

We never do anything consciously for the last time without sadness of heart.
—Samuel Johnson

Wilkes College BEACON

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—IT'S THE BIG ONE

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Gene Scrudato Next Beacon Editor BEERS GRADUATES AFTER EDITING 26 ISSUES

Hearts and Flowers

A tangible, bloodless thing like a college newspaper can become very alive and breathing to an Editor who has over a period of a year poured a lot of himself into it. To the other students the Beacon may not be anything but a four-page newspaper, and a poor one at that, which they pick up every Friday at 12:00 noon and perhaps glance through for fifteen minutes. To the Editor it is otherwise.

The Editor this year is perhaps a silly kid with a love for good joke columns, bitter editorials, impudent headlines, and a yearning to be just a little bit irritating, irreverent, and nasty. Exercising his glorious powers in the paper's ears, he would shun from the world's intellectual and moral leaders and often quote from the illustrious gods of the bright young men, H. L. Mencken, Oscar Wilde, Sinclair Lewis, George Bernard Shaw, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and an old hero, Damon Runyon. All this and the fresh style of writing he tried to make a Beacon trademark was his attempt to steer the paper far away from the shores of sentimentality, provincialism, smugness, narrowness of mind, philistinism, and the old heart-and-flowers that so characterizes all forms of college writing today. If nothing else, the Editor wanted the Beacon to be a bit noisy.

And yet for all this zest, manufactured or otherwise, the Editor gets to his last edition and suddenly feels different. The realization that never again in his entire existence will he ever go through the glorious and damning experience of running a college newspaper hits him very solidly in the solar plexus or whatever is life in him. This is his last swing. There will never be another. And what happens to him is damning to call that he has tried to do in the last 25 issues. Sentimentality pops up and he catches himself playing a heart-and-flowers tune on his viola of editorializing. The old burglar even quotes old-timer Samuel Johnson in the ears. And what's more, he feels that the good English doctor is most certainly right. The bright young men that turn out such readable and exciting newspapers would go gleefully dancing off after the last one, screaming aloud that it was fun, no more no less. But that the Editor cannot truthfully do.

And what does the Editor do? He tells you the thrills of opening his mail everyday just because he's the editor-in-chief. He tells you the gloom that he feels when his idealistic and caustic editorials against busting pictures of a dance in taken by one materialistic, commercial gentleman to mean, "Your editorial was just right—those pictures were lousy." He tells you the excitement of leaning over the printer's table and creatively fitting the Beacon together, and he mentions his disappointment at seeing some characters, whom he'll call slabs, finally getting around to reading the paper on Tuesday. And if he's honest he'll tell you of that great personal pride and power that he got from being editor-in-chief. The brightest light in the jungle never fell finer nor strutted higher than the little Editor, the little Napoleon, when he every now and then got that two or three-day feeling of being a big gun around town.

And so the bright young man who meant to be irritating, irreverent, impudent, bitter, humorous, nasty, and always noisy has turned into a 22-lb. sucker against himself and has gone soft at the very end, hearts and flowers all the way.

But that is how it is. The tangible, bloodless Beacon proved to be a little too dear to the Editor to let him go gleefully skipping off unconcerned.

PAUL BEERS, editor

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY WITH BAND CONCERT AND PARTY, 2:30-4:30

The final concert of the Town and Gown series will be held Sunday, May 10, with a joint band concert and Parents' Party. An Open House program will be observed for the benefit of the parents of Wilkes students. The first Open House was held last year and was well attended.

The program will start at 2:30, with William Shaver acting as master of ceremonies. A special band will be featured. Members of the faculty and administration will be in the auditorium to speak with interested parents. Refreshments will be open to visitors. At 1:00, the Wilkes band will present a concert which will mark the close of the 1952-1953 Town and Gown series. The concert is open to the general public as well as the parents.



GENE SCRUDATO



PAUL B. BEERS

ALUMNI DANCE TONIGHT IN GYM

Another "Allemande left on the corner" will be sponsored by the Alumni Association tonight at 8:30 in the gym. This affair which serves as a spring home coming has been successful and well-attended in the past. Slim Barton and the Wanderers will make the music, with Abe Bellas doing the calling.

Mary Sieva and Joseph Guditas are acting as co-chairmen for the dance.

The dance is open to the general public, students and alumni. Tickets will be available at the door, in the bookstore or the PBO.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is always on a Sunday, the second one in May! And though today is Friday, there is something I must say. It's true I didn't ask for the mother's day gift you sent me. I had no way of whom I'd got; no, I'm sure, did she. And yet for some strange reason, God, you chose her just for me. Just why did you do it, I'll not know; nor, I'm sure will she. But never-the-less, you did it, that much I know is true. That's why today I pause to say, "Thank God, I thank You!" A Student

Next Year's Staff Being Formed; Editor Beers Predicts Even Better Things For Successor

Gene Scrudato has been named editor-in-chief of the Beacon for next year. The present associate editor advances into the top spot with the graduation of Editor Paul B. Beers. Beers leaves behind him 26 issues of Beacons, starting with the advanced issue of September 12 and ending with this final edition. The advanced issue, coming out the Friday before the beginning of school on Monday, was the first that Beers pulled off. Many were to follow.

Gene's new staff, which means two assistant editors and a business manager, has not yet been formed. It is likely that smiling Art Hoover will continue to hold the business manager spot, which he has held for the past two years. Beers' two assistants are Gene, Gene moving up to editor and Gordon Young graduating. The sports editorship is also unknown at the present time.

Here Hemingway Scrudato enters his new job with plenty of experience behind him, more possibly than any Beacon editor has ever had. Gene has been assistant editor for three semesters, this past one moving up to associate editor. It will be his fourth year as a Beacon member, also. Gene has written every type of article but sports.

Scrudato is an old Army man, serving three years in "Frisco." Over there, he eloquently relates, he once tried to find writer Ernest Hemingway for an interview for the Army papers and possibly the home newspapers. He was told that Hemingway was in a bar. Though Gene sought and sought, Ernest was no where to be found.

Gene is majoring in Political Science, with a minor in English. He is a first-string debater. A

BEACON STAFF ABSOLUTELY THE GREATEST, BIGGEST AND MOST PRODUCTIVE OF ALL-TIME

The BEACON staff this year was a combination of old-timers and rookies. The combination must have been a beautiful one, somehow, because the jolly was almost perfect. A better staff the paper never has had.

Editor Beers and associate editor Gene Scrudato tried to keep things shook-up. A few steadies kept regular assignments, but the instability of reporters got to cover a wide campus scene.

The steady beaters did a fine job. Peggy Williams, once again wrote of the Cue 'n' Curtain. Walt Chapko, exiled from general news reporting in mid-semester to sports, and he found a home. Jeanne Boardman moved from the library beat, however, to general reporting to find herself a home.

Herb Gates, friend of the Waymouth, was jockeyed into the organization and did a splendid job on the debaters. When she graduated, debater noble Paul Quacko took over. Jimmy Neveas was the steady boy on the student council. The assignment reporters gradually did the most heart-warming job of all. They are the ones that the editor must count on for his news stories, and this group came through in the clutch. Blaise Helton wrote on everything and did it well until she left school to marry a West Pointer. Margie Lutz did

most of the social scene, but her reports were most remarkable. Thomas Thomas did the IRC and surrounding scenes in his only semester here this year. Madelyn Malanski covered the Conyngham College campus with thoroughness, a difficult part of Wilkes for news items. Jean Kravitz came on late, but soon made Editor Beers' list as one of his best reporters. She did Theta Delta Rho, student council elections, and other stories in popular style.

The freshman rookies this year were put on as assignment reporters. This new bunch soon proved to be the best Beacon group since the 1930s, with Ed Ghman, Gene Young, Bud Sandlers, and other news hounds. Pearl Onacko has already been mentioned. Helen Krachewski of Fore Post in no time at all proved to be the cream of the lot and also one of the best feature writers on the whole staff.

Gene Younger was here and there, and Gill Lavery was a solid beat for a teeny-weeny piece of prose everytime. But the rookies (continued on page 2)

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Editorially Speaking

MERCY MONSIEUR

For all those who have given a little extra to themselves for the BEACON this year, I would like to thank them sincerely. To adviser Jim Foxlow, Donna Williams and Reiston, Dr. Farley (as fine a backer as an editor could ever hope for), our wonderful staff, the outsiders here and there that chipped in with an article or two, favorable critics Mrs. Vujica and Ann Azon, bitter critics Ray Tall and Gene Snee, the great gang at Schmidt's Printery (as long as you're kind to GAR and West Chesler, they'll do anything for you), the various campus clubs who were always ready and eager to tell you about themselves, Gene Scrudato, the new editor (this paper could have never hit the road without him), Art Hoover, Gordio Young, Dr. Kruger, and to everybody who rushed pell-mell down the Cafeteria steps on Fridays to grab a new BEACON the kindest of all kinds of thanks are in store.

Much credit goes to Bernice Thomas and Barbara Rogers, who handled our circulation. They did a fine job.

Maybe we've missed somebody. We hope not, but a stronger mercy to you who labored even to the very end without publicity.

Your ever-loving editor,
PAUL BEERS

DR. FARLEY AND JUNIOR CLASS DISCUSS HONOR SYSTEM FOR SENIORS NEXT YEAR

Thomas Jefferson installed the honor system in the University of Virginia many years ago. It has been a popular system and is now tried in many schools all over the world. Dr. Farley proposed the idea to the Junior Class a few weeks ago, and discussions are now being held to determine whether the class would wish to try it during its senior year.

A committee, with Jim O'Neill chairman, has outlined the plans and bylaws of the system and have been talking it over. On Tuesday, May 19, the class will vote on it. If they accept it, the subject will then go to the Administration and faculty, as all are concerned and there must be a general agreement.

If the honor system is golden, Dr. Farley says that there will be periodic meetings to iron out its difficulties.

As president of the college, Dr. Farley is very enthusiastic about the idea. He said, "If you trust people, most people are trustworthy." Dr. Farley mentioned that maturity is one of the marks of an educated man and that the honor system "increases one's sense of responsibility." Dr. Rosenberg pointed out that the system provides one with the sense of doing a good job by oneself, as the graduate will have no one checking him in his later profession.

It will be interesting to see what does become of the proposed plan.

BROWN & KIVLER T. D. R. LEADERS

In an election held Wednesday morning, Helen Brown was elected president, Naomi Kivler, vice president; Ellen Louise Wint, treasurer; and Bernice Thomas, secretary of Theta Delta Rho.

The new officers are following a very efficient administration. This past year's president, Lucille Pierce, proved to be one of TDR's best. Mrs. Pierce even set the standard for the girls by getting married. Vice president Inabel Eckler did a fine job, and Beth Hadman distinguished herself with a fine Valentine Dance.

The Further Adventures of GLOMAN and the ARMY

BY FRYE CLAYTON MASHBART
Camp Carson, Colorado

Humorist Chuck Gloman, America's foremost Army private, writes us from Camp Carson, Colorado. Here are a few of his observations.

A GI acquaintance of mine is Pfc. Herman Danglefinger, author of the best seller on nudist camps "Exposure With Composure" and the perennial favorite "She Was Only A Washwoman's Daughter But She Took Me Unaware."

Like many authors, Danglefinger is happily married.

"Yes," he told me one day, "I've been in holy headlock for 16 years."

"You mean wedlock, don't you?" I corrected.

"No," he replied. "Headlock. I married a woman wrestler."

"What kind of girl is she? I mean, when you asked her age was she shy?"

"Oh, about eight years."

He showed me a picture of the Mrs. Believe it or not she has a figure like Miss America — but she's annexed a little too much territory in Canada, not enough in Mexico, and she's rather lumpy around the equator.

He tells me she's so homely that when she passes a Navy Yard even the guys quit whistling.

Over our meal in the mess hall this afternoon, a fellow in my platoon was telling me of his poor luck with the fair sex.

"Leave," he sighed dejectedly. "What is it anyway?"

"Well," I replied thoughtfully, "it's sort of a feeling that gives you a feeling that you'll soon feel that you feel a feeling that you've never felt before."

One of the funniest sights I ever saw on a weekend hike through the mountains was a near-sighted snake making love to a piece of rope.

Just then, a female rabbit reared out into a clearing and whispered proudly to her mate, "Congratulations! We just had 18 more kids!"

Pop rabbit slapped the side of his head with a paw and exclaimed, "As I live and breed!"

BEACON STAFF GREATEST

(continued from page 1)

were appreciated dearly by the Editor.

The sports staff was bolstered strongly by Editor-sports writer Beers. Moose Curtis was the sports editor and writer of Dike Divots, Charles White, a talented covered basketball, Jerry Elias did wrestling and then switched to news stories to be with Jeanne Dearden. Bill Gorski, the real sleeper of the bunch, did the intramurals and then finished up with some splendid baseball features.

For features beyond compare, associate editor Gene Scrudato, Mike Lewis, Dale Warmouth, Connie Smith, and Editor Beers chipped in. Often accused of anything but objectivity by anti-Beacon Student Council president Rosy Reynolds, the staff nevertheless saw the whites of their eyes and wrote on.

The Beacon staff this year was the biggest of all time and also the most productive. Graduating Editor Paul Beers thanked the whole group in his farewell announcement sheet, closing by naming them to be just as good for his successor Scrudato.

THE BEACON'S BEST

Farewell to Yarns
"That's quite some strapless evening gown you're got on. What keeps it up?"
"A city ordinance."

Little Johnny wrote on the blackboard: "Johnny is a passionate devil."
The teacher reprimanded him for writing this and made him stay after school for one hour. When Johnny got out of school that night all his little friends were eagerly awaiting to hear what punishment he had received.
"What did she do to you?" asked one little brat.
"I ain't sayin' nothin'!" Johnny replied, "except that it pays to advertise."

Clerk "This is a lovely card, with such stirring sentiment — 'To the only boy I ever loved!'"
Cued: "That's fine... give me a dozen."

Colfer: "Would you mind if I played through? I've heard that my wife has been taken seriously ill."
Fresh: "My roommate says there are some things a girl should not do before twenty."
Soph: "Well, personally, I don't like a large audience either."

A fat lady stepped on the scales not knowing they were out of order. The indicator stopped at 75 pounds. An inebriated AG who had just emerged from the corner tap room watched her intently. "My God," he marveled, "she's hollow!"

"Answer the door." To which the fresh replied, "What did it say?"
"Highball or Martini?"
"Just plain ginger ale, if you don't mind."
"Wale!"
"No, just a glass."

The very small boy came home dejectedly from his first day at school. "Ain't gain' tomorrow," he sputtered.
"Why not, dear?" his mother asked.
"Well, I can't read, and I can't write, and the teacher won't let me talk to what the hell's the use?"

The medical officer was testing the water supply. "What precaution do you take against infection?" he asked the officer in charge.
"We boil it first, sir," the sergeant answered.
"Good."
"Then we filter it."
"Excellent."
"And then, just for safety's sake, we always drink beer."

"I know a guy who swallows swords."
"That's nothing. I inhale camels."

"Why, I'm sorry to hear that. How did your brother die?"
"He fell through some scaffolding."
"What was he doing up there?"
"Getting hanged."

Letters To The Editor - LIKES IT TART

I just wanted to tell you that I have been reading the Beacon on and off for about 4 years, and I honestly think that this year you have the best paper I've seen. It's about time that the Beacon reads like a COLLEGE paper and not like something a group of sixth graders put out in their spare time.

I like your "acid tongue" editorials. . . In the past, Editors seemed to forget that criticism often does a lot to "build" instead of "tear down" — and that is rather important in a new school such as ours.

Sally Mason
Cleveland, Ohio

HATES IT TART

Dear Editor:
"A n y t h i n g a newspaperman writes is first advertising," Beers. There are numerous axioms which govern the likes and dislikes of a newspaperman. May I quote another? "We deal in facts, not fancies!"

This slightly tart quote was provoked by your recent editorial in the Beacon. Your article failed to provide the true facts on the photographers who took pictures at the April Showers Ball. They are neither "outsiders" or bloody commercialists trying to turn a fast buck at the expense of good taste and the Wilkes Student Body.

I am a student at Wilkes and do not consider myself an outsider. . . Photography is a business with me, to be sure; however, this business is helping to pay my tuition. The measure used to announce our presence was the usual procedure. . . the usual procedure at the two other colleges I have attended.

At these schools photographers were a welcome group. . . for what better memories could be recalled than those by a photograph taken at a dance in our college days. I can sincerely tell you that my collection is my best memento of those good times. We did not attempt to hustle business; we were merely present for the convenience of those who wished a picture.

Alfred H. Vendran
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Cortland Takes Colonels In 2nd Game, 6-4

MILLIMAN LOSES HIS SECOND AGAINST 2 WINS; COLONELS NOW HAVE 2-3 RECORD

The baseball team went down to defeat at the hands of the Cortland State Teachers College, 6-4, in a return game at Cortland, N. Y. The Cortland nine hopped on pitcher John Milliman for an early 6-0 lead and fought off a Wilkes rally in the last inning for the victory.

Pitcher Whitney Armstrong of Wilkes scored one run in the second and came close to winning in the last frame. The Colonels pushed over three runs, but stumbled when pinch-hitter Parker Petrily whiffed and Milliman crumpled out.

There were many places where the Wilkes boys showed their class. Jot Trasko made one beautiful stretch and stop of a hard-hit grounder and pegged his man out. Ledy Carr blasted a long drive to right field which was taken on the leaping the Cortland right fielder next to the wall.

Milliman incurred his second defeat against two victories. The team record going into the Susquehanna game is 2-3.

The Cortland outfit was really top-notch. Their season record is now 9-2, the only losses were to Wilkes and Springfield College. Cortland has won most of their games by top-heavy scores and was surprised at the launch the Wilkes team gave them. Further keen competition between the schools should be good for the baseball ranking of both schools.

VARSITY TO FACE ALUMNI MAY 16

George Ralston announced the other day that plans have been completed for an Alumni baseball team to meet the Wilkes varsity, May 16. It is the Saturday after the Cinderella Ball and Mr. Ralston and Coach Partridge are planning a great spring homecoming. A dance in the Gym will be held in the evening.

The original game with Bloomsbury, scheduled for that day, was postponed by Bloom.

Game time: 2:00 P. M.

The story on the Alumni team is that they'll be strong. Ralston has already rounded up Roy Earl, Francis Pinkowski, Ben Dragon, Jim Davis, Joe Deschak, Joe Pevjak, and Pop Waters.

Pitching for the Alumni is the old fireball Ralston himself, once a snappy teaser himself in college days.

Ralston guarantees a good time for all, both at the game and at the dance. He says that the game will be no farce.

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Return good for evil, overcome anger by love.

Patience is the key of content.

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FOWLER, DICK AND WALKER

Wanted Desperately: A Man For Ann Azat

Ancient Annie Azat, Wilkes College's First Lady, is on the make for a date to the Cinderella Ball. As one of the beauties, Miss Azat feels that it would not be becoming to appear with her ladies. This is a completely new experience for the old girl as she has usually had plenty of suitors in line at the book during her long stay in the big leagues. Apparently this time everything went bust at the last minute.

What Ann is looking for is something of a cross between Gregory Peck and Dean Martin. She likes them tall, good looking, healthy, spirited, and with a touch of the dash in them.

Apply early. Miss Azat is now holding trial runs on sight of the boys. Ann, Jr., Alice Green, is also in the game.

This offer has never before been made to the American male. Azat said she will consider no one who breaks a date, unless, of course, it's a cure.

WILKES NOW SLAVIC CENTER

Recently a group of Polish women of Wyoming Valley donated more than 100 books to the Wilkes College Library. This group is establishing a Slavic center at Wilkes, and has already begun this center with contributions to the Polish Room in Sturdevant Hall. This room contains books, articles of national embroidery, and other items pertaining to Slavic culture.

Volumes by Raymond and Simkiewicz, two of Poland's greatest poets, are to be found in this collection, as well as such interesting studies of Polish life as "Great Men and Women of Poland" by Mizwa; Paul Super's "Twenty Years with the Poles;" and "I saw Poland Reborn," by Lane.

The College is indeed grateful to the interested group which made this worthy contribution to the library.

THIS 'N' THAT... by Ludwig

III. Well, this is it, the last of this year's Beacon and the last of the Ludwig columns.

I don't know whether we've accomplished anything or not. I understand that there will soon be a petition in the president's office concerning the interest of the students in a social hall. I have gotten a big kick out of poking a little fun at the administration and the teachers. Please, teachers, don't take any offense. I do want to leave this institution this spring.

My love is gone, but my fun is not. When I graduated from high school, the senior class always left a will to the rest of the school. For a few of the seniors I would also like to will a few of their assets: Rocky Reynolds should will his ability to get a big name band for the Cinderella Ball to Art Hoover; Paul Beers should will his ability to raise up the students body to Gene Scudler; Cleo Rowlands should will a few of his extra quality credits to Nancy Hanny;

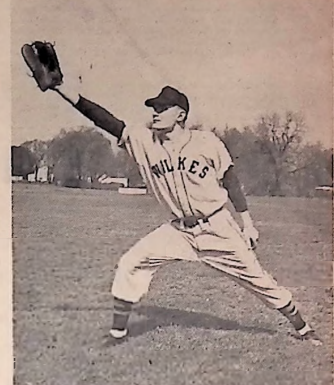
I shall will my will for a social hall for students to Dr. Farley; and Ann Azat should will her—well, that's enough of that.

All kidding aside, I only hope that all you undergraduates have as much fun here as I've had. It's possible, just take advantage of a few of the activities around the school and enjoy yourself.

See you ALL at the Cinderella Ball, May 16th.

So long, John Ludwig Moore

LONG ONE



JOE SIKORA

A name not kicked around much in Wilkes athletic circles but still one of the shiniest stars is his, long Joe Sikora. The Plymouth led was overshadowed by public relations by old star, Baker Davis, but Joe has now glittered enough for his own glory.

Called by the Beacon the most improved man in the baseball team, Joe also excels in his other sport. For the last two seasons Big Joe was the star ball man of the Colonels baseball team. Partridge has now switched the lead to him base to his cap. Here why Joe has done more than nicely, whodunnit 4 for 5 in the Susquehanna game.

One may see long Joe anchoring here, but it is not standing if one hit to say that Mr. Sikora might lead the club in hitting this season.

DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS, Sports Editor

THE GREAT END

As to whether it's a lack of funds, writing material or time, we do not know, but Editor Paul Beers advises us that this will be our last effort of the current school year. Without trying to seem the least bit dramatic, we would like to say that we have pleased you in some way with DIKE DIVOTS this year. Every writer, even "alleged scribes," like to get the chance to editorialize a bit, and that is what we did, for the most part, this year. When there was something to write about, we wrote, and when there was nothing to write about, we also wrote.

In a limited scope, sports at Wilkes College, as compared to the city newspapers, we didn't always have something pertinent to rattle off about, yet, except for the two occasions, when we missed the printer's deadline, we had at least some sort of a column in the BEACON.

BLAME BUSH

Many, on and off campus, have queried as to where we dug up the crazy name, Dike Divots. Well, for that, we'll meekly step aside and place the blame on our former boss at the Sunday Independent, John C. Bush. Bushie pulled the name out of a not so clear and not very blue sky one day last year, when we told him that we had been asked to scribble for the Wilkes newspaper. A former Wilkesman himself and knowing the layout of the Wilkes campus and athletic fields, John immediately thought of the dike and the divots that are dug up by spillover athletes practicing in Kirby Park, which, with a stretch of the imagination, could be considered part of the dike. That's off our chest.

Soon after we began writing the column, we decided to take on a "hell, fire, and brimstone" attitude when ever we deemed it necessary. We worked on the basis that if there was something which we thought should be aired, we simply aired it. Reputations were great, and in a way it was flattering, for at least they indicated that a good portion of the student body was reading our journalistic attempt.

For the kind comments of those who enjoyed our witticisms in words, thanks. Our real concern, though, has been those who looked on our mess in two columns as a "right" shame. Our only regret in the past year has been the quality of the paper on which our commentary has been printed. It has been suggested that the BEACON, DIKE DIVOTS undoubtedly included, would serve a better purpose if it were printed on softer paper of the toilet variety.

ONLY THE VALIANT

Hoping that no one has been brave enough to employ our work as that handy bathroom item we near the end of possibly the last installment of Dike Divots. For if anyone has been so brave, we'd surely feel our efforts had gone "down the drain."

We'll carry on for several more issues in the Sunday Independent with Week-End Chatter, which we inherited temporarily from Bush and then we'll let our typewriter gather dust for the summer while we go in search of next year's tuition.

Hoping at least not to have lost any friends, for we certainly have not been offended by our critics, we'll lose ourselves for the next few weeks in Esquimaux, World Lit, and the like. Only God and our professors know what next year will bring.

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON VALLEY MAY 14

William O. Sward and Frank Burriss will discuss "The Future of Wyoming Valley" in a panel discussion sponsored by the Economics Club, May 14 at 8:00 in the Lecture Hall. Dr. Farley will act as moderator. The topic is very timely. The participants are in the forefront of the campaign to industrialize the Valley, and they should have first-hand information on the progress that is being made. Questions will follow after the discussion. Marvin Kanner of the Economics Club is chairman of Arrangements, and Dick Hawk is publicity director. All are invited to the discussion.

BILL SABA NEW CHEM CLUB PREXY

The Wilkes College Chemical Society elected Bill Saba to the office of president for the 1953-54 term. Chosen to assist him in this office were vice president, Warren Blaker; treasurer, Dick Polakowski; and secretary, Madelyn Malanowski. The Club also decided to hold their annual spring outing on June 6, but has not yet decided on the location.

ECONOMICS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers for next year's Economics Club have been elected. John Kossavaire is president; Marvin Kanner, vice president; Bill Paparowski, treasurer; and Thelma Williams, secretary. The club is fast becoming one of the campus top organizations. Its Parade of Progress feature achieved Valley fame.

THE BEACON'S BEAT

Dale Warrmouth: "The only thing that makes adolescence hard is adults."
Kingston's Preston Eckmeyer: "Kingston is a regular Babylon."
Thus Spoke Isabel Ecker, at last— "She was only a stableman's daughter, but every horseman knew her."
"I've been to church the last two weeks."
"I must be able to say something remarkable that will hit the Beacon."
Leo Lesnick: "I don't think Eisenhower has done a damn thing except play golf."
From a Gertrude Stein short story, Contemporary Lit class. "She was gay there, not gayed and gayed, just gay there, that is to say she was not gayed by using things she found there that were gay things, she was gay there, always she was gay there."
Dale Warrmouth: "Adolescence was never difficult for me."
PBB: "That's because you have not reached it yet."

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ART DISPLAY BY RUTKOWSKI

The exhibit of paintings, prints, and drawings now on display in the library is by B. Richard Rutkowski, a graduate of Wilkes in 1951 and a native of Forey Fort. He is now studying for his M.A. in Fine Arts at Columbia University. While a student here, Rutkowski was editor of the Manuscript, writing poems and stories for the magazine as well as occasionally illustrating his articles.

Theta Delta Rho MOTHER'S DAY TEA Today, 3 to 5 McClintock Hall

Notable in his art work is Mr. Rutkowski's love for Wyoming Valley. One corner of the library is devoted entirely to his pictures of local churches. The present display of Mr. Rutkowski's work will be here until May 15. An exhibit of Ukrainian arts and crafts will be next in the series.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

This is the list of activities scheduled for the week of May 10-16. Sunday, May 10: Town and Gown, Band Concert and Parents Party; Wednesday, May 13: Bloodmobile at Gym; Baseball, Ithaca, A-way; Thursday, May 14: Assembly; Friday, May 15: Cinderella Ball; Saturday, May 16: Baseball, Alumni, Home.

MATH MEETING SUCCESSFUL

Held Saturday in the Wilkes Gym, the first annual Mathematics Tournament of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers was highly successful. Conducted by Mr. Thomas Richards of Wilkes, the Tournament singled out math winners and provided handsome scholarships. It was only one in another of Wilkes College's community activities.


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