baldino, 9-0
- 130—Ken Hynes (W) decisioned Tom McKeeman, 11-2
- 137—John Marfia (W) won by fall over Dave Epler in 5:55
- 145—Jeff Conner (M) decisioned Dennis Verzera, 9-8
- 152—Gary Willets (W) decisioned



EXCEDRIN HEADACHE NUMBERS 439 AND 440. Kenny Hines and Tom McKeeman are caught in an unusual pose during last week's Colonel triumph over Millersville State College, 28-3.

- Harold Sohn, 8-2
 - 160—Joe Wiendl (W) decisioned Steve Scherfel, 8-1
 - 167—Dick Cook (W) decisioned Ron Tirpak, 10-8
 - 177—Barry Gold (W) decisioned Tom Pennypacker, 6-0
 - Unl.—Ron Fritts (W) won by fall over Jack Dougherty in 3:30
- Referee — Charles Kuhns
Statistics:

WILKES	Millersville
10	Takedown 1
12	Reversals 5
0	Escapes 5
2	Falls 0
3	Near Falls 1
3	Predicaments 2
3	Penalties 0
6	Decisions 1
	Draws 0



Jim Phethean displays the championship style in the 200-yard backstroke as he led the Colonel mermen to a 49-46 conquest of Millersville State College last Saturday. Phethean copped first place awards in both the 200-yard backstroke and 50-yard freestyle. Other firsts registered by the College swimmers were: Ray Salisbury, 500-yard freestyle; Owen Lavery, 200-yard breaststroke; and the 400-yard medley relay of Lavery, John Valentine, Wayne Wesley, and Bruce Henky.

Intramurals

In recent IBA action, Priapus Hall added two wins by defeating the Farmers 70-57 and E-Wing 59-37. The Nebishes also rang up two wins over Webster Hall, 74-32, and the YMCA, 77-35. Undefeated Dirksen Hall whipped Diaz, 75-40, and kingpin F-Troupe bashed the Blue Max, 102-41. Butler Hall smashed E-Wing, 54-28; Webster outlasted Roosevelt Hall, 47-40; and the YMCA thrashed the Nads, 47-31. In two close contests, Sterling Hotel defeated the Wingtips, 54-53, and in a protested game the Farmers edged the Gallis Gunners, 59-58. The top six teams now include: F-Troupe, Dirksen Hall, F-Wing, Priapus Hall, Nebishes and Butler Hall. John Swistovick is the league's leading scorer with a 12.5-point-per-game average.

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28 NORTH MAIN STREET

Cagers drop to second

The five-game win streak of Coach Ron Rainey's raiders came to an abrupt end at the hands of the Juniata Indians Saturday night, 74-72.

The Colonels at the outset were cold from the floor and the 4-0 lead they spotted Juniata proved to be the difference throughout the contest. Earlier in the week, the cagers captured their third straight victory with an 88-76 conquest over Rutgers of South Jersey.

The Colonels handled the Camden team with greater ease than the final score indicates. With about eight minutes to go and a 24-point lead, Coach Ron Rainey began to substitute, giving the rest of the team needed experience.

High for the Pioneers of Coach Keith Harris was Bill Bramble with 34 points. Bramble, one of the top small college scorers in the nation, was almost unstoppable. When he wasn't scoring from underneath he was dropping in pretty 25 to 30-foot set shots.

The Colonels, as usual, got off to a slow start but came roaring back to

hold a 46-32 half-time lead. Kemp and Ryan both collected 12 points for the half while Bill Grick had eight assists and Jay Reimel six rebounds.

The cagers continued their torrid pace in the second half, putting the game out of reach by the shooting of Grick, Ryan and Ockenfuss. Kemp sat out most of the half on personals but not before he picked up six quick points and five rebounds. Coach Rainey felt that this game was one of the biggest team efforts.

WILKES	G	F	FT	TP
Ryan	10	0	0	20
Grick	8	2	6	18
Reimel	1	3	3	5
Umbach	0	0	0	0
Ockenfuss	7	2	3	16
Davis	3	3	3	9
Kemp	9	0	1	18
Bauer	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	2
Cook	0	0	0	0

Total	G	F	FT	TP
Rutgers	39	10	16	88
Bramble	14	6	0	34
Ciaella	2	5	5	9
Vearling	4	7	11	15
Surtenko	3	2	2	8
Spring	2	0	0	4
Wode	1	0	0	2
Miller	2	0	0	4

The women's basketball team successfully opened its 1968 basketball season as it defeated highly regarded Susquehanna University by a 40-31 count.

Women cagers capture opener over crusaders

Trailing throughout most of the game, the Colonelettes of Mrs. Doris Saracino assumed the lead midway through the second half when a Judy Gibbons field goal brought the score to a 25-24 count. The scoring efforts of Miss Gibbons, 18 points, and Ruth Bartoletti, 12 points, were instrumental in the come-from-behind victory.

Mrs. Saracino commented after the game. "It's always nice to win the first one. We should be able to improve on last year's record."

WILKES	G	F	FT	TP
Bartoletti	4	0	1	8
Bloomberg	1	0	0	2
Gibbons	9	0	3	18
Roberts	3	0	1	6
Supulski	1	2	3	4
Moshier	0	1	1	1
Pavidis	0	1	3	1

Other players: Rifenherr, Westcott, Millen, Cates, and Filsinger.

Susquehanna	G	F	FT	TP
Grigg	7	0	3	14
Matthos	1	1	1	3
Spancake	4	3	4	11
Fisher	1	0	0	2
Werdt	0	1	1	1

Other players: Covert, Hibbish, Morgan, and Weber.

On Saturday the Colonels lost their second league game of the season and dropped to second place behind Wagner. A last-minute effort by the Colonels fell short of victory and the home court advantage probably spelled the real difference in the game.

Juniata has a strong team and has lost some close MAC contests. But Saturday night they were not to be denied a victory.

The Indians, rattled at first by the Colonels' defense, soon settled down to play flawless ball, probably the best anyone has done against the Wilkes defense. Juniata slowly built up that early 4-point lead to 9-points before the Colonels shook off their cold spell. They then narrowed the Juniata lead to one point at half, 34-33. In an effort to net a scoring nunch, Coach Rainey benched Herb Kemp, the leading scorer and rebounder, who was doing neither.

The Colonels came out the second half determined to win but the fired-up Juniata squad was just too good on its home court. The Indians maintained a three to four-point lead throughout the entire second half, and do what

they might, the Colonels could not overcome it. Both Bill Grick and Jay Reimel ran into foul trouble in the second half and when they were needed most were forced to leave the game.

With about two and one-half minutes to go and Juniata freezing the ball, Wilkes went into a full-court press. The Colonels scored twice but were forced to foul. With about 26 seconds left, Kemp scored on a jumper to make the score 74-72. However, the Colonels were not able to stop Juniata until Bo Ryan fouled Mike Harvey with only three seconds to go. Harvey missed both shots (intentional foul) and Wally Umbach got the rebound. He flipped it to Kemp at mid-court whose desperation shot fell short. Kemp was again high for Wilkes with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Jay Reimel pulled down 11 rebounds and had eight assists.

WILKES	G	F	FT	TP
Ryan	5	0	0	10
Grick	5	1	5	11
Reimel	4	0	1	8
Umbach	0	0	0	0
Ockenfuss	6	3	4	15
Davis	1	0	0	2
Kemp	9	6	7	24
Bauer	0	2	2	2
Cook	0	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0

Total 30 12 19 72

Juniata	G	F	FT	TP
Wentz	3	0	0	6
Kenyon	9	6	7	24
Brandau	8	3	4	19
Smith	6	2	4	14
Harvey	4	3	5	11

Total 30 14 20 74
Wilkes 33 39 — 72
Juniata 34 40 — 74

Tomorrow the cagers will be out for another MAC victory, entertaining Upsala in the second half of a doubleheader. The Vikings are having a bad year and this could be Wilkes' opportunity to gain an easier victory.

Monday will be the high point of the season when the Colonels will host Wagner, MAC leader and defending champion. The Seahawks have four of last year's starters back including the two top scorers Russ Selger and Arnold Obeu. Wagner is a high scoring and high jumping club. It is third in the MET (New York City), owning wins over NYU, Manhattan and St. Francis. Its only MAC loss (at this printing) was to Susquehanna. However, in a rematch, Wagner trounced Susquehanna, 123-78. If the Colonels can beat Wagner they stand a good chance of finishing near the top.

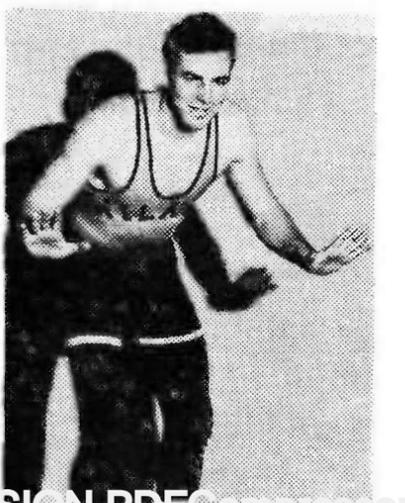
Athlete of the Week

The current Athlete of the Week has long deserved this recognition. He is senior Barry Gold, a standout on the wrestling team for four years. Gold has wrestled at 177, 191 and heavyweight.

Gold has been singled out for his performances against Millersville and Madison FDU. In the Colonels' rout of Madison FDU, Gold pinned Nels Redmond in 38 seconds, the fastest pin of the season. In the Millersville contest, he decisioned Tom Pennypacker to remain undefeated this season in dual meets.

Gold seems to do best in the year-end tournaments. In 1966 he helped Wilkes take second place in the Small College Nationals by taking fourth place at 191. Last year also he finished among the top contenders.

For his consistently outstanding performances, the Beacon salutes Barry Gold as Athlete of the Week.



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Student Government Proposes Revitalization

While in the initial stages of revitalization of the College, we are attempting to keep certain concepts in mind: 1. to provide a sound and stimulating intellectual experience for students both in and out of the classroom. 2. to strengthen rapport among students, faculty and Administration. 3. to create and enlarge an interest within the college community in the socio-academic life of the College and 4. to provide a program of service to the community. The following are suggestions to stimulate our college community (including students, faculty and Administration) in its revitalization and to augment the Constitutional Convention:

Grievance Committee

To be composed of students, faculty and Administration where any member of the college community can come to examine mutual problems and provide restitution on matters of concern.

Academic Affairs Committee

To place students on academic curriculum committees of the College as participants and/or voting members in discussions concerning new courses and major revisions of old courses.

Library Committee

To place students as voting members of the committee to determine library operation and book selection.

Committee on the Board of Trustees

To have students and faculty representatives at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees to present views and participation in long range planning decisions and formulation of college policy.

Committee on the Administrative Council

To have students at Administrative Council meetings (since it is directly concerned with student problems) to discuss and present their views on topics.

Dormitory Life Committee

To encourage interaction among students and faculty in the dormitories where academic representatives would be invited by a dormitory to lead and partake in specific discussions.

It has been said that "education is not a right or privilege, but an opportunity." Hence, these committees should be comprised of students and faculty on the basis of their interest and initiative.

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