

To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it.
Churton Collins

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Economy is the art of making the most of life. The love of economy is the root of all virtue.
George Bernard Shaw.

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BATRONEY TOP ATHLETE DEBATERS SECOND AT WASHINGTON

Qualify to Compete for National Championship; Chances Appear Good

By T. R. PRICE

The Wilkes College debating team tied for second place at the District 7 eliminations held last week-end at George Washington University at Washington, D. C.

The achievement of this position enables the Wilkes debaters to participate in the national debate tournament, to be held at West Point from the 21st to 25th of April.

The University of Pennsylvania ranked first in the district eliminations, with George Washington tied with Wilkes for second and with Howard, which was defeated by a 50-30 score by Wilkes at the Johns Hopkins Tournament, third.

The Wilkes team, composed of James Neveras and J. Harold Flannery, Jr., defeated Swarthmore, Lehigh, Annapolis and Bridgewater, of Virginia, gaining 2 votes in each of the 4 rounds.

Against Penn State and the University of Virginia, the team received and gave a vote with each, giving a total of 10 votes; 8 won to 2 lost.

The University of Pennsylvania received a total score of 11 to 1, George Washington tied Wilkes with 10 to 2, and Howard was third with 9 to 3.

The Wilkes team made the highest score of any single team for one round of debating when it defeated Lehigh with 38 out of a possible 40 points. In this round, both of the team members won 19 out of a possible 20 points, and Flannery gained a score of 19 against Navy and Virginia as well.

In the rounds against Swarthmore and Bridgewater, the individual scores of each of the Wilkes debaters was more than the combined scores of the opposing two-men teams.

Among the officials who commented upon the performance of

the Wilkes team was Professor Demougeot of Princeton University, who, after rjudging the debate between Wilkes and Penn, said, "Your rebuttals, especially Neveras's won my vote. A nice job of covering all major objections."

Another judge who praised the local team was Dr. Abraham of Pennsylvania, who, after the debate with Virginia, declared, "A beautifully constructed affirmative case—a very high-level debate on both sides."

The chances of the Wilkes team in the debates at West Point on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of this month were reviewed by the team's coach, Dr. Arthur N. Kruger, who accompanied the team to the nation's capital. This, Kruger recalled, speaking first on the Washington debate, was the first elimination in which the Wilkes team has participated, for although it had the chance to enter a few years ago, it was forced to withdraw due to a death in the family of one of the debaters.

Commenting further, and on the nationals, the debating coach remarked, "We'll simply treat it as a high-level tournament. We've been in them before, and haven't been disgraced (the team won 5th at Boston, 2nd at N.Y.U., 1st at Johns Hopkins) and I don't think we will be. At any event we will do our best to justify the faith that the students and the administration have in us."

Frosh to Present "Country Hop" Tomorrow Night

By NATALIE BARONE

The theme is one of hayseed, "fiddle music", and blue jeans as the class of '57 readies itself for their "Country Hop". Featuring the music of the Polka Dukes, the program of farmer dancing, novelty entertainment, polka and modern dancing will commence at 8:30 in the Wilkes gym.

The freshman class, sponsor of the "Country Hop", has planned a well-balanced evening of entertainment. The highlight of which will be country-style dancing to the calling of Abe Bellas.

During intermission, there will be even more enjoyment with Andy Breznay as Master of Ceremonies and his able assistant Jack Cave. El Nora Metroka and Dick Gribble along with his "singing" guitar will be the feature attractions. There will also be a door prize given out at this time.

The committee which is working very hard to make this dance a success is as follows:

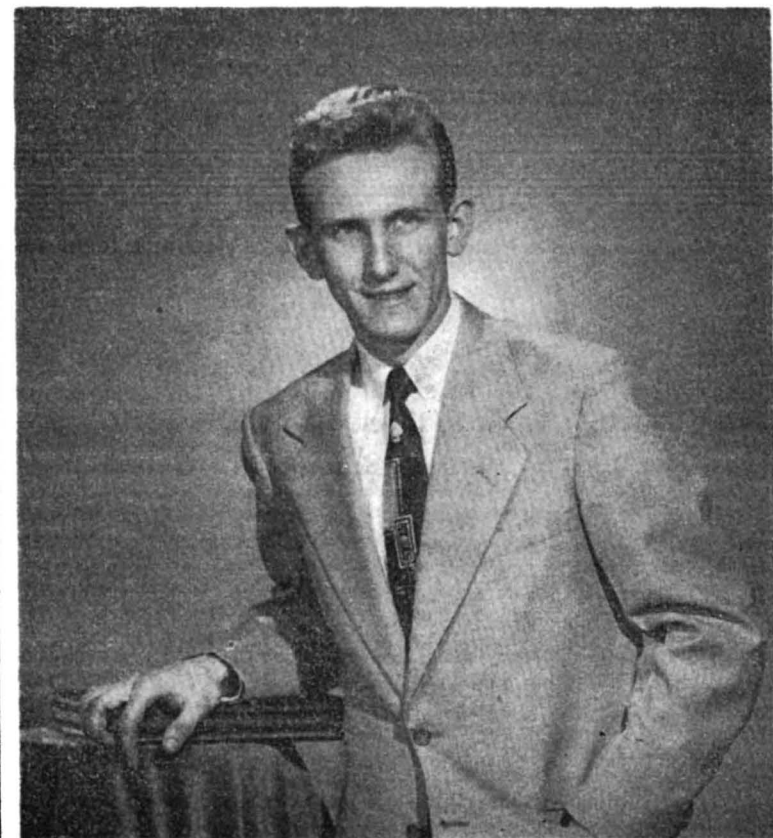
Barbara Tanski, general chairman; Natalie Barone, Andy Breznay, Audrey Cragle, Lena Missen, Phyllis Walsh, Patsy Reese, Norma Jean Davis, Joan Zawoiski, Frances Panzetta, Ed Gavel, Dick Bunn, Felix Serafin, Freda Billstein, Jane Eckell, and Irene Goliash.

So—are you tired of mid-terms? Are you tired of classes? Are you tired of dull evenings? End it all by joining in the fun tomorrow evening at 8:30. If you are a polka fan, join in the best in polka dancing. If you like western dancing, you will feel right at home. Regardless of what kind of dancing you like, you will find it at the "Country Hop". Be sure to come! We'll see you there!

Senior Cager, Diamondman Choice For 3rd BEACON 'Athlete of the Year' Award, 14 Others Honored

Leonard Batroney, senior basketball and baseball star, has been selected by the BEACON Sports Department as the BEACON Athlete of the Year for the athletic year 1953-54.

Batroney's selection for the highest honor caps a brilliant collegiate athletic career even before it is finished. The Wilkes-Barre Township native, an education major at Wilkes, has baseball season yet to play, but on the basis of last baseball and basketball seasons, the blond flash was an overwhelming choice.



Fourteen other Wilkes athletes were also honored in the voting this week by the Beacon's sports-writers. Given honorable mention for outstanding achievement in sports and sportsmanship at Wilkes in the past year, including the period from the beginning of the 1953 baseball season to the end of wrestling and basketball, 1954.

Given honorable mention were: James Atherton, senior, North Wilkes-Barre.

Edward Davis, senior, Plymouth. George Elias, senior, South Wilkes-Barre.

Paul Gronka, sophomore, Nanticoke.

Philip Jones, senior, Kingston.

Hillard Kemp, senior, Kingston.

Koo Younsu, freshman, Seoul, South Korea.

John Milliman, senior, (in service), Genoa, N. Y.

James Moss, senior, West Wyoming.

Melvin McNew, senior, Baltimore, Md.

Joseph Sikora, senior, Plymouth.

Joseph Trosko, senior, Plains.

Albert Wallace, senior, Plains.

Warren Yeisley, terminal senior, Kingston.

The selection of Batroney was made only after every Wilkes College athlete had been carefully considered. It was the third such presentation in the history of the Beacon.

Winners of the past two years

were George McMahon, 1953, and Charles "Parker" Petrillak, 1952. Got the Nod

Batroney drew the nod of sports department for his all-round brilliant work on two fields of play. Not only did he break almost every basketball record at Wilkes, but he was a sparkplug of the baseball team last spring when it notched a winning season.

More than his play, though, the Beacon sportswriters felt that his spirit and never-ceasing hustle — for the good of his team—were of the utmost importance.

Tagged Northeastern Pennsylvania's "Mr. Basketball" for the past several years, Batroney earned a new name for himself last basketball season with inspired team play. He often gave up the chance to be the high scorer, a position which had become a habit with him in three years, if it was to his team's advantage.

For his unselfish play during the 1953-54 cage campaign, he earned the name "Mr. Team." In sports-manship, too, Batroney was above reproach and set a fine example for those who played with him and watched him play.

He did find time to set a new four-year scoring record, however, a new high average per game mark and several percentage marks for shooting, in addition to various

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CINDY CANDIDATES CHOSEN

By PEARL ONACKO

Cinderella, the lovely of fairy, comes to life each May at a Ball given in her honor by the Student Council of Wilkes College. In 1952 Isabel Ecker was Cinderella. Last year Ann Azat walked away with the laurels. With pleasure I now introduce to you eleven coeds, one of whom will be Cinderella of 1954.

MISS NANCY BEAM, a sophomore, is majoring in Elementary Education. Active in the Education Club, Nancy is also on the Manuscript staff, and is a member of the Choral Club and Theta Delta Rho.

MISS JANE CARPENTER, captain of the cheerleaders, is the only senior coed to be nominated. Majoring in Elementary Education, she is now practice teaching. Jane has been an active member of the Education Club and the Theta Delta Rho throughout her college career.

MISS MIRIAM JEAN DEARDEN is a junior majoring in Accounting. Jean, one of our cheerleaders, is a member of TDR, the Economics Club, and the Assembly Committee.

MISS GLORIA DRAN, lone member of the freshman class to qualify for the competition, is a graduate of Hanover Township High School where she was quite active in dramatics and public

speaking. Gloria is majoring in Biology and is a member of the Biology Club and TDR.

MISS CAROL ANN GARDNER is a sophomore who hails from Kingston. A member of Cue 'n' Curtain, Carol Ann has the feminine lead in the forthcoming production, "The Nervous Wreck." She is majoring in English.

MISS LOIS LONG is in her junior year at Wilkes. Interested in the activities of the Economics Club and the IRC, Lois will represent the latter group at a model U. N. Conference next week. Lois is working for her B.S. in Commerce and Finance.

MISS BASIA MIESZKOWSKI came to Wilkes from Wyoming Seminary. A sophomore majoring in Music, Basia is a member of the Choral Club and Cue 'n' Curtain. She also will appear in "The Nervous Wreck".

MISS JEANETTE PERRINS is a dorm student from Hunlock (continued from page 2)

Spring Fashion Show Planned by T. D. R.

In the Spring, a young girl's fancy turns to thoughts of her wardrobe. If her budget isn't as drastically affected as the Student Council's, she will probably consider adding to her spring ensembles. To help her make the very finest and smartest selections, and also to give the men a glimpse of what to expect this year in the line of spring fashions, Theta Delta Rho will hold their annual Fashion Show on April 28.

Nancy Batcheler and Helen Krachenfels, co-chairmen of the affair, have selected the following committee chairmen:

Tickets, Pat Stout; Refreshments, Bernice Thomas; Ushers, Anita Gordon; Wardrobe mistress, Margaret Smith; Entertainment, Nancy Brown; Publicity, Joan Shoemaker; Decorations, Barbara Bialogowicz; Programs, Mollie Beard; and Clean-Up, Nancy Morris. Joe Saraceni, the honorary member of the sorority, will do the lighting effects.

Lazarus Department Store has been selected to sponsor the show. Clothes for both town and country will be modeled.

The Chairmen are busily preparing the script and selecting the models to make the final plans complete.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

GENE SCRUDATO

IT'S UP TO YOU!

The editorial below is being reprinted from last week's edition as it is under attack by Art Hoover in a letter to the editor. By reading the editorial and Mr. Hoover's letter, the student body can see both aspects of the controversy.

Not only has Mr. Hoover criticized the editorial, but other students have approached us and informed us that it was disjoined, confused, biased, etc., etc.

We implore the student body to read the editorial and judge it. We only to show how political action won out over political inaction, no more, no less.

What do you think?

We will give a detailed reply to Mr. Hoover's letter next week.

Hannye and Bricker Amendments Have Same Outcome

Just as the Congressional battle over the Bricker Amendment was ending, Wilkes College started its battle over an amendment. Our campus battle was over the "Hannye Amendment". (Named after Nancy Hannye, chairman of the committee which drew up the amendment.)

The Hannye Amendment had no better luck than its national precursor. Both were defeated, but at least the Hannye Amendment has the distinction of being approved once.

The entire affair showed political action at its best, and political inaction at its worst.

The political action came about by students who were incensed at the idea of the "captive audience" type of election held at assembly period.

Led by Lou Steck, the group drew up a petition to invalidate the election and started canvassing the campus for supporters. Hundreds of signatures were obtained and subsequently the petition was approved. A new election was scheduled, the results of which we all know.

Political inaction is best shown by the supporters of the amendment. They had a case for their amendment but they failed to push it. We can't understand why these supporters did not get out and plug for their project as did the other group. They saw spirited opposition arising but they did not do anything about it.

The Administrative Council and the Student Council were solidly behind the amendment but neither challenged the anti-amendment forces. If they could have persuaded just two voters over to their side, they would have won.

Indeed, political inaction has dire consequences.

(continued from page 1) CINDY CANDIDATES

Creek. A sophomore, Jeanette is vice-president of her class, corresponding secretary of the Education Club, a member of TDR and the Choral Group. Jeanette has chosen Elementary Education as her major.

MISS RUTH REMLEY, a resident of Kingston, also is a member of the sophomore class. A pianist in her own right, Ruth is accompanist for the Male Chorus and the Choral Club. She is majoring in Music Education.

MISS ELLEN WITIAK graduated from Old Forge High School and is presently a junior at Wilkes.

Seeking a degree in Elementary Education, Ellen is keenly interested in the activities of the Education Club.

MISS VICKI ZAVATSKI is a member of the Band and the Choral Club. Another Education major, Vicki graduated from Plymouth High School. She is now a sophomore.

WHO will don the coveted glass slipper next month? You, the Student Body, will decide; for, in a few weeks you will be given the opportunity to vote for your favorite. And, at the stroke of twelve on that certain evening in May the coed you have chosen will be declared Cinderella of 1954.

Letters To The Editor . .

March 30, 1954

Dear Mr. Editor:

Your editorial of last week, the first good editorial I've read in the Beacon since Ben Beers served as Editor, certainly implied very much. It seems to me that in your opinion the entire student council goes hand in hand with everything the Administrative Council desires. This is certainly a fallacy.

I can remember distinctly that the council was divided in its opinion on whether or not the debating appropriation should be turned over to the administration. Even though the administration did not want to assume the burden, there were a few council members who felt that such a step was necessary.

So you see, Mr. Editor, what is true of one is not necessarily true of all, even though some logicians may think otherwise. As a member of the council, I'm preparing to approach the administration about a problem in regard to the Cinderella Ball and a big name band for next year.

I know now that I'm going to have a hard time with the administrators, but I'm not going to give up without a reasonable and logical explanation. I'm sure there will be many other council members who will go along with me and will not yield to the administration without getting some action.

As far as the Hannye Amendment is concerned, I agree that advocates of the proposal failed to put their point across to the students. I must admit though that after talking to a few students about the amendment after the election, these same students who voted "no" realized they had made a grave mistake.

The outcome of the past amendment vote was expressed very clearly in Helen Krackenfel's article in the last issue of the Beacon. Next fall, there will be more and larger requests by special interest clubs. As a result, the activities that benefit the entire student body will face decreased appropriations and then our rapidly declining school spirit (discussed by Jack Curtis in the last issue of the Beacon) may reach an all time low.

At this point, you may wonder what I mean by special interest clubs. By special interest clubs I mean those organizations that usually have a membership of students in a particular curriculum, such as, biology, education, chemistry, engineering, economics, and political science.

These clubs would like funds for field trips, conferences, conventions, and social affairs. As a result of their desires, they submit requests to be filled at the budget meeting each fall.

I've attended the past two annual budget meetings and I've come to the conclusion that whatever club representative gave the most heartwarming and appealing plea usually got the funds. I can still remember the last budget meeting when the small fellow with a lot of "spunk", Charles Acore (whom I admire for this quality) asked for funds on behalf of the Engineering Club.

He was justified in stating that the engineers make up a large part of the student body and that they contribute a large amount to the Student Activities Fund. And then on the other hand, the IRC may have just one-fourth of the membership that the Engineering Club has and that club wants the same amount of money or more.

Another reason for allocating funds was based upon whichever club contributed most to the public relations of the school. There was just no line that could be drawn to allocate a certain amount to one club and a different amount to another club. That is why the amendment was proposed.

Under the amendment, the clubs were entitled to receive funds for intercollegiate conferences. The clubs were also entitled to receive money from the Social Activities Fund for any emergency or loss that might be encountered.

An example of this type of loss is the one borne by the Beacon on the cabaret party. Or better yet,

CAMPUS CANDIDS

Bob Kanjorski: Imagine that, two husky women can't even close that window.

Doris Merrill: You're not supposed to call women "husky".

Dale Warmouth: I'm stealing books at the Library again. The Library decreases while I augment.

Pete Margo: I gave a bottle of perfume to a girl once, and she threw it in my face.

Mike Lewis: Apparently she thought you needed it more than she did.

Mr. Sym: Prater is too sleepy in my class.

Dave Hoats: It's the guard duty in the library that makes him that way.

Mollie Beard: I'm clever in my off moments.

Mr. Casper: I've quit smoking four times . . . today.

Mike Kennedy: Why didn't I get credit for my answer to the third question?

Instructor: Your answer as to why the Greeks went into the woods was most interesting, but not correct.

Justine Battisti: Have you heard what the dog said when his two front legs were pinched in a doorway?

Friend: No, I haven't.

Justine: Oh! My Paw Paw.

an additional appropriation to meet publication expenses for the remainder of the semester. This amendment gave the council the line that would determine what organizations would get definite allocations and for what purposes other campus organizations could seek funds. The life of the amendment was short-lived and the special interest clubs will continue to seek funds in the future—some clubse to get more than others.

The political action displayed by the opponents of the assembly vote and stressed by you seems to have made a turnabout and became a political inaction. True, there were hundreds of signatures (including my own) on the petition calling for a new election.

And yet, there were only 270 votes cast in the new election. Where were the ambitious petitioners that you praised so dealy? Shouldn't they have continued in their mission for a new election and inspired the students to get out and vote, regardless of their stand on the amendment.

Oh! yes, there is one more point that should be cleared up. Many students feel that funds for debating should not be taken from the Student Activities Fund. Instead, the administration should allocate funds for their activities.

Such a move was made by the council earlier this school year. The administration, however, clearly stated that if they took over debating, the 2 1/2 per cent of the students' activities fee deducted from their tuition and turned over to the council for allocation to student activities would be definitely cut.

As a result the students would have less money and at the same time begiving up jurisdiction to the administration. We must remember, too, that the administration controls the percentage of tuition that goes into the Student Activities Fund. It is easily understandable then that turning debating over to the administration would mean giving up additional funds and jurisdiction.

In closing, Mr. Editor, I want to impress upon you that no ill-will is intended. I did want to defend the advocates of the Hannye Amendment, the same amendment whose defeat seemed to please you

'Oust McCarthy' Bill Drawn Up by WCIRC

One of the bills to be proposed by the Wilkes International Relations Club at the mock session of Congress to be held at the Intercollegiate Conference at Harrisburg will be a bill demanding the recall of Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) on the grounds that his investigatory practices have become a menace to representative government.

Other bills to be introduced by the WCIRC at the April 8th to 10th conference will include measures to raise tax exemptions to \$800, with an additional allowance for families of students, Federal aid to education, revision of the Taft-Hartley labor law, and a Constitutional Amendment providing for uniform marriage and divorce laws.

The sessions, to which the college is sending some twelve delegates, sponsored as a means of acquainting students with actual practice and experience in the workings of their government, will run in exact same manner as the legislative body which it imitates, that is, bills will be introduced by the various club delegates (expected to number around 450), considered in committee, and debated and voted upon from the floor, just as in the Federal Congress in Washington.

It was the Wilkes College delegates who, in 1952, occupied the conference spotlight by being the first to nominate Adlai Stevenson for the Democratic presidential candidacy in the conference's mock political convention. Mr. Stevenson won the real nomination on the fifth ballot.

Michael Lewis, President of the IRC, interviewed on the conference on Wednesday, also called attention to the fact that the organization is at present conducting a raffle for the purpose of obtaining funds to cover expenses of the conference.

Farish Is Hero In Sunday Drama

Bill Farish, popular resident of Bntler Mall, forgot about being a football hero last Sunday and saved the life of a Wilkes coed, Mollie Beard. Bill, along with Mollie, Marilyn Witzigman, and Wally Phillips, decided to take to the woods for a little recreation in hunting crows, cows, or pigs.

Faced with the obstacle of crossing a creek by taking a long leap, Mollie followed Bill in jumping across, but was unsuccessful in her attempt and landed in the creek. Bill's first words were, "Keep the gun dry."

After a few swallows of water, Mollie was rescued by Bill who was concerned about the safety of the gun. At the time of this writing, both Mollie and the gun are in excellent condition. Hat's off to our campus hero—Bill Farish.

New Cheerleaders Selected Recently

The cheerleaders recently selected three regular and two alternate cheerleaders to join their squad. After many weeks of vigorous practicing, those that made the team are Sophomores Della King, Al Rosenberg, and Neil McHugh. The alternates chosen are Freshmen Lucy Ann Dimattia and Phyllis Walsh.

1953 Captain Jane Carpenter will be the only member to graduate this year, leaving three seniors for the team next year.

very much. I deduced that from your editorial. I do want to say that more stirring editorials will be appreciated. It will give the students an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Sincerely,

Arthur Hoover,
235 lbs. of student
interest.

HOMER'S HODGEPODGE

Lucky Bucks! Lucky Bucks!
A local radio station has organized a lucky bucks contest for the community.

Homer and the Beacon staff have formulated a "lucky butts" contest for moochers and chain smokers at Wilkes.

If you possess a collection of four butts measuring approximately 3 inches, you can qualify by sending the "lucky butts" and one whole cigarette to Homer, Smokeland College, Butts, Pa.

The grand prize of the "lucky butts" contest is a king-size cigarette.

Students are finally noticing the suggestion box in the cafeteria.

The suggestion box created by the Student Council should overflow with comments on improving our college life, but a mere trickle is found by the student council.

Some students believe that the suggestion box is only an ash tray

while others have dropped their greeting cards in this mailbox. This suggestion box is an excellent example of modern camouflage in the cafeteria.

Lucky Homer obtained a parking space for his kiddie car in the parking lot. Yonder postal employees and visitors were awed by this contraption in their parking space.

The early bird procures a coveted parking space. An idea conceived in the early morning while maneuvering my kiddie car in the parking lot was that the lot should be macadamized and parking stalls outlined with paint.

Congratulations to the student body on reaching its Red Cross quota and to Mr. Partridge, the successful chairman. This baseball coach has writing ability within his repertoire as his enlightening article on comic strips indicated in the Reader's Column of the Times-Leader.

Homer developed Mr. Virtue and Mr. Vice from his literature class, and attempted to affiliate them with

the recent petty crimes on campus. Mr. Vice, an unsavory character, is unrecognized by many students. Beware! Graduate with Mr. Virtue, Summa cum laude.

Assembly programs and foreign films in the neighboring boro have produced bent spinal columns.

The seat committee for the assembly programs is shaking. The age of six-footers is approaching. The familiar theme of inadequate leg space is growing. A sharpened saw is needed. Seat committee, please note.

The guidance building has received a remodeling. The rose colored wallpaper has been destroyed and lights illuminate the surroundings. Homer and destroyers of sore spots with the above statement was true.

Received from mother of charming senior girl this tiny bit of poetry. Many thanks.

Oh how I sigh
For the piece of pie
That I see with my
Big blue eye.

'Nervous Wreck' Ready for Boards; Western Comedy to Attract Crowd

By FREDERICK KROHLE

Rehearsals for Cue 'n' Curtain's spring production, "The Nervous Wreck", are in full swing, and the play promises to be an hilarious production. In Owen Davis' farce comedy the Old West hides its face and holds its sides at the antics of Henry Williams, the Easterner-gone-west-for-his-health.

The stuffy Underwood family, and the lovable and laughable Bar M Ranch boys also add to the merry whirl of the play. And then when the Underwoods and the sheriff pursue the outlaws, the play gathers momentum until the roaring climax.

As released by Mr. Groh, the cast of the play is as follows:

Henry	Howard Ennis
Sally	Carol Ann Gardner
Andy	James Jones
Mort	James Coleman
Mrs. Underwood	B. Mieszkowski
Chester	Jerry Luft
Harriet	Helenn Brown

Tim	William Crowder
Bob Wells	James Miller
Dan	Joseph Trosko
Jud Morgan	Peter Margo
Possemen	Jim Moss
	Al Wallis
	Bob Hontz
	Don McFadden

The scene is in and about the living room of the Bar H ranch in Arizona. Henry and Sally, the latter running away from her fiancé the sheriff, are compelled by Andy, the desperate foreman of the Bar M (desperate for household help, that is), to serve as waiter and cook respectively.

The plot thickens when the Underwoods who own the ranch arrive saying that they were held up and robbed by a dozen desperados. Then comes the sheriff to discover his run-away Sally in the employment of the Underwoods. Henry and . . . But that would be giving away the whole play! Come and see it for yourself. (Your activity pass is good for two admissions, your own and any friend whom you may want to bring.)

The production of "The Nervous Wreck" was made by special arrangement with Samuel French and Company, New York. Directed by Mr. Alfred S. Groh, the play is staged by Paul Shiffer and lighted by oe Saraceni (grades permitting). Sheldon Schneider is assistant to the director.

We are expecting every Hopalong fan to bring the whole family with him, and have equipped all our chairs with saddle horns to make it seem more realistic. Horses MUST be parked in the driveway. Leave your cares behind you on April 9 and 10 and enjoy yourself at our expense at Cue 'n' Curtain's "The Nervous Wreck."



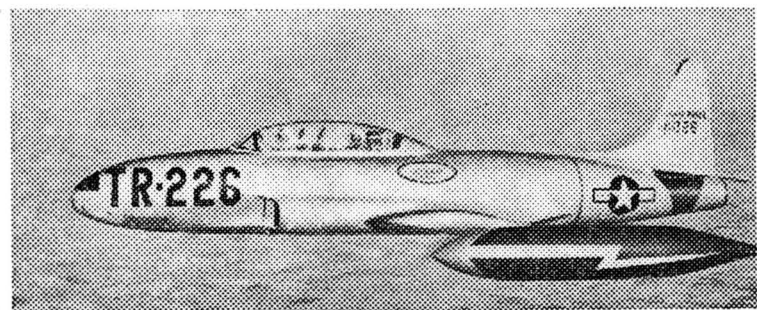
1. Pilot training begins at Lackland Air Force Base, where Aviation Cadets get 3 months of officer indoctrination.



2. It's a hard grind, but Cadets also find time to relax.



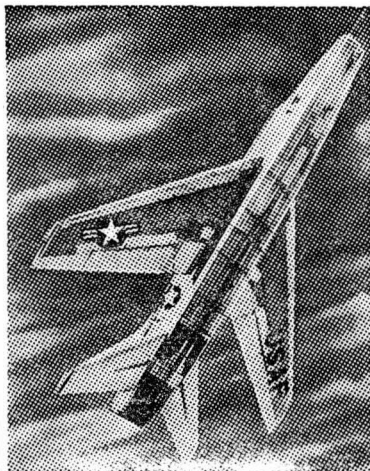
3. In primary training the Cadet flies his first planes, a Piper Cub, and this T-6. Later he will fly the more advanced T-28.



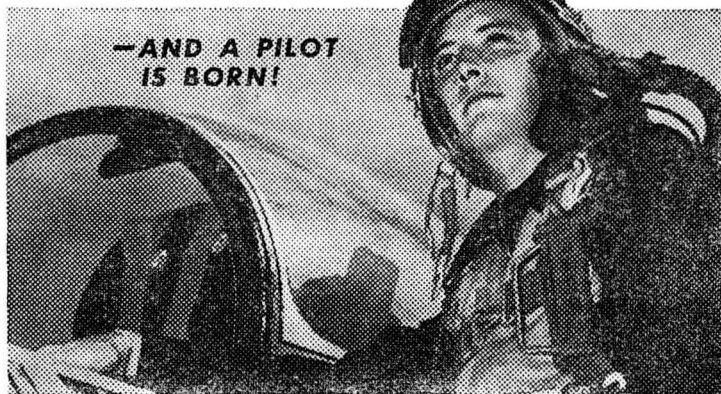
4. After flying conventional planes, he moves on to jets... going up with an instructor in this T-33 trainer.



5. He wins his wings as an Air Force officer, earning over \$5,000 a year.



6. Then winds up his training with the latest and fastest planes in the air.



7. He's tested those silver wings . . . And won the respect and admiration that go to every jet pilot in the United States Air Force! From now on he'll rule the skies in an Air Force jet.

College Men! Fly with the Finest in the Air Force

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WIN WINGS
AS AIR FORCE LIEUTENANTS,
EARN OVER \$5,000 A YEAR!

● For a fast, exciting and rewarding career, make your future in the sky as an Air Force pilot. As a college student, you are now able to join that small, select band of young men who race the wind in Air Force jets. You'll have the same opportunities to learn, advance and establish yourself in the growing new world of jet aviation.

Fly as one of the best

The pilot training you get in the Air Force is the best in the world—the kind that makes jet aces. You'll learn to fly the fastest, latest planes in the air—and fly them safely and well. Those who look to the skies will look to you for leadership and confidence.

Into a brilliant future

You'll graduate as an Air Force lieutenant, earning over \$5,000 a year. Your Air Force wings will serve as credentials for important positions both in military and commercial aviation. Air Force wings mark you as the very best in the flying profession.

How to qualify for Pilot Training as an Aviation Cadet!

To qualify, you must be at least a high school graduate. However, you will be of more value to the Air Force if you stay in college, graduate, and then volunteer for training. In addition, you must be between the ages of 19 and 26½, and in top physical condition. If you think you are eligible, here's what you do: Take your high school diploma or certificate of graduation together with a copy of your birth certificate down to your nearest Air Force base or recruiting station. Fill out the application they give you. If you pass your physical and other tests, you will be scheduled for an Aviation Cadet Training Class.



WHERE TO GET MORE DETAILS:

Contact your nearest Aviation Cadet Selection Team, Air Force ROTC Unit, or Air Force Recruiting Officer.
Or write to: Aviation Cadet, Headquarters,
U. S. Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

WC Over the Top In Red Cross Drive

Wilkes College has attained its quota of \$175 in the recent Red Cross Drive.

Erroneously, a quota of \$300 was announced, but this quota was established for all private schools.

Mr. Partridge, chairman of the Red Cross Drive, reported that the Lettermen's Club, Economics Club, and Biology Club have surpassed their respective quotas according to latest information as of March 30.

Since quotas have been assigned for the past two years, Wilkes College has surpassed its quota for these years. Mr. Partridge comments, "A job well done."

The Red Cross and the Community Chest are the only drives sponsored by Wilkes College.

Lettermen Will Stoop and Shine

SHOE SHINE DAYS — Friday, April 9 and Monday, April 12.

Attention Girls! Here is a chance to bring a Letterman to his knees! For only 25 cents — This fee enables you to demand the Letterman of your choice to get on his knees and shine your shoes. Dorm students, let the Lettermen help you prepare for the Easter vacation. We will shine suedes, loafers, sneakers, "white bucks", etc.

The purpose of the drive is to raise funds to purchase service pins to be awarded to Lettermen who have rendered outstanding service to the college and community. A point system has been established to eliminate subjective evaluation of an individual's record.

FIFTEEN TOP COLONEL ATHLETES HONORED

Runners-up Also Honored

Even though the top spot—the Beacon Athlete of the Year Award—went to Lenny Batrone, the Beacon sports staff realized that more than just one of innumerable Wilkes athletes deserved special recognition. For that reason 15 top athletes were chosen, one of which turned out to be the top all-around man in the opinion of the writers—Batrone.

However, the scribblers felt that the other 14 "outstaidings" also deserved some token of honor, thus the page devoted to them along with the ruler of the roost.

JIM ATHERTON—A basketball player through and through, Jimmy earned a special spot among Colonel sportsmen for his great enthusiasm and play, as well as geniality as member of the cage squad—"a must", said the scribes.

EDDIE DAVIS—A three sport man, Hans is a natural athlete, the type of which colleges get too few. His gridiron, baseball and basketball play have been outstanding. His injuries in two seasons were unfortunate, but he came back to play a fine season on the court.

GEORGE ELIAS—The human block buster has been a football great at Wilkes since he arrived here and will long be remembered. His never-say-die attitude won the admiration of fans and teammates alike—guts personified.

PAUL GRONKA—Perhaps the biggest surprise of the year athletically, Gronk made the second-string All-Pennsylvania team and honorable mention Little All-American. Wilkes fans are looking forward to big things for the little end next fall.

FLIP JONES—The type of athlete you like to have around. Spirit, man, that's Flip. A great soccer man and a better than average pitcher, Flip has been a bright spot on the Wilkes athletic picture throughout his career here.

LEFTY KEMP—This is a guy who doesn't know the word "quit". His improvement during the past soccer season netted him an honorable mention post on the All-Penn.-N. J.-Del. booting squad this fall.

KOO YOUNSU—The quarterback type of soccer player who knows just what to do at the right time. He earned a second-string spot on the Tri-State soccer team and won a place as a top-notch in sports as a freshman.

JOHN MILLIMAN—A brilliant court and diamondman, John is with Uncle Sam now after having a tremendous baseball season and a start toward what looked like his best year on the court. A couple of coaches are hoping he returns at the end of his hitch. Great guy, too.

JIM MOSS—A real, all-rounder, Jimmy played three sports. He came back to make honorable mention on the Tri-State soccer squad after breaking a finger in baseball season only to earn the moniker "Hard Luck Kid" with a broken arm at the start of basketball season. A real sportsman and competitor.

MEL McNEW—The lad from Baltimore (just ask him) has established himself as a standout in baseball. A top pitcher last year, he played all over the field when not on the mound and led the Colonel swatters in the hitting department.

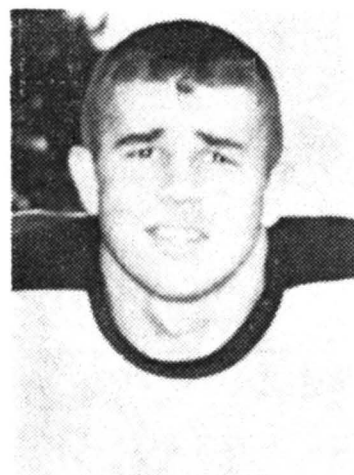
JOE SIKORA—'Blister Fingers' is another of the "improved" lot.
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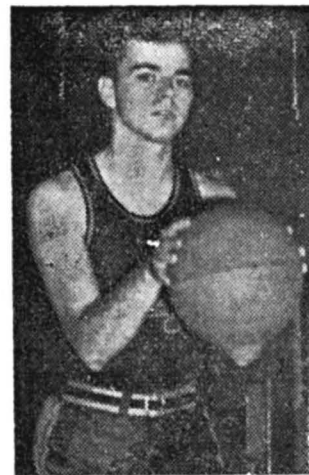
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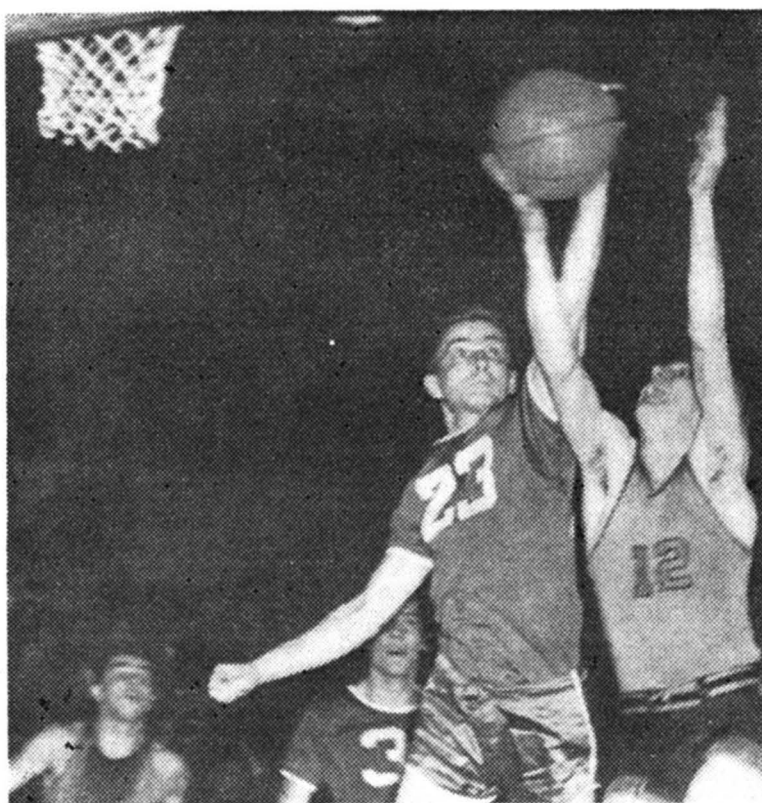
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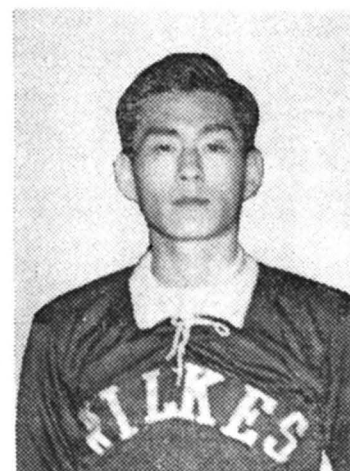
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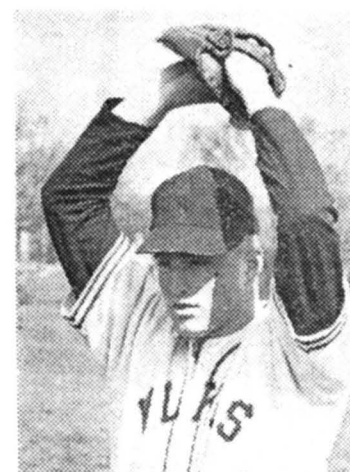
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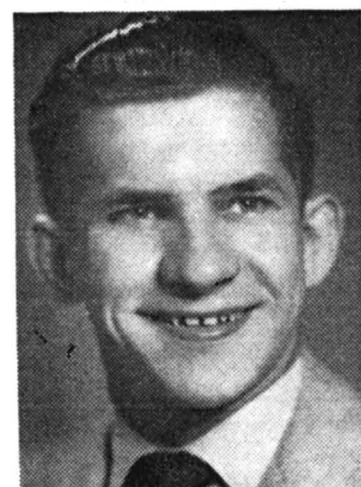
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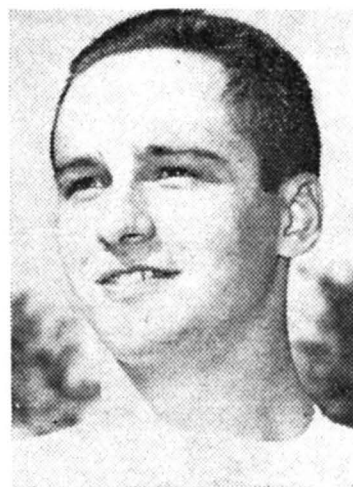
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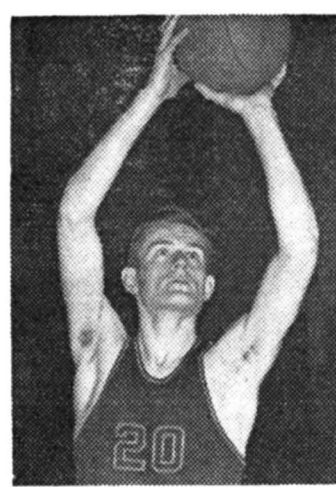
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SWATTERS OPEN MONDAY; EAST STROUDSBURG ADDED

Tangle with Lebanon Valley Nine At Kirby Park in Inaugural

By AL JETER

Barring the possibility of snow or rain, the Wilkes College Colonels will make their 1954 debut against Lebanon Valley Monday afternoon at Kirby Park at 3:30. Despite the winter weather conditions that have plagued Coach Bob Partridge and his crew, the team will be in better than average shape for the first tilt.

Although the pre-season drills have been limited by lack of time and bad weather, most of the key men are in good physical condition. The majority of the veterans played basketball and are fresh from the cage wars.

The diamondmen held several intra-squad games this week with encouraging results. Partridge, after seeing his charges perform under game conditions, estimated that the team would be as strong, if not stronger than last year in at least seven positions.

Pitching Worries

The pitching staff continues to worry the coach. The only hurler ready to go is Mel McNew, the Baltimore fireballer.

McNew, hobbled by an ankle injury at the start of spring drills, has recovered completely and has worked himself into top shape. Although no starting lineup has been announced, he is the logical choice to get the nod on "opening day."

As for the rest of the hurlers, Partridge is pleased, if not overjoyed, by newcomers Al Broody, Harry Keller, Charlie Warkomski, and Don Pacropis.

Broody, a 24-year old right hander from South Wilkes-Barre, has been very effective in his stints on the mound. He has good control and is cool under fire.

Don Pacropis, Plymouth, is having trouble finding the plate, but Partridge and assistant Bill Mock hope to cure him of the wildness disease during the course of the season. Don started his career at Wilkes as a catcher, but was advised to focus his attention on pitching when he displayed a too-hot-to-handle peg to second from behind the plate.

The two other freshman hurlers, Keller and Warkomski, still have room for improvement, but could possibly develop enough during the season to be of help.

Elias Back in Fold

The return of "Crusher" Jerry Elias bolsters the sagging backstop department. Coach Partridge had cause for concern last week when Elias was forced to sideline himself due to knee trouble that dates back to his Meyers High School gridiron days. Elias' departure left only Reese Jones and rookie Neil Turtel to handle the plate duties. The picture behind the batter looks much brighter now with the big fella off the ailing list.

The race for outfield positions may develop into a battle royale. Veterans Jim Moss, Jim Ferris, John Aquilino, and Walt Chapko will likely get a run for their money by two impressive rookies, Sy Evan and Jack Richards.

Although the two new ball hawks are assigned to the infield for the time being, Coach Partridge will in all probability switch them to the pasture before the season gets underway.

Dream Infield

Last year's "dream infield" is intact again with Joe Trosko holding down the hot corner, Lenny Batrone and Eddie Davis, the smooth-as-silk keystone combination, and lanky Joe Sikora at the initial sack.

Of all the veterans in the pre-season sessions, Trosko has drawn praise for his work from Partridge. "Joe got his eye on the ball at an early date and his fielding has been flawless," Partridge stated yesterday.

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New Home Tilt Brings New Total of 17; Dates also Changed

Another game with East Stroudsburg Teachers College has been added to the Colonels' baseball schedule and several other contests have seen their playing dates changed.

According to Athletics Director George Ralston, the East Stroudsburg tilt will be played at Artillery Park on April 28, and raises the number of games on the slate to 17. Wilkes meets the Strouds away on April 7.

When the 1954 schedule was first released the Blue and Gold had only 14 games.

The games with new dates follow. The Lebanon Valley away game, originally set to be played on April 26, has been moved to May 3.

Both games with Bloomsburg Teachers have been re-dated. The home game has been moved back to May 6. It was to have been played on May 13. The away game with the Huskies slated at first for May 22, will now be played on May 21.

Ralston stated that all the other games on the original schedule would be played according to plan, and that to the best of his knowledge no more changes would be made.

The 1954 baseball schedule may have set some kind of journalistic record. It has certainly been "milked" to death in the past several weeks.

Amen, I hope.

Prefer loss before unjust gain; for that brings grief but once; this forever.

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

Macaulay.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE? HERE WE GO AGAIN

For the third time the BEACON runs the 1954 baseball schedule. We have the guarantee of "Smilin'" Bob Partridge and "Honest" George Ralston that this is the McCoy, real that is,—the goods, the works.

In other words, here it is. We hope that the third time around will be the charm.

The schedule: suitable for framing, clipping, or . . . ?

April—	
5—Mon.	Lebanon Valley
7—Wed.	at E. Stroudsburg
10—Sat.	Muhlenburg
13—Tues.	Scranton
24—Sat.	Ithaca
28—Wed.	E. Stroudsburg
30—Fri.	Cortland
May—	
1—Sat.	at Hartwick
3—Mon.	at Lebanon Valley
6—Thur.	Bloomsburg
8—Sat.	at Susquehanna
11—Tues.	at Cortland
13—Thur.	Bloomsburg
15—Sat.	Alumni
17—Mon.	Moravian
19—Wed.	at Rider
21—Fri.	at Bloomsburg
24—Mon.	Susquehanna

Beacon "Strops" Pick "Sure" Pennant Winners for Professionals

By JERRY ELIAS

In the past, many a poet sat down with his pen and described the various effects spring has on the youth of the country. This year according to tradition, spring has a similar effect as in previous years.

As was ably set forth by Charles Catcher in his famous work "Bean Ball", "In spring the parlor was dark with two figures sitting on the loveseat close together, when all of a sudden the one figure jumps up, dashes across the room, turns a switch and sits on the floor with a pile of food to watch a double-header between the Yanks and the Indians. Times have changed radically.

Baseball is here again and there are plenty of fireworks already. For instance, who would ever think that Rick Vashi of the New York Yankees would ever be sold to a National League team! Who'd ever think that Phil Cavaretta would be fired from his managerial position! Who would ever think that Bob Partridge is expecting a winning season this year! (how'd that get in here). There are many surprises in store for the fans in 1954.

Speaking of fans, there is a new organization on the Wilkes campus called the "Strops". It consists of the sports writers of the Beacon. Here are their strained predictions of the pennant winners in the American, National and Eastern Baseball Leagues:

Irv Gelb: Red Sox, Cards Binghamton;

Tom aska: Cleveland, Brooklyn, Albany;

Al Jeter: Red Sox, Milwaukee, Elmira;

Moose Curtis: Yankees, Phillies, Wilkes-Barre;

Jerry Elias: White Sox, Phillies, Wilkes-Barre;

Austin Sherman: Yankees, Cards, Binghamton.

Softball Loop Starts After Easter Vacation

By TOM KASKA

Director of Student Activities Bob Partridge announced this week that plans for the formation of the intramural softball league have been made.

A call has been issued to all those interested in playing.

Partridge disclosed that twelve men will be allowed each team. Managers are asked to submit the name of the teams and the team rosters to Partridge or Art Hoover no later than next Friday, so that a suitable schedule can be made.

Games will begin Wednesday after the Easter vacation.

DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS

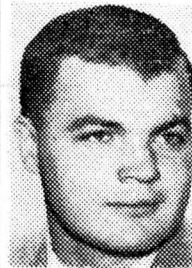
NOT SURPRISING, JUST COMMON SENSE

In picking the Beacon Athlete of the Year, we try to create suspense and interest by keeping our selection an air-tight secret. We did keep that secret this year very well, we feel, yet with a guy named Lenny Batrone winning the award, there was really little surprise about it.

In past years, the Beacon has sprung surprises. Parker Petrillak's win in 1951-52 was one which caught campus prognosticators with their votes down, and, certainly, George McMahon's selection last year was another of the "well, I'll be darned variety." Don't get us wrong, we're not even intimating that the first two athletes of the year weren't good selections, that would be a mighty low thing to do.

The fact is that in those years, any one of a number of Colonel sportsmen were serious contenders. But, this year, we think you'll have to admit, there was little doubt about it.

Of course, you can never really know until you pick up the Beacon on Friday at noon that once a year, Lenny just had to get it. That's how the sports



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scribes felt about it too.

It wasn't a case of a shortage of good athletes, for there have probably been more superior athletes here in the past year than at any time.

It was simply a case of one Mr. Batrone standing out above the rest. Several other Colonels from various sports received serious consideration in the preliminary voting, but when the ballot casting was over each scribbler felt that a real justice had been done.

TOUGH TO BE OBJECTIVE

One of the sports staffers stated, at the meeting during which the top fifteen Wilkes athletes were chosen, that, and we quote, "It's tough to be objective when you're up there doing the voting." We all agreed that it's a lot easier to be just a "reader" and let the other fellow go out on the limb.

After said sermon the voting took place, and the consensus was that we had made the "best" choices in all fifteen selections. And we also felt that we were as objective as a human being can be. There were no bitter disagreements whatsoever.

Lenny is the type of athlete that just has to be good. Starting with his personality and going right down the line to his physical stature, Bart "had it." Though he isn't a tall man in this day and age of basketball giants, he made up for all he lacked in height with hustle.

He faced many a faster opponent in the cage wars, too, though Lenny himself would prove no slouch in the 100-yard dash, but he ran them into the boards. He made them look slow.

One of the finest compliments of the year came from teammate Jimmy Atherton, himself one of the top 15. Jim told us, "He can go into the last period with little more than 10 points, and you can bet your bottom dollar that Bart'll have 20 before the game's over." That's the way it worked most of the time, too. Bart never let up. He made the All-State squad this year, certainly a fine tribute.

A remarkable shooting eye had just a little bit to do with his phenomenal cage career, too. He shot better than 50 per cent from the floor and 75 percent from the foul line. To go on and name all the records he broke, set, etc., would serve no real purpose, since they're well known by now anyway.

Congratulations, Bart.

To the 14 runners-up as well as to all other Wilkes athletes, we also offer sincere "congrats" for a fine year on Wilkes fields of athletics.

BEERS AND HIS POISON PEN

We received a card this week from Naval Air Cadet Paul "Benny" Beers, last year's live wire Beacon editor. It read:

"According to the March 12 issue of the Beacon, Len Batrone has shattered every Wilkes scoring record—as found in a headline and story. This isn't the case, since Phil Sekerchak's mark of 42 points in one game, 1947-48 season, still stands. Sekerchak's record must be the bear, as nobody has come close to it, though I remember that I busted same many times in personal encounters with Eckmeder (Preston of famous Beers-Eckmeder cage rivalry—Ed.)."

"Merely accuracy, big Moose."

P. S.—Sports Page excellent. Congratulations for such an achievement."

Our only fire escape was our use of the word "virtually" in reporting the records that Batrone broke. Sekerchak came before our time and we have no permanent records for that period. We also stated that Bart's 32 was a high for this year—not for all time. Anyway, thanks for straightening us out, Ben, and thanks for the swell bouquet.

If we recall correctly, we have busted same mark on innumerable occasions at von gymnasium in our personal scrapes with "Gig" Elias.

Thanks too, for the note, it's really swell to hear from alums, especially character Beers. The campus is still talking about the fine papers Benny edited last year here.

Annual Athletic Banquet Planned For Tomorrow Night at Cafeteria

The on again, off again, annual Wilkes Athletic Banquet is "on" again for sure. The Athletic Council (George Ralston, Bob Partridge and Bob Moran) stated yesterday that the banquet will be held in the Wilkes cafeteria tomorrow night from 6:30 to 8.

Besides being held to fete all Wilkes athletes, the banquet has several special attractions. A number of awards will be presented, including the Howard W. Davis Memorial Trophy to the Outstanding Athlete of the Year (donated by the Public Relations Department), the Outstanding Lineman, Outstanding Backfieldman football awards, basketball and soccer trophies, as well as the Joseph Gallagher Memorial Award.

All athletes are invited to attend and may bring a member of the fair sex with them.

In addition to an especially prepared dinner, there will be speech-making by all coaches as well as an address by Wilkes President Dr. Eugene S. Farley.

Many athletes are reported looking forward to hearing the talk by Soccer Coach Bob Partridge, who for the first time in five years, will not have to apologize for a losing season.

BEACON'S GRAB-BAG

Two drunks in a mid-town bar were discussing life. "I had the darndest dream last night," said one. "I dreamed that suddenly about one thousand funny little men were dancing on top of my body. They had pink caps and green suits and funny red boots that curled up in front."

"Yes," agreed the other, "and there was a tinkly little bell at the toe of each of the boots."

"How do you know?" asked the first one in surprise.

"There are a couple of them still sitting on your shoulder, said the other."

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SWATTERS OPEN

A situation similar to that faced by Philly manager Steve O'Neill last year — two top-notch first basemen may cause Partridge a few grey hairs this year. Joe Sikora and Harry "Skinny" Ennis are both contenders for the number one bag spot and there is little to choose between them, according to the genial coach.

The mentor announced he would like to have those men not receiving uniforms to stay out for the team to help both themselves and the squad.

Stressing the fact that there was very little time to look them over—weather cutting down on outdoor drills—Partridge said, "There are quite a few boys who, with a little experience this season, would be varsity material next year. I hope that many of them will continue to come out and practice with the team."

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"Well, how do I look?" she said finally.

"I hate to say it, dear," replied her husband, "but you're getting fat."

She gave him a look of annoyance.

"In the best places they say 'plump,'" she corrected.

"Well, then," retorted her spouse, "you're getting plump in the best places."

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SENIOR CAGER

other records.

The Beacon sports staff for 1954 had no other but the happy choice of choosing Leonard Batrone as its Athlete of the Year. Batrone's name will be engraved on the "Athlete of the Year" trophy to be kept on display over the years.

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RUNNERS-UP ALSO HONORED

A fine center as a cager and a double-duty pitcher-first baseman in

baseball, Joe has been "Johnny on the spot" in Wilkes athletics. A willing performer.

JOE TROSKO—"Curly" has been brutal as a gridder (take his teeth and nose as good examples) and a "Babe Ruth" type of baseballer. Coach George Ralston says he's the best guard we've had here and Bob Partridge sings his praises as a big man with the bat. A character (and we mean character) to boot.

AL WALLACE—A scrappy line-

man on the gridiron until injuries forced his retirement from active football competition, Al couldn't retire to the stands. He pulled up his chin and did a great job as a football manager. "Courage of the Year" award from this department.

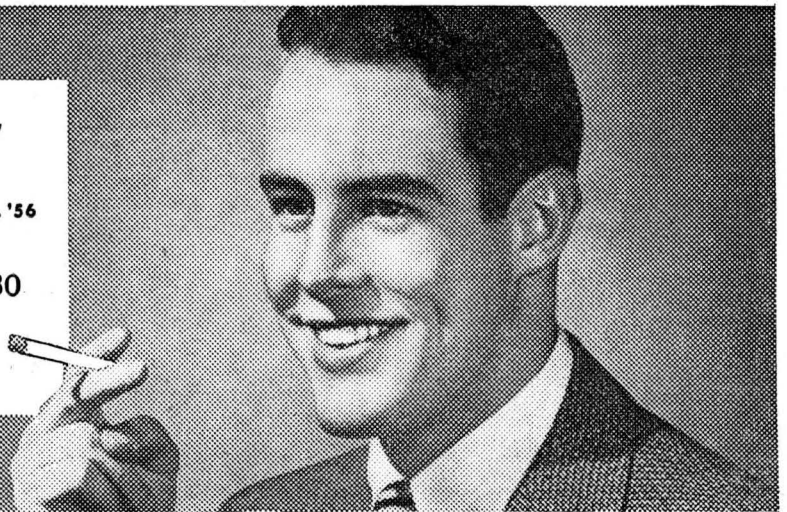
WARREN YEISLEY—A fellow who will be sorely missed by Mat Coach John Reese. After a mediocre season as an inexperienced freshman, Warren came back to a great year as a terminal senior. The mat team thought pretty highly of him, too, named him co-captain.

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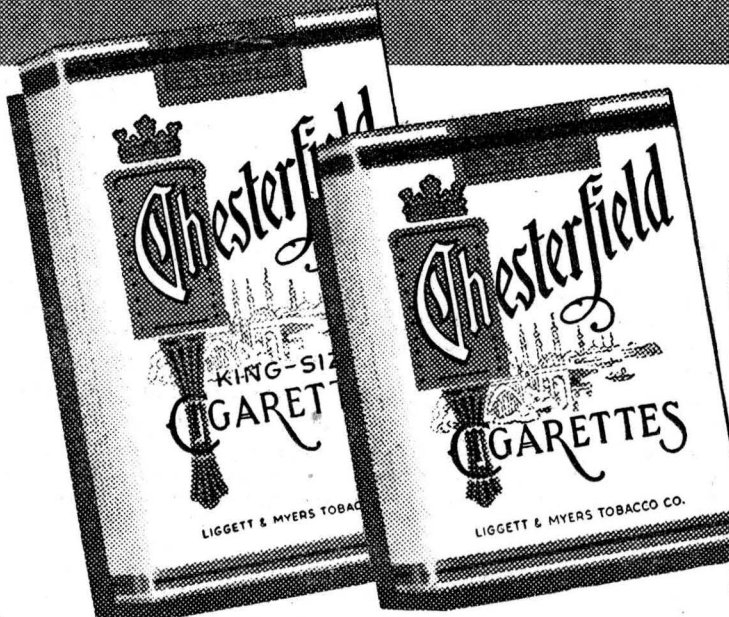
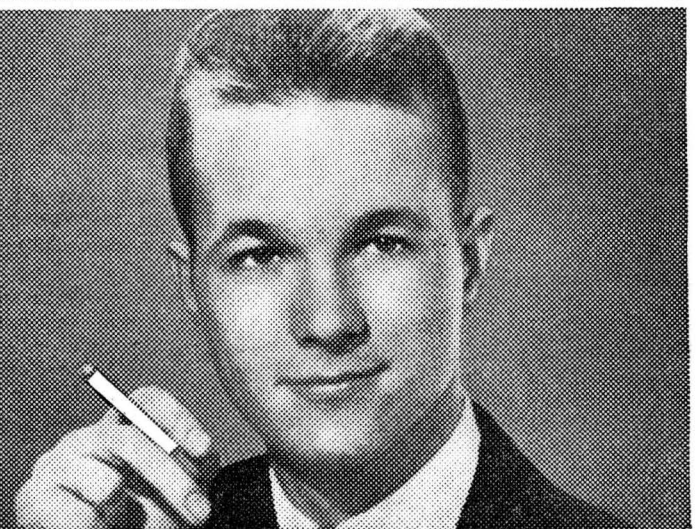
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