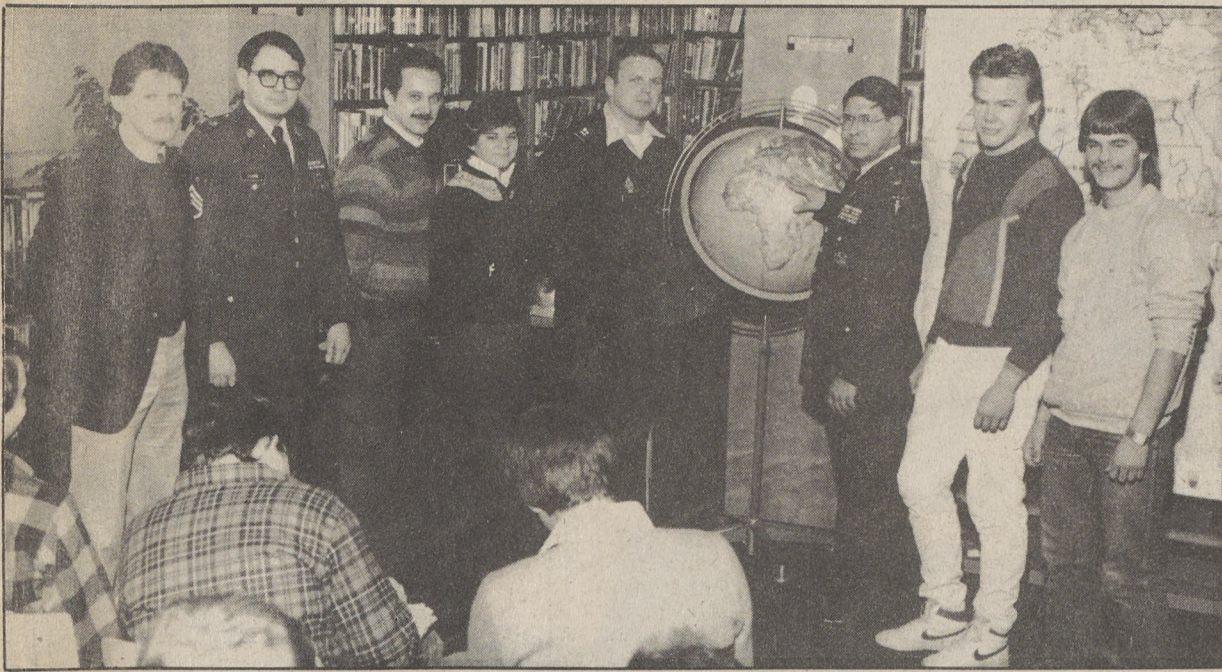


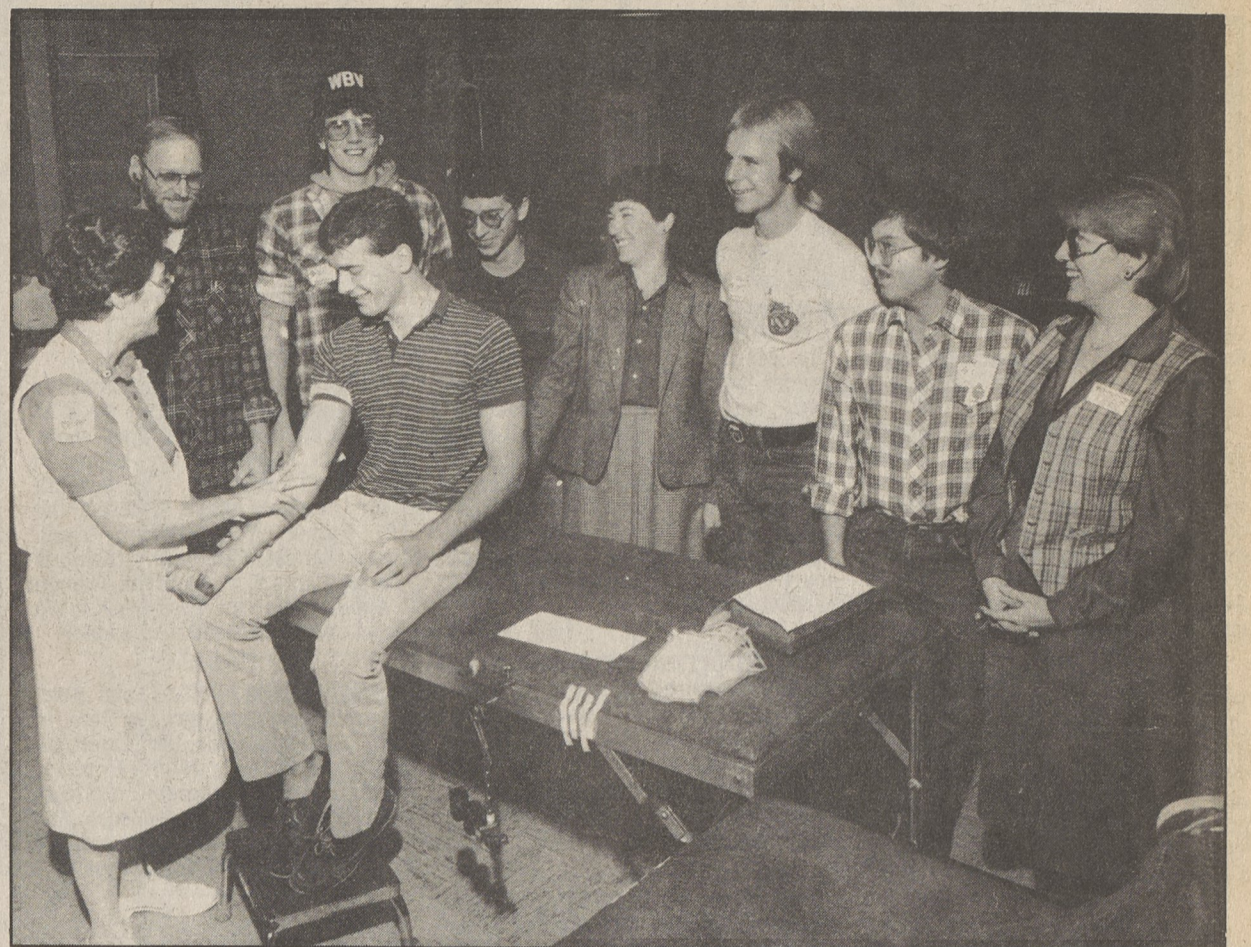


# School



### Class honored

The American Studies class, an honors program at Lake-Lehman High School, was again honored to host a speaker from the United States War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This year's speaker, Colonel Grenier, an instructor and director of Middle Eastern Studies at Carlisle War College, lectured and chaired an open question and answer session on the dual topic of "Islamic Fundamentalism" and "Terrorism as an Instrument of State Policy." The students have been following current events as part of their class work and have previously discussed both Islamic Fundamentalism and the role of terror in the world today as part of their weekly assignments. Colonel Grenier's topics were especially apropos for the students considering the recent airport terrorism in Rome and Vienna and the threat of terrorism the West now faces around the world. The American Studies class at Lake-Lehman High School now has a better understanding of a very complex problem facing the world today thanks to the warm sharing on the part of Colonel Grenier and Carlisle War College. Shown here, from left, are Mr. John Comitz, teacher; S.Sgt. William Shane, Area Recruiter; Mr. Robert Roese, teacher; Linda Babetski; Captain David Regal; Colonel Paul Grenier, guest speaker; Mikael Hagman, Foreign Exchange Student from Sweden; Oyvind Undheim, Foreign Exchange Student from Norway.



### Goal reached

They surpassed their goal! Two student organizations at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, "Circle K" (Kiwanis) and "Veterans on Campus" rounded up 132 pints of blood, seven pints over the 125 they had planned to offer when the Red Cross came to call. Pictured is Red Cross staff nurse, Joan Yonki, RN, checking on donor Brian Lies. Looking on, from left, are Joe Walsh, Vets Club vice president; Andy Hubner, Student Government Organization (SGA) president; John Kuskak, Vets Club treasurer; Patricia Crahall, RN, Penn State Wilkes-Barre nurse; Steve Domeraski, Vets Club president; Chris DePolo, Circle K; and Sheila C. Walters, assistant director, blood services, Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Red Cross.



## PSU cited for two published books

Penn State has been cited in two recently published books, as one of the best of the public universities and as one of the "best buys" in college education.

"Such recognition that Penn State ranks among the top universities, academically as well as athletically, is always good to read," commented Dr. James H. Ryan, executive officer of the Wilkes-Barre Campus. "We were particularly pleased to note that both authors emphasized starting a college career at one of PSU's regional campuses, such as our own."

Edward B. Fiske, education editor of the New York Times, lists Penn State in his book "Best Buys in College Education," (Random House). He recommends that prospective students with an interest in quality "save even more money by attending one of the two-year (regional) campuses for the first two years."

Richard Moll, author of "The Public Ivys" (Viking Press), includes Penn State among his selection of 17 public colleges and universities which offer excellent educational opportunities at prices considerably below those charged at Ivy League institutions.

Moll also recommends attending one of the Commonwealth Campuses for two years, then transferring to University Park. His reason was not financial, however, but, rather, to gain a maximum of individual attention from faculty.

Dr. Ryan agrees. "Here at the Wilkes-Barre Campus, our student to faculty ratio is just 16 to 1; that's better than at many high schools and at most privately owned colleges. The courses are the same as those at University Park and the faculty must meet Penn State's standards of excellence, so students here really do get off to a good start."

"This campus is particularly proud of its Center for Individual Development which assists all students, both the traditional ones fresh out of high school and the growing number of older students who want to rethink or redirect their careers."

The Center's prime function, according to Dr. Ryan, is to assess a student's career objectives, existing skills and background, then tailor an individual learning program. "The student becomes an individual on this campus, not one of a large group. The focus is on individual development, gaining the learning experiences necessary for individuals to move from where they are directly into fulfilling careers or on to more advanced education."

The first two years of most of Penn State's 130 baccalaureate degree majors may be completed at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, said Dr. Ryan, who pointed out that beginning in the fall, a four year baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering design technology would be

able to be completed at the campus in Lehman.

Dr. Ryan explained that the Wilkes-Barre Campus, like most of the other regional campuses of PSU, was authorized to grant many associate (two year) degrees. However, permission from the University to award a four-year (baccalaureate) degree was recently accorded the Wilkes-Barre Campus as recognition of its outstanding engineering faculty and programs and of its mission to provide for the technology needs of this community.

Moll's criteria in rating the 17 "best" universities included admissions selectivity, resources, quality undergraduate experience and importance placed on liberal arts, and image and prestige.



### Ceremony held

Brownie Troop 650 of Dallas recently held an Investiture and Rededication Thanksgiving Feast where the Scouts renewed their commitment and welcomes new scouts into the troop with a candle-lighting ceremony. Shown here, from left, are Rebecca Barna, Debbie Miers, Natalie Felton. Second row, Jada Kozick, Becky Buckman, Kinsey Weyman, Kristin Faerber. Third row, Mary Kozick, leader; Raina Wensell, Bridget Temperine, Kristi Dugan, Karyn Wensell, assistant leader. Absent at the time of the photo was Mary Nulton.

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