

Genius is the gold in the mind; talent is the miner who works and brings it out.
Lady Blessington.

Wilkes College BEACON

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.
Johnson.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1954

"Nervous Wreck" Tonight at 8:30

Wilkes Debaters Meet Merchant Marines in Lecture Hall Saturday

The Wilkes College debating team will be host to the debaters of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy on Saturday evening, April 10th, at 7 P. M. in the college Lecture Hall.

The debate will be on the question "Resolved: That the United States should adopt a policy of Free Trade", a subject concerning which the President recently sent a message to Congress. The debate will explain and amplify the problem for the general public.

The Saturday evening event will be the first opportunity of the season for local audiences to witness the highly successful Wilkes team of J. Harold Flannery, Jr., and James Neveras in action.

The Merchant Marine team, from King's Point, N. Y., was the winner of the debates held at Wilkes-Barre's King's College this past January. The King's Pointers have also participated in the Johns Hopkins and the NYU "Hall of Fame" debates, tying with Wilkes for second place in the latter.

The debate here at the College

Saturday will be something in the way of a preparation for the Wilkes team, which is getting ready for its entry into the national debates at West Point later this month. The team, under the direction of its coach, Dr. Arthur N. Kruger, qualified for the national contest by tying with Howard University of Washington, D. C., for second place in the District 7 eliminations in the nation's capital two weeks ago.

The King's Point team, coached by Lt. Commander Victor Lugowski, is presently on tour, completed recently another tour of the East and the South.

Judges for this week-end's debate will be Mr. Ellis Roberts, president of the Wilkes-Barre Business College, Mr. David Jones, debating coach of Kingston High School, and the Rev. Jule Ayers, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

"Vacation With Pay" - Fashion Show Theme

What can I do this summer? Where can I go? What can I wear? Sound familiar? You are not alone with your problem. "Vacation With Pay", the theme of the Theta Delta Rho Fashion Show, will show how two girls plan to solve their summer vacation problems—what they will do—where they will go—and what they will wear. The annual show has always been a success, but this year the girls are planning to make it bigger and better than ever.

Co-chairmen Nancy Batcheler and Helen Krachenfels, in making the final arrangements for the big production, have selected the following coeds to model the fashions from Lazarus Department Store:

Frieda Billstein, Natalie Rudusky, Pat McNelis, Pat Fitzgerald, Leah Jean Neuberger, Connie Kamarunas, Justine Battista, Helen Koelsch, Ruth Wilbur, and Shirley Wasenda.

The show will feature musical entertainment, and to end it on a good note, the sorority sisters will serve refreshments.

Sixty cents and a trip to the gym will reward you with sparkling entertainment, yummy refreshments, and visions of dreamy clothes. Have your chauffeur stop at the door.

S. A. M. Seeks Charter Members

The Economics Club of Wilkes College is organizing a student chapter of Scientific Advancement for Management. All interested students should contact Carl Smith, treasurer of the Economics Club.

A minimum of twenty-five applicants is necessary for a S.A.M. student chapter and the student's application fee is one dollar.

Mr. Young, instructor in the Economics Department, has been appointed faculty advisor for the student chapter. Mr. Young will provide assistance in organizing planning activities and securing speakers for the local chapter.

The purpose of a Scientific Advancement for Management student chapter is that copies of studies, reports, addresses, and similar material concerning management are distributed to S.A.M. members.

Seniors who decide to affiliate with the senior chapter within one year of graduation may do so without being required to pay an entrance fee. A professional publication, Advance Management, can be obtained at a substantial reduction in price with membership in the student chapter.

The first twenty-five applicants will have their names engraved on the student charter. S.A.M. is a vital organization for those students who are concerned with management.

The deadline for applicants is April 9.

LETTERMEN

TO SHINE SHOES

TODAY - MONDAY

C'n'C Ready to Present 3-Act Comedy; Large Attendance Expected

By FREDERICK KROHLE

Tonight's the night! Tonight's the night that you can come to see Cue 'n' Curtain's presentation of "The Nervous Wreck". For the past few weeks, the members of Chase Theater have been working hard to have the play in a state of readiness for opening night, and tonight's the night!

"The Nervous Wreck" is a farce comedy by Owen Davis, and presented by special arrangement with Samuel French and Company, New York. About the Old West, the play concerns an Easterner (who thinks he has more ailments than Heinz's varieties) who goes West for his health. Then he becomes involved with the heroine who is running away from her fiancé, the county sheriff.

Besides this interesting arrangement of hero, heroine, and villain, "The Nervous Wreck" also contains the following ingredients: a fist fight, a hold-up, a chase, and plenty of hilarious enjoyment.

Howard Ennis plays the leading role of Henry Williams, and the heroine, Sally Morgan, is Carol Ann Gardner. James Miller plays the sheriff, Bob Wells. The others in the cast are Mrs. Underwood, Basia Mieszkowski; Andy, James Jones; Mort, James Coleman; Chester, Jerry Luft; Harriet, Helen Brown; Tim, William Crowder; Dan, Joseph Trosko; Jud Morgan, Peter Margo; and the possemen,

Jim Moss, Al Wallis, Bob Hontz, and Don McFadden. The performance is under the direction of Mr. Alfrde S. Groh, with Sheldon Schneider as assistant to the director.

Lighting and sound effects are by Joe Saraceni (grades permitting), and staging by Paul Shiffer. Other committees are: furniture, Bob Morgan; properties, John Williams; tickets, Nancy Brown; costumes, Helen Hawkins; make-up, Carol Ann Gardner; programs, Basia Mieszkowski; and publicity, Margaret Luty and Frederick Krohle.

For those of you who want an evening's entertainment and a laugh every minute, don't miss Cue 'n' Curtain's production, "The Nervous Wreck". So, all of you westerners, climb aboard any handy vehicle and come for the eight-thirty curtain, either tonight or tomorrow night, at Wilkes gym. And don't forget, your student activity pass can be used for two (2) admissions. (The foregoing announcement was made by request.)

Placement Office Busy Finding Employment for Graduates of '54

The Wilkes College Placement Office has been hard at work finding jobs for seniors of the Class of 1954, has had visits from some 26 industrial firms and school systems which are seeking prospective employees, and has scheduled interviews for seniors' employment stretching well into June, the Office announced on Wednesday last.

Among those seniors who have already been accepted by the various firms are Ed Grogan, Dick Hawk, and Stanley Sandrowski.

Grogan has taken a post in the Bell Telephone's 18-month student engineer training program, will probably be working in Philadelphia, is editor of the 1954 "Amnicola", one of the College's Public Relation's men, and writes for the sports section of the "Sunday Independent".

Dick Hawk, who has accepted a

position with the IBM electrical sales force, was one of the College's better soccer players, participated outstandingly in other intercollegiate sports, is president of the Senior Class this year.

Stanley Sandrowski will join several other Wilkes graduates with the Corning Glass people, and will have his post in their accounting department. Among other former Wilkesmen with that firm are Bob Eltus and Albert Swislowksi, of the Class of '50, and Eugene Mason, Class of '52.

W-B Problem Is One of Re-building, Mr. Morris Tells Assembly Audience

The question facing Wilkes-Barre today is not one of building proper, but of re-building, Mr. Herbert Morris, former registrar of Wilkes, and Executive Vice President of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce told students in Tuesday's assembly.

One of the difficulties in doing this job of rebuilding is that not only Wilkes-Barre, but every progressive community in the nation is at present faced with much the same problem and is, of course making every effort to relieve the situation. As a result, Mr. Morris noted, one of over 32 different firms which the Chamber of Commerce is attempting to have locate in the Valley is also being sought by some 67 other communities. This is an example of the high competition we face.

Indeed, even in highly industrialized Detroit, where local representatives went to interest manufacturers in coming here, there is much the same problem.

Our problem here in the Valley, said Mr. Morris, can be roughly compared to that of the South when its one-crop economy, the production of cotton began to be submerged by chemical and fiber developments in the textile field. So then have we had much the same problem with the loss of our own basic income product, anthracite coal, as similar developments arise in the fuel field.

To solve our problem, said the ex-registrar, we must have human resources, don't, in the final analy-

sis, want government aid.

Top civic leaders, he went on, must be united, have been for the first time in the Committee of One Hundred (which actually has some 270 members) who have been only too anxious to serve. However, he added, many other towns have like committees.

He noted too, that there are three economic factors necessary to the improvement of the valley industry—land, labor, and capital.

As to land, said Morris, the Committee has taken some 200 acres of land in Crestwood Industrial Park, near Mountain Top, in an area in which every need of the industrialist as to transportation, (completed on page 4)

Private Enterprise Still Exists; Short-Time Sharpers Profit

(Courtesy Wilkes-Barre Record)

Private enterprise came to an abrupt end for two young men early this week when their scheme of charging for a free parking lot of a South Main Street tavern owner was nipped by the proprietor.

How long the two men had been charging motorists to park in the lot was not known.

The parking lot is in the rear of Wilkes College gymnasium and runs from Barnum Place to the rear of Ray Hottle tavern, located on South Main Street. The lot holds about 35 to 40 automobiles for patrons of the tavern.

Last night the scheme was uncovered. A patron protested to Hottle over having to pay 50 cents to park his automobile in the lot while he ate in the tavern. Why was the tavern owner charging 50 cents when the parking lot next door only charged 25 cents?

Hottle was slightly bewildered. He thought the complaint was another patron pulling a joke on him again. He had heard other patrons talking about being charged to park in the lot, but thought the reports were a joke.

Last night was the pay-off. Going out to the lot with the customer, the tavern owner learned to his dismay that what he had been hearing was the truth.

Two young men, about 18 and armed with a flashlight, were chasing motorists into the Hottle free parking lot and charging the motorists 50 cents each. There was a basketball game at Wilkes gymnasium and parking space was at a premium.

When the tavern owner let out a roar at the proceedings, the two enterprising young men took to their heels and when last seen were traveling toward South River Street as fast as their legs could carry them.

There have been four basketball games at Wilkes College gymnasium in recent weeks. At 50 cents an automobile and the lot capable of holding at least 35 automobiles, well, it was a going business while it lasted!

WCIRC Goes to Alfred

Lois Long and Bob Darrow are representing the Wilkes College International Relations Club at the mock conference of the UN being held at Alfred University in New York today and tomorrow, Michael Lewis, head of the IRC announced on Wednesday last.

The delegates of the various attending school clubs will represent a particular member of the world family of nations, with the Wilkes delegation representing the South American country of Bolivia.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS:

April 14 to 19: 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Easter Saturday and Suady: Closed.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sunday, Apr. 11: Town and Gown Series, Gymnasium.

Tuesday, Apr. 13: Baseball, Scranton, Home; Orchestra Practice, Lobby, Gym.

Wednesday, Apr. 14: Easter Vacation, to April 20.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

GENE SCRUDATO

Mr. Hoover's Letter

After reading Mr. Hoover's letter (of last week's Beacon) a number of times, we have come to the conclusion that only a few paragraphs concerned our editorial. These paragraphs are reprinted here, along with our reply.

Mr. Hoover:

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

Reply:

The only fallacy seems to be in Mr. Hoover's reasoning. Nowhere did we state or imply that the Administrative Council and Student Council go hand in hand.

Mr. Hoover: As far as the Hanny 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.

Reply: In regard to this paragraph, we are not concerned with what students said AFTER the voting. The editorial was with what the amendment supporters did BEFORE the voting.

Mr. Hoover supports our point here. If he had spoken to those students before the election, the amendment would have passed.

This was one of the main points of our editorial.

Mr. Hoover: The political action displayed by the opponents of the assembly vote 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 dearly? 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.

Reply: In answer to these paragraphs, we can only say that if we support an issue, we will go out and fight for it. We will not leave our battles to be fought by any other group. Therefore, our argument still stands. The amendment supporters should have fought for their amendment.

Mr. Hoover: 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 Hanny Amendment, the same amendment whose defeat seemed to please you 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.

Reply: In this paragraph, Mr. Hoover says that the defeat of the amendment pleased us very much. "I deduced that," he says, "from your editorial."

Mr. Hoover has deduced and inferred all sorts of things from our editorial. This paragraph and his first are highly unwarranted assumptions.

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We would like to end this editorial with a simple statement of policy.

When the Beacon takes a stand on an issue, the readers won't have to use deductive reasoning to know what it is. Whether it be congratulations or criticism, the opinion of the Beacon will be clear.

Letters To The Editor . .

Dear Editor,
In the future, please keep letters to the editor short. Someone might have something to say.

Thanks,
Dave Hoats,
168 lbs. of self-interest.

P. S. — Not referring to any specific letter in the past three weeks.
P. P. S. — That picture of the T-6 in the Air Force ad is out-dated.

Partridge Writes Against "Freckles"

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter written to the Editor of the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader by our own Bob Partridge. It is well worth reading and is printed here for those of you who may have missed it.)

Editor, Times-Leader News:

In a course in Contemporary American Literature, which I had the privilege of taking while attending the University of Pennsylvania, the instructor, one of the foremost in his field and now head of the Department of English at Johns Hopkins University, described the place of the comic strip in American Literature and told us how they depicted the trends as well as the foibles of our society in America.

"Bringing up Father" by George McManus, for instance, illustrates antics of the "nouveaux riches"; "Lil Abner," by Al Capp, certainly directs its theme at the weaknesses engendered in our society, and "Joe Palooka" fosters the spirit of sportsmanship to all who are followers of Ham Fisher.

It is with grave concern therefore that I look upon the comic strip: "Freckles and His Friends." Apparently the author attempts to set the pace for our modern teenage society, and in the attempt, falls far short, and in many respects, misleads those who could be affected most favorably by his strip.

"Freckles and his Friends" (Lard Smith et al) leave a lot to be desired as athletes, and in many instances act more like girls than they do boys. The most recent episode which shows the girls wearing boys' vests and boys wearing girls' bandanas over their heads, detracts from the masculinity of this particular group of boys and leads one to believe that the old adage: "boys will be boys" should, according to the author, read "boys will be girls." It is this type of innuendo that disturbs me.

The strip could be used to great advantage if it were to lead our teenagers in the right direction, but the silliness and femininity portrayed by the boys are not standards by which I should like my son to abide. To make matters worse, from the point of view of Wyoming Valley residents, the names of the towns in which the characters depicted in "Freckles and his Friends" live, are similar to the names in our region. For example: Shadyside, Kingston, Larksville, etc.

The comic strip being the powerful social organ that it is, I hope sincerely that the author of "Freckles and his Friends" will make it his duty to lead the youth in the right direction and away from the tangent that he has taken.

R. W. Partridge,
Kingston

MEET THE FACULTY

By JEAN KRAVITZ

The subject for this week's Meet The Faculty series is Mr. Robert Riley, head of the Wilkes Psychology Department. Mr. Riley is a native of Wilkes-Barre and one of our own Wilkes alumni.

Following his graduation from Meyers High School, Mr. Riley became a member of the Armed Services. He participated in several branches of the Armed Forces, first as an Air Cadet. His group was then sent to the Infantry, and he was later transferred to the service force of the Medical Corps. He was a first sergeant in the Medical Clearing Company stationed in the Philippines.

After being discharged from the service, Mr. Riley attended Wilkes College and graduated in 1948, with a B.A. Degree in Psychology. He then attended Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he studied Clinical Psychology for one year. He has made further studies at Pennsylvania State University and plans to return there this summer. While at the University he worked in a clinic for students who have difficulty in studying or who have emotional problems, as a part of his graduate work for one year. After completing his further studies at Pennsylvania State University, Mr. Riley will do a Study on the Rorschach Ink Blot Test to obtain his Ph.D. Degree from that school.

In 1950, Mr. Riley did his internship at the Child Psychiatric and Guidance Center in Scranton.

Mr. Riley's main interest lies in the field of Clinical Psychology, which he describes as a distinct field. This is the applied branch of

Psychology, which is concerned with adjustment problems and difficulties, and questions of intelligence. There is a great interest in this area, he explained, and Clinical Psychology is a rapidly growing field. He, as well as the other members of this field, is presently concerned with obtaining a licensing procedure to protect the public from psychoquacks, who are untrained people who claim to be psychologists and can be very harmful. Mr. Riley pointed out that in the state of Pennsylvania, anyone can set himself up as a practicing psychologist, since there are at present no restrictions in this area.

Mr. Riley also revealed plans to enlarge the Psychology Department at Wilkes, depending on the enrollment. Two courses, Adolescent Psychology, and Personality Theory and Development, are expected to be added to the curriculum. Also, the Psychology Department is in the process of effecting closer relationships with other departments at Wilkes, particularly the Biology Department and the other sciences. At the present time, students majoring in Psychology are required to take a one year course in a laboratory science. Mr. Riley feels this is very important, since the Science Department, and as he said, "We has much to offer the Psychology like to feel that we have something to offer them."

HOMER'S HODGEPODGE

There have been many noteworthy articles concerning our immense spirit at Wilkes. And many unsuccessful attempts are memories, but this pervasive spirit shall enter our campus life by these futile efforts.

Some students have been labeled as radicals because of their attempts and others as outcasts. These feeble efforts by the so-called radicals and outcasts are the embryo of a needed college spirit.

The administration does not foster spirit, but extends a helping hand to kindle the light. A lack of spirit has reduced our untiring cheering squad to a pantomime organization. Many unfavorable comments were heard throughout the past basketball season about the students who only sat and looked intelligent.

An organization, the Lettermen's Club, has planned a novel idea for Friday—Shoe Shine Day. This fund raising idea is an example of a creative group that has faith in their leadership, and the members of the Lettermen's Club are the best promoters for reawakening our dormant spirit.

A prevalent excuse is that Wilkes is a community college and students are still in high school. How absurd, can any college grow without spirit?

Spring descends and the social calendar awakens. But an all-college affair similar to the Winter Carnival is missing.

Many clubs are planning their affairs unaware that the excise tax has been removed. Spring is a lean season for the pocketbook without

our holiday gifts, and a reduction in price will alleviate this burden.

A free dance sponsored by a campus club is an oddity in this age of club budgets. Many statisticians have wagered that a donation dance, drop your money in the hat, will increase prestige of any organization.

Mr. Partridge, baseball mentor, sat forlorn in the cafeteria after the recent baseball loss, but one win from a defrozen squad will bring the elaborate forecasters together at their old coffee spot. The old saying still exists, "one day on top, the next day on the bottom." Brighter days are approaching.

The library was beautified with a bouquet of flowers last week and sincere appreciation is extended to the male librarian.

The activities of various groups are presented this week after a lull in activities. The influence of "The Nervous Wreck" has attacked our inner organs and many students are affirm addicts of this play after the pre-vacation test period. The spirit of the lead star is effervescing; notice Skinny Ennis hop across campus. This comedy should be a smash hit after the past indoctrination of heavy drama.

The debate squad matches skill with an adversary that has defeated a local college. This match is a warm-up for the West Point tournament and also gives the student body an opportunity to hear our amazing debate squad. This affair is scheduled for Saturday in the lecture hall and is an attraction for all connoisseurs of debate.

On Sunday at 4, the Town and Gown Series presents the Wilkes Choral Club.

This week-end is overflowing with cultural activities. Don't miss the play, debate or the chorus.

The Manuscript

We, of the Beacon, would like to support the Manuscript in its plea for material for its Spring issue.

Many on campus have the mistaken idea that only students majoring in English can write for the Manuscript.

This is foolish.

Many of the themes, short stories, dialogues, essays, etc., which are created by the students for the several English courses here at Wilkes, make excellent copy for the Manuscript.

So if you think you have something worthwhile, drop it in the Manuscript box in the Library.

The Manuscript is a fine literary magazine. You'll be proud to have an article in it.

Shine? Shine?

Who Wants a Shine?

See Any Letterman -

For Only Two Bits!

WC Nine Here With Muhlenberg Tomorrow

Mules Expected To Be Stubborn Foe in 3rd Tilt

By AL JETER

The Wilkes diamondmen will attempt to break into the win column tomorrow afternoon when they play host to Muhlenberg College in Kirby Park. Coach Bob Partridge, the latest candidate for the laughing academy down the river, will pull out all stops in an effort to snap the Colonels out of their losing streak.

After Muhlenburg, the next tilt on the slate is with Scranton on Tuesday, the thirteenth. No games have been scheduled over the Easter holidays. The Blue and Gold will resume activities on the twenty-fourth in a home game with Ithaca.

The first two games were of an experimental nature, and saw Partridge shifting his lineup in an attempt to find a winning combination. If he hits on it, the visitors from Scranton may have a few surprises in store for them.

Wilkes will be at a disadvantage with Mel McNew on the ailing list. The little righthander from Baltimore has been suffering from a sore arm since before opening day and will probably not see action as a pitcher for several weeks.

However, Henry Keller and Charlie Warkowski, both freshmen, have shown promise on the mound and one of them will likely get the starting nod from Partridge tomorrow. Joe Trosko, hard hitting third sacker, tried his hand at the backstop duties in the Stroudsburg game and showed up so well that he may work behind the plate against Scranton.

Sy Evan, another newcomer to the Colonels squad, will probably be Partridge's choice at third base if Trosko handles the catching department. Evan covered the right field range in the two initial tilts.

Batting power has been lacking to date in the Blue and Gold squad. Partridge ordered heavy batting practice sessions on off days this week in an effort to sharpen the teeth of his tigers. In two games the team has produced less than ten hits, an unusual occurrence for the usually power-laden Wilkes squad.

Coach Partridge stated last night that the power and the material is there, but the team is not in shape yet. "Once we get the combination and start clicking," he said, "there are some teams who had better watch their step. Despite our poor start, this year's team has great potential. Of course, much of our trouble right now is due to the little time that we had to get ready for the season."

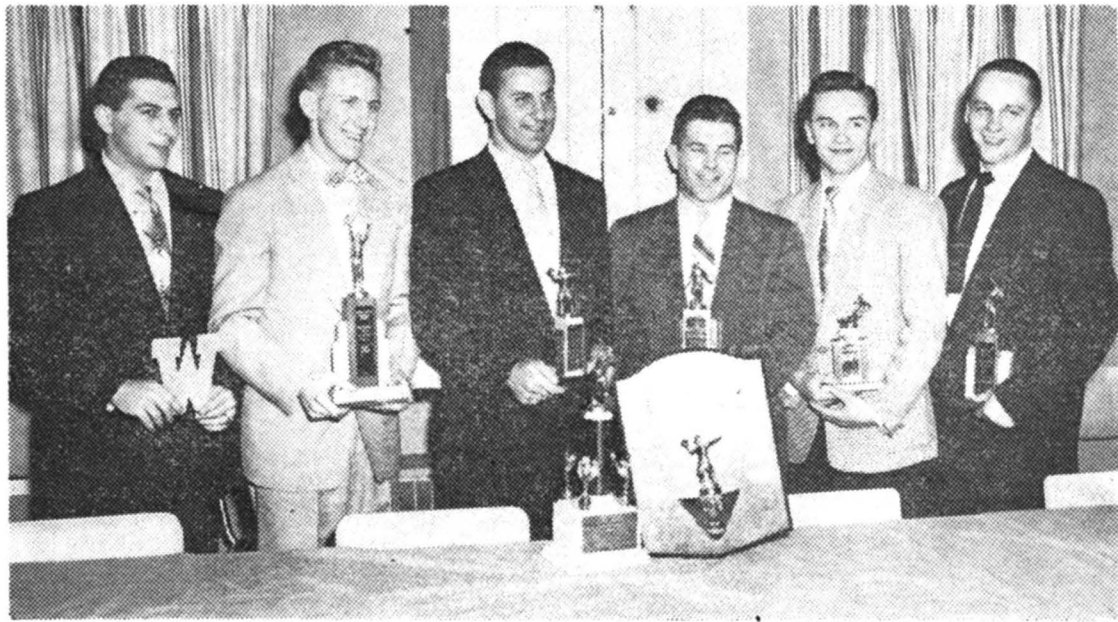
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Eitzwiler,1b	21210
Benn'tch,lf	31000
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BB-Sorrentino 11, McNew 1 (2 ing.), F. Jones (2 ing.), Broody 4 (1 ing.). SO-Sorrentino 8, McNew 2, Jones 2, Broody 2, Warkowski 5, HBP-Gargone (by McNew), W-Sorrentino, L-McNew, T-3:05. Attendance-300.

Wilkes BEACON College
SPORTS SECTION
Friday, April 9, 1954

BATRONEY AWARDED DAVIS TROPHY



— BEACON Photo by George Chukins

Award Winners at Wilkes Athletic Banquet

COLONELS' BEST—Award winners at the annual Wilkes athletic banquet Saturday night at the cafeteria, left to right, were: Lee Dannick, special letter presentation; Leonard Batrone, winner of the Howard W. Davis Memorial Trophy as Outstanding Athlete of the Year as well as Wilkes Beacon Athlete of the Year; George Elias, Outstanding Back of the Year; Hillard "Lefty" Kemp, Outstanding

Soccer Player; Paul Gronka, Outstanding Lineman Award; and Joseph Trosko, winner of the Joseph Gallagher Memorial Trophy. Trosko is holding the trophy presented in absentia to Joseph Kropiewnicki, as the Outstanding Baseball Player. Kropiewnicki, who graduated last June, is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., with the army.

Swatters Blasted Twice; Fall Before Lebanon Valley, E. Stroudsburg

The Blue and Gold baseball hopes were rudely jolted this week as the Colonels dropped their first two games.

The season's opener ended with Lebanon Valley going home with a 15 to 1 win under its belt. The second tilt on Wednesday resulted in a 14 to 13 loss to East Stroudsburg on the teachers' home grounds.

Opening day saw the Colonels outgunned by a sharp Lebanon Valley team with one game already under its belt. Coach Partridge used four different pitchers in an effort to stem the tide. Mel McNew started for Wilkes, but had to be relieved in the third inning due to a sore arm.

Flip Jones and Al Broody followed McNew, but fared little better. Charlie Warkowski relieved in the sixth inning and finally put out the fire. Warkowski, a freshman from Larksville, was the most effective hurler of the day, striking out five men in the two innings that he toiled.

Wednesday's game with East Stroudsburg saw little improvement. Partridge started Henry Keller, another newcomer to the Colonels roster. He was relieved in the fifth by Warkowski who was chased in the same inning in favor of Flip Jones who finished the ball game.

All three of the Wilkes runs came in the second inning on hits from Lenny Batrone, Jim Ferris, and Joe Sikora. The game saw the debut of Joe Trosko in the role of catcher. The stellar third sacker did a creditable job in the unfamiliar slot and could be the man to end Coach Partridge's backstop worries.

The Colonels lacked hitting punch, collecting only nine hits in two games. The reason for this lack of power can probably be traced to the short time available for pre-season practice.

Wilkes vs. Muhlenberg Saturday Afternoon at Kirby Park

DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS

TIME — THE HEALER

"We're in the gelling stage right now, but once we finally get thoroughly gelled, we're going to have a crack baseball team," said Diamond Coach Bob Partridge with a look of anguish yesterday after his team had been thumped for the second straight time.

Partridge was trying to find some good reasons for his team's dismal showings in the first two games of the 1954 baseball season and he was almost convincing except for one little thing—he admitted, "I frankly don't know what's wrong with the boys."

"I'm sure that they'll snap out of it soon—by Saturday, I hope," he added wistfully.

We are still inclined to go along with the crowd that believes the Colonels haven't had enough real practice time as yet. And the only fellow you can blame is Old Man Weather. Wilkes teams have been notoriously slow starters in the past, and not only in baseball.

We feel the boys will get rolling right pronto, and we, too, would prefer to hope that Saturday is for them. If the pitching comes through, and that is the big question, the rest of the fellows ought to do all right. It's virtually the same team that notched a winning season last year and there's no reason why they can't make a strong comeback this spring.

IS THERE NO END TO HIS TALENT?

Latest item from Kirby Park greensward is a story that Curly Joe Trosky is now doing time behind the plate—no, not eating—as a catcher. If size has anything to do with being a successful backstop, Joe should fill the bill quite well. The story, as it turns out, is true, too, since a report in the Record yesterday morning, the last before the strike, had him performing receiving chores in the East Stroudsburg game.

Gad, what a versatile fellow, this Trosko. He's doing time in a public relations course with Sunday Independent Sports Editor Tom Moran, too. Write his own stuff, maybe?

Embarassing moments seem to have a habit of landing right square on top of us. First Eddie Davis says he's through with football and we write a story to that effect. Davis, naturally, reported for grid drills the next day, much to the chagrin of this hack writer and Times-Leader Sports Editor Bruce Blackman, who used the "exclusive". To make things worse, Eddie had to get knocked out for the season in the first game anyway. At least, we'll say, he tried to keep us from looking like complete liars.

But last week, the clincher came. From here on in, we will be able to take just about anything. We said in last week's column, "We like to keep the Beacon Athlete of the Year a secret as long as possible." Brother, what a job we did. In fact rumors have it that some campus wanderers still don't know who got the nod.

For their information — "Batrone Top Athlete" — headline on page one last week.

SCOOPED ON OUR OWN STORY

The Beacon, it seems, never did get to the Wilkes campus until about 6:30 Friday afternoon. The real jolt, though, as if having your biggest issue of the year fall flat on its frantastic wasn't enough, came when the Times-Leader, our partner in crime, hit the street at 1:30 the same afternoon with the whole story.

Again, we are to blame. Acting in our role as Wilkes sports publicists, we tipped off Bruce Blackman of another "exclusive" which he consented to run. Only after careful checks were run, we might add.

We threw together a story stating, in effect, that the Beacon had "this afternoon named Leonard Batrone its hird 'Athlete of the Year.' Even a reduced picture (half the size of the one that appeared in the Beacon, but an exact replica) was submitted to the TLEN.

Right on schedule the evening paper hit the streets, but, woe wuz us, the Beacon didn't. Scooped on our own story. Ay-ay-ay-ay.

Athletic Banquet Produces Seven Award Winners

Leonard Batrone, Wilkes senior athlete, was honored for the second straight day as the athlete of the year at the annual banquet in the college cafeteria Saturday.

Batroney received the Howard W. Davis Memorial Trophy, given in memory of the late Sunday Independent Sports Editor by the Wilkes Public Relations office, signifying the outstanding athlete and student.

The Wilkes-Barre Township product was recipient of the Beacon Award to the top athlete of the year 1953-54 on Friday. The award is made by the sports staff of the Wilkes weekly student publication.

Others honored at last night's banquet were Paul Gronka, Outstanding Lineman of the football team.

Commenting on the selection of Batrone, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes, yesterday said, "I certainly am delighted and happy for Len on his double honor. He has been an excellent student as well as a top-notch athlete and is certainly deserving of the wards."

Joe Gallagher Trophy

Another important award, the Joseph Gallagher Sportsmanship Trophy, went to Joe Trosko of Plains at last night's banquet. Trosko, a captain of the football team last fall, was selected by his grid teammates as the recipient of the memorial given in memory of a late member of the football squad.

Baseball and soccer trophies were also given last night. 1953 Baseball Captain Joe Kropiewnicki a Plains native now in the Army, was selected as the top man of the diamond.

Hillard "Lefty" Kemp received the Reggie Burr Soccer Trophy for outstanding play last fall in the soccer team's first winning season.

A special award to "one of the hardest working of any men in Wilkes athletics," according to Director of Athletics Ralston, was given to Lee Dannick, the statistician of the basketball team. Ralston praised Dannick for his fine contribution to the past cage campaign and presented him with a letter, to the approval of the entire court squad.

Football and basketball awards were presented by the coach of both sports, George Ralston. Soccer and baseball awards were made by the mentor of both, Robert Partridge, and wrestling presentations were made by Coach John Reese.

Each coach spoke briefly prior to announcing the award winners, giving a review of his season in the past year. Letters were also presented.

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BB-Keller 6, Warkowski 1, Jones 1, Foley 2, Kaseman 2, SO-Keller 1, Jones 2, Foley 5, Kaseman 1. U-Schlegel and Cortez.

NO UPPERCLASSMEN

There wasn't a senior varsity member on the 1952-53 Wilkes basketball team.

BEACON'S GRAB-BAG

Wife: I didn't like that secretary of yours, so I discharged her this morning.
Husband: Before giving her a chance?
Wife: Before giving you a chance.

Walking down an old country road, a farmer suddenly came upon an elephant sitting in the middle of the road. Scarcely believing his eyes, he pinched himself and continued walking along the road, mumbling something about laying off the liquor. Having walked some hundred yards or so, he stopped in amazement, for there in the middle of the road was another elephant, sitting with his back to the first elephant. This was too much.

"I beg your pardon," he said to this second elephant, "but what are you and your friend up the road doing just sitting out here?"
The elephant smiled. "We're playing bookends."

ing in an opium den. One said casually, "I've just made up my mind to purchase all the gold and silver mines in the world."
The other gent took a puff and blew it out slowly and then said thoughtfully, "I don't know that I care to sell."

"Say, waiter, this steak isn't very tender."
"If it's affection you want, sir, you'll have to speak to the cashier."

The stately gentleman reeled toward the bar and perched on one of the stools.

"Bartender, you make the besh Martinis in town. Tell you what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna give you Eth-bert." He reached into his pocket and punked a sad looking lobster on the bar.

"Thank you very much," said the bartender. "I'll take him home for dinner."

"Oh, don't take him home for dinner. He's already had dinner. Take him to a movie."

Little Nicky, five years old, was walking along the street with little Liz, aged four. Crossing the street,

Nicky remembered his mother's teaching. "Let me hold your hand," he offered politely.
"Okay," explained Liz, "but just remember you're playing with fire."

TWO COOL CATS were standing around in a night club, watching the revolving band platform when one cat turned to the other and said, "Will you feature your vocals on the coll LP."

TWO COOL CATS were sitting in the back of a class minding their own business when the prof began scratching his head vigorously. Suddenly one cat jumped up, started clapping his hands, and yelled, "Go, Man, Go!"

W-B Problem Is One

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sewage disposal, electricity, and so forth can be satisfied.

Labor, Morris proudly declared, has been this region's long suit for years. We have a good supply of men with high mechanical aptitudes. Indeed, many employers from outside the Valley who have hired

regional employees have written back to tell of the high productivity of those originally local people.

The main problem in this field, he continued, seems to be the lack of men skilled in certain fields, and steps are being taken through the local educational institutions to counteract this by supplying opportunities for vocational training. Among the area educators taking part in this program Mr. Morris mentioned Dr. Farley, Dr. Rosenberg, and Mr. Hammer of the College here. This lack of skilled employees is the major problem facing the firms that may wish to locate here, and is perhaps as important as our lack of cheap power and raw materials.

In the field of the third economic factor, capital, Morris stated that money is always a need when there is land to be bought, but that even so, last year's industrial fund was not only met but oversubscribed in the Valley. However, he continued, this is not an original idea. It has been used in Tennessee, Texas, California, and along other parts of the West Coast.

Highly important in the battle for new industries in the Valley is

the attitude of its people, he went on, for the local people as well as outsiders must be convinced that this is a good place in which to work and live. In the South, he noted, they are far ahead of us on this score, and it is a question upon which we of the Valley must be united.

In what we have, continued the speaker, in the reactivated Chamber of Commerce, (with many of the local college people therein), and in the industrial fund, we do possess the mechanics of improvement for the region.

Another point in our favor, Morris recalled, is our geographic location. Products produced locally would need markets, and Wilkes-Barre is within some 200 miles of a third of the nation's population centers and markets, a proximity that will soon be increased by completion of the extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike through this area.

Concluding, Mr. Morris declared that with the united efforts of the community and the support of the younger element, our problems will be no doubt solved within the next 10 to 15 years.

Two pipe-smokers were convers-

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