

TDR To Give Fashion Show



Beacon Photo by Cliff Brothers

FASHION HEADLINERS — Shown above, left to right, are three of the T.D.R. models: Connie Kamarunas, Shirley Waisenda, and Natalie Rudusky. Others in the show are: Jackie Oliver, Justine Battista, Barbara Tanski, Gloria Dran, Nancy Beam, Joan Shoemaker, Pat Fitzgerald, Ruth Wilbur, Pat Fox, Helen Koelsch, Lois Long, Virginia Brehm, Nancy Schooley, Jackie Jones, Jane Obitz, Lena Misson, and Miriam Thompson.

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"Fashion Fantasy", a showing of the latest in women's spring and summer fashions, will be presented by the women of Theta Delta Rho on Wednesday, March 23 at the Wilkes Gymnasium. The show is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

An annual affair for T.D.R., this year's fashion show is being

Student Council Grants Conference Money to Clubs

By HELEN M. KRACHENFELS

Several club representatives attended the Student Council meeting on Monday night to submit requests for financial aid from the newly established Intercollegiate Conference Fund. Three of the requests were granted, and a fourth was partially fulfilled.

Both the Biology and Chemistry Clubs asked for and received, \$50.00 to help send delegates to the forthcoming Eastern Science Conference at Seton Hall University.

The Education Club requested and was granted \$25.00 for an intercollegiate conference on education at Juniata College.

The Wilkes International Relations Club requested a sum of \$163.00 for two conferences which its members are planning to attend. The IFC policy which the Council recently established, does not allow for allocations of more than \$75.00 per club per year. The Councilmembers therefore felt it unwise to make an exception to the policy at such an early date. A motion was made and carried that IRC be granted \$27.00 and \$48.00, or a total of \$75.00 for their two conferences.

KI HWAN LEE TO APPEAR ON SALLY WOLFE TV SHOW

Ki Hwan Lee, Wilkes College student from Korea, will appear on WILK-TV next Tuesday at 2. Ki Hwan will be the guest on Sally Wolfe's television show.

Miss Wolfe told P.R.O. staff members that she is very much interested in Wilkes College, its students, and college events.

She also said that a discussion with Ki Hwan should be interesting to the people of Wyoming Valley.

held in cooperation with Zimmerman's on Public Square. Wilkes coeds will model the very latest Zimmerman fashions—from casuals to bridal wear.

All proceeds from the show will go toward a scholarship fund established by T.D.R., it was announced by Helen Krachenfels and Barbara Boock, general chairmen. Helen Krachenfels, who also wrote the introduction for "Fashion Fantasy", will be interviewed by Sally Wolfe on the WILK-TV program "Just Between Friends" Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Assisting the general chairmen are the following committee heads: Jeannette Perrins, tickets; Joan Zawoiski, entertainment; Jessie Roderick, wardrobe; Margo Malko, programs; Betsy Bretz and Elaine Jakes, refreshments; Phyllis Walsh, usherettes; Phyllis Shrader, cleanup; Pearl Onacko, publicity.

Whatever your reason—to see the latest fashions, to help a worthy cause, to partake of free refreshments—the women of Theta Delta Rho hope you attend their "Fashion Fantasy." Tickets are only 50 cents and they can be purchased from any sorority member or at Zimmerman's.

SHAW DESCRIBES ADVANTAGES OF TELEVISION

Among other developments cited by Robert Shaw, TV writer of "Robert Montgomery Presents", at Tuesday's assembly, was the rapidity with which televised news will be brought to the public within the next few months.

Shaw, speaking in a somewhat jocular vein, went on to discuss television in general, mentioning the huge amount of the populace to whom Mary Martin's Peter Pan was available—some two out of every three Americans. The presentation of "Peter Pan" was only the beginning of the quality programs which will presently be ready for the public.

Television has considerable ad-

vantages. It can sell soap and transform hams into artists, but it can also bring symphonies and inaugurations to all.

Commenting on the development of a TV program, Shaw explained that after the sponsor's wife had been convinced of its worth and had cajoled her husband into footing its bill, that the writer steps in. Only recently, he added, have the product of college radio and television writing courses begun to en-

Farrar Returns from NY Trip

Welton Farrar, Wilkes director of development, returns today from an organizational trip to Binghamton, N.Y.



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Al Groh, Partridge Direct UN Pageant Sunday Evening

By T. R. PRICE

In the seal of the United States the Valley and the College have an advertisement. In the seal of the United States is the motto, known to all, "E Pluribus Unum - Out of Many, One". The motto, of course, refers to the federal union. It also refers to the unity of the American people, a people of every race or creed in the world.

The motto refers to this union of nationalities and cultures; the motto refers to a union exemplified in Wyoming Valley and in Wilkes College. Here, all races, all beliefs are blended to produce not little bunches of Poles, not clannish groups of Welsh, not closed circles of Rus-

sians, but rather one broad class of a homogeneous people—Pennsylvanians, Americans.

In view of this union in miniature which is the Valley and the College, the Valley and the College present each year a United Nationalities Pageant, in which the contributions of each national group to our culture is dramatized. This year the pageant will take place this coming Sunday, March 20th.

As it has in the past, the United Nationalities Pageant will be given by the people in the gymnasium of the College, a meeting and a binding of the retorts which distill Americans.

Here some dozen of the Valley's national groups will present tableaux, songs, dances, and hymns of their homelands. Many of the groups will display the dress of their fathers, or will exhibit the arts and crafts which typify the lands of their origin.

Among the participating groups will be those of Welsh extraction, those of Lithuanian descent, of Italian, of Slovak, Russian, Greek, or Irish, or of Polish, Syrian, Negro, Ukrainian, or Jewish.

The program, which begins at 7, will be under the direction of Robert W. Partridge, Wilkes director of student activities, and its script is written by Wilkes' Alfred Groh, director of dramatics at the College. Narrator for the pageant will be Miss Annette Evans, while Mrs. Robert Partridge is in charge of design and co-ordination of the programs.

Wilkes students will be assisting in the annual affair. Some of these will be: James Benson, Samuel Shugar, and James Ferris, properties; Joseph Saracini, Paul Shiffer, and Howard Ennis, technicians; William Crowder, original music; Naomi Kivler and the TDR sorority.

Wilkes Biologists Prepare Project Under Dr. Cohen

By JEROME STEIN

The Wilkes College biologists are, at the present time, making preparations for a research project under the supervision of Dr. Sheldon Cohen. Dr. Cohen is associated with hospitals in the Wyoming Valley area and is primarily concerned with the study of allergies.

Last Friday morning, he met with the biologists to give them a preliminary talk concerning the project. Practical work should begin within a very short time.

Dr. Cohen is attempting to find out if guinea pigs are allergic to cobalt, and if they are, their reaction to it. The experiment will be conducted in the biology building. **Treating Anemia**

In treating anemia, substances such as proteins, iron, and cobalt are used. It has been found that a small minority of people have developed cobalt allergies from this treatment.

Dr. Cohen, in the project, is attempting to reproduce the cobalt allergy in guinea pigs and thereby carry the study further.

Although no such experiment dealing with cobalt has ever been carried out, Dr. Cohen pointed out that world-shaking discoveries would not result from this project. **May Expand**

The results of this experiment, however, if successful, could possibly lead to further experiments dealing with the human organism.

This research project will give the participating biologists valuable experience in laboratory technique and may stimulate interest in this type of biological work.

BEACON TO COMPETE AGAINST U. OF SCRANTON

The Beacon has consented to accept the request of the University of Scranton Aquinas to enter a contest to determine which of the two is the better college paper.

Each paper will submit five issues to be judged by members of the Wilkes-Barre and Scranton Newswriter's Guild, and efforts will be made to make the contest an annual affair.

Results of the contest will be made public on or about May 9.

WC Collegians Sing, Grow in Past Four Years

Crowder's Crew Crooning on Campus Since '51; Have Given Performances Before Local Clubs, Civic Groups

By JOHN KUSHNERICK

Because they sing, they are spirited; because they sing, they are happy; and because they are happy their spirit is infectious. The fame of Wilkes and the spirit of college life is thus spread through song by the Wilkes Collegians.

The Collegians, a chorus of 20 male voices, found its origin on campus in 1951 as spontaneously as the spirit of song springs from every hamlet where college students assemble. In just a few years the Collegians have become almost a self-sufficient organization. They have come in demand at local civic gatherings, club banquets, and have been heard on local radio stations and at college affairs. In accepting invitations to sing at high school assemblies, the Collegians are meeting prospective college students and impressing them with the warmth and spirit at Wilkes.

This year, under the direction of Bill Crowder, the Collegians have appeared before a group of Pharmacists' Wives, at the Hotel Sterling; the Eastern Star; the student nurses at Wilkes; and on WARM-TV in Scranton. They provided one of the school's most entertain-

ing assembly programs a few weeks ago.

The repertoire of the versatile group includes folk songs, negro spirituals, semi-classics, creoles and the traditional college songs. One stirring selection is "Down in Pennsylvania," a college song dedicated to Wilkes, with lyrics by Moe Batterson, a Wilkes student.

Soloists Paul Shiffer and Bob Margan add color to the chorus whose other members include: Bob Sabitino, president; Ed Yarasheski, vice president; Bob Lynch, assistant conductor; Jim Miller, treasurer; Ted Jones, Jerry Gardner, Joe Jablonski, Ronnie Reed, Ben Omillan, Ray Rosenbaum, Sam Lowe, Norm Phillips, George Richards, Jerry Luft, Bob Hontz, Bob Diamond and Shupp.

Letter to the Editor . . .

(The Letter to the Editor column of the Beacon is open to the entire Wilkes College campus. Views expressed here are those of the writers and are not necessarily representative of the views of the Beacon.)

Dear Editor:

A situation which is tantamount to being a tacit form of censorship has existed for some time at the Wilkes Library. I realize full well that that is a pretty serious allegation to bring forward, especially since the whole concept of censorship has been anathematized time and again by spokesmen for academic communities throughout the land. However, let the facts speak for themselves.

The crux of the matter is this: The reader of the periodicals available at the library is subjected to a barrage of verbiage emanating from practically only one direction, the left. In other words, he gets the news and the interpretation of the news, for the most part, only after the news and interpretation have been given a liberal slant. To substantiate the preceding statement, let me point out that there are available at Kirby seven unswervingly liberal publications ("Nation," "New Republic," "Christian Century," "Commonweal," "Reporter," "Foreign Policy," "Association Bulletin," and "Expose") and an eighth ("Harper's") which is liberal more often than not.

In contrast, the conservative viewpoint is represented by only two periodicals ("Human Events" and "Facts Forum"). But even that is not the whole story; for, although the liberal publications can be counted upon to appear with unfailing regularity, those representing the conservative views appear irregularly, if at all. For example, the issue of "Human Events" at the library as of this writing (March 15) is dated January 15. What happened to the eight issues scheduled to appear in the interim? I can only guess.

In order to secure a fairer balance of views presented, would it be overly presumptuous of me to suggest that "American Mercury" and "Freeman" be added to the roster of publications available at the library?

I recognize the fact that the state of affairs described above may have come about either inadvertently or deliberately. However, this aspect is really unimportant, because either way the effect is the same.

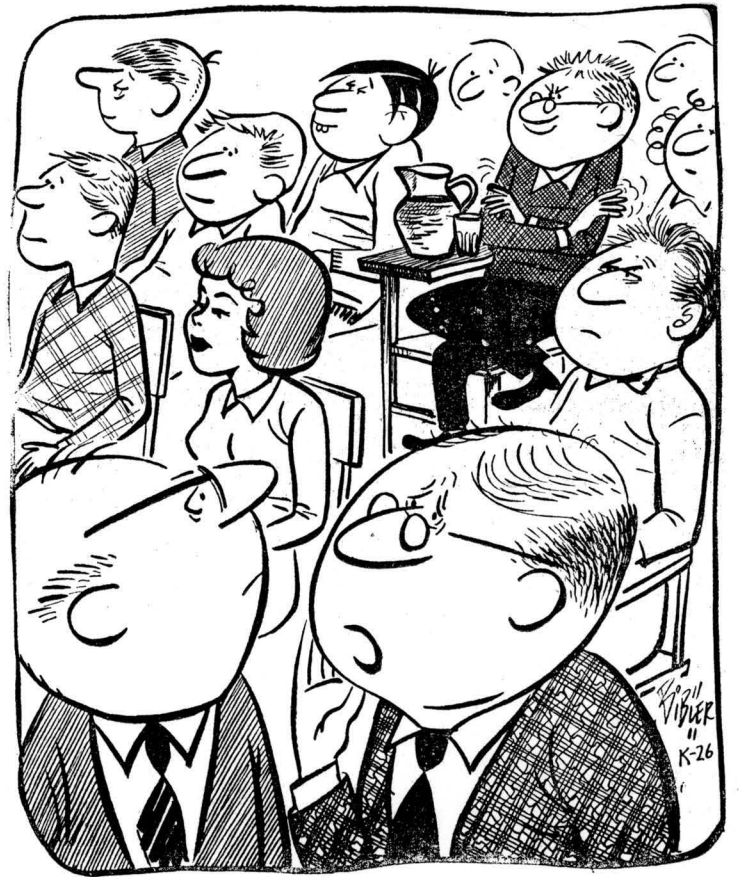
What particularly galls me is the fact that it was in the very classrooms of Wilkes that the necessity of weighing both sides of a question before reaching a conclusion was assiduously inculcated into me. How can both sides be weighed if only one side is available?

This letter has been written with full realization that to some minds, it will merely be construed as further confirmation of their worst fears—that I'm a reactionary. To these people let me say that if it is reactionary to presume that people ought to pay more than lip-service to their self-proclaimed ideals, then, gentlemen, my thinking is not only reactionary, but medieval to boot.

Sincerely yours,
John Bucholtz

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"I've got one student that I dread to see put up his hand."

EDITORIALS

What Does All This Mean?

Recent appointments here at school have kept students, faculty and all Wyoming Valley buzzing. We've been lucky, for we got our "big story" on each one. There will be others this year, too. And we will make sure that you read them first in the Beacon.

And it might be well to add here that we think the college has made excellent choices. Russ Picton's acceptance of the head football coaching job was the first of a number of surprises. Wilkes was lucky that it had a fellow of the caliber of Russ. Not only is he the type of man the college needs as grid mentor and alumni secretary, but he is, as well, one of the best liked persons on campus. If his popularity is any indication, then Russ will be successful.

And don't forget, too, he really knows football—just ask any who have worked under him, and played with him.

Then, there was an even bigger surprise when George F. Elliot was appointed acting dean of men. George has been one of the most respected members of the Wilkes faculty since he came here. Another popular personality on campus, he should be a "natural" as dean. His friendliness and willingness to be helpful beyond the call of his teaching responsibilities, have shown his genuine interest in the students as individual personalities. And we need this feeling at Wilkes. George will fill the bill well.

John Reese comes to us with a background as a top-notch worker with boys. He has shown he can get along well with the teams he has coached and can produce good teams of clean sportsmen. This, too, is in the Wilkes tradition. He has majored in the field he now heads at Wilkes. As a physical education director, he should be excellent.

It is fortunate that Wilkes is getting such excellent replacements for those who are leaving. We can look for the return of George Ralston, who will be gone only a year. But, Bob Partridge is leaving for good, and it was known by the administration that his shoes would be hard to fill. Partridge in his time here has become a symbol of Wilkes just as Dr. Farley and a few others.

That's why we think the choice of young, spirited, and certainly enthusiastic person such as Reese has been a good move. We wish him every success.

The emphasis is on youth. Both Picton and Reese are still in their twenties and perhaps the new ideas they will bring with them will give us that little extra something that is so hard to define, but which is so important.

Certainly, young blood is healthy.

'Honor' Meeting Draws 15; Try Again Thursday

Fifteen faculty members met yesterday with a small group of students in Chase Lounge to discuss the inauguration of an honor system at Wilkes.

Basic issues involved in honor systems were discussed and many faculty members expressed their individual views. No issues were resolved since it was felt a representative number of students was not present.

Announcement Misinterpreted

Chairman of the discussion, Dean Gertrude Doane, expressed regret that the announcement of the discussion may have been misinterpreted as restricting it to certain groups.

Another discussion period open to all students and faculty members, has been scheduled for next Thursday at 11:00 A.M. in Chase Lounge. All who have a negative or affirmative interest in the adoption of an honor system are urged to attend.

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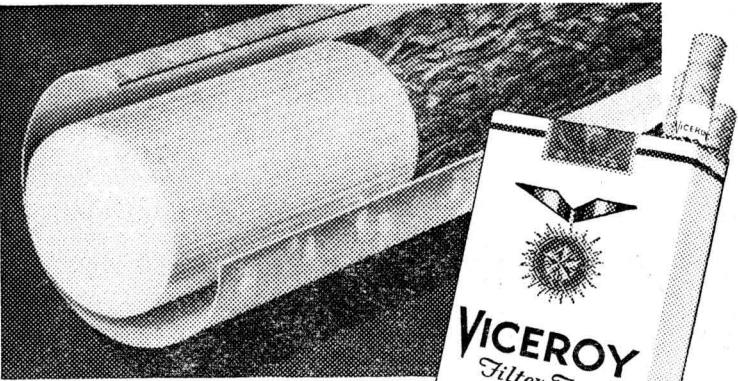
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SPORTIN' AROUND

with AL JETER, Sports Editor

Ahoy Duffers

One thing that Wilkes doesn't lack is new ideas this year in the sports field. The latest is one that we think to be the best yet—an all college open golf tournament. Reese ('low 70's) Jones and a few of his duffing pals came up with this gem, and from the sound of it, the possibilities of such a tournament stretch out quite a ways.

The object will be to have the tournament run on a handicap basis and to include any person in the school who wants to dig up the turf a little bit. This means that the male students, co-eds, members of the faculty, and administrative personnel who want to try their luck are more than welcome.

Since it will be run, if interest can be conjured up, on a handicap basis, a miniature Ben Hogans that inhabit the joint running off with the works and everyone has a chance, even if they shoot in the low 150's. Say — we might even have a chance of placing.

Interest Already

At any rate the thing has been talked up a bit and has received the hearty endorsement of the pros and divot diggers alike wherever it's been mentioned. Irv ('so you think you can dig a deep hole with a five iron') Kaye claims that he will get in shape for it even if he has to exercise.

And—

If the idea goes through, it's rumored that Bonzo Fay will come out of temporary retirement to take a crack at the title.

In a more serious vein, the tourney would be a unique and unusual thing for the campus. A lot of fun can be had by one and all and Wilkes could receive some good publicity with such a stunt. We know of few colleges who have thought of such an idea and we would, in all probability, create a first in this region.

If it goes over, another annual event can be added to the growing list at Wilkes. As a matter of fact the tourney, without too much urging, could become pretty big if handled right. This column goes for it in a big way—we throw our best putter (a cue stick) into the ring.

Branch Out

More on golf: Jones, who swiings a mean driver himself, has been in conference with Athletic Director George Ralston, and has come out with the first favorable report ever received on a golf team for intercollegiate competition. Beside those of us who break sticks, sprain wrists, and generally start strip mines on the fairways, there are some top notch golfers in the school like Jones, Neil Dadurka, and Fay to name a few. We think they could hold their own in college competition and since Ralston has said that there is a possibility of a few matches for the boys, we hope that as the old proverb says, 'It will come to pass.'

Prestige for the school could be given a boost for the best if the golf team becomes a reality. Most of the top notch schools have one and we could probably schedule matches with them in the next few years—A good thing for the school, a good thing for the guys who like to play golf—and it could happen.



AL JETER

Fresh Hurling Prospects Plentiful; Catching Position Causes Concern As First Game Date is Moved Up

By JIM COLEMAN

Initial practices for pitchers and catchers began last Monday with a large number of candidates showing up to try for the baseball Colonels. Even some of the fielders tried to beat the gun by showing up for practice with the pitching and catching aspirants.

CLUB 20 TAKES CUP IN INTRAMURAL LOOP; DEFEAT IDIOTS TO WIN

Club 20 grabbed an early lead and held it all the way, defeating Idiots Row, 56-49, to clinch the Intramural championship Tuesday night at the gym.

The Club has been operating for five years in the loop and has played the role of always being close, but never quite making it until this year. The squad also holds the distinction of being the only team in the circuit never to have forfeited a game.

The game was close all the way, but it was a determined crew that just wouldn't quit that came through for their first championship.

The half-time score found the 20 squad leading by a 31-24 margin. From there on in they never let loose of the strangle hold on the Idiots.

Trailing in the final minutes, the Row put on a press, but the 20-men nabbed the ball and held it in deep freeze for the remaining seconds to ice the game.

John Linkosky paced the new champs with 23 big markers and played a fine floor game to boot. Jim Marks was next in line for scoring honors with 14 tallies.

Gay and Hontz shared scoring laurels for the losers, both registering 15 counters.

Although he figured lightly in the scoring, a lion's share of credit must be given to Jim Mitchell who has been a guiding force holding the club together this year.

| Idiots Row | | Club 20 | |
|------------|-----|----------|-----|
| | Pts | | Pts |
| Gay | 15 | Linkosky | 23 |
| Gritsko | 4 | Mitchell | 2 |
| Hontz | 15 | Wanko | 13 |
| Pataski | 0 | Pacropis | 4 |
| Krenich | 6 | Marks | 14 |
| Batterson | 2 | | |
| Total | 49 | Total | 56 |

Morgan Comes Close In Four I's Tourney

Wilkes' Bobby Morgan went all the way to the finals in the Four I's Tournament last weekend before being stopped by Wayde Cummings of Cortland State Teachers College.

The match was close all the way and Morgan seemed, for a time, to be on the verge of bringing the title back to Wilkes.

However with just a few remaining minutes Cummings snapped the Blue and Gold grappler on a take down and gained the lead, 5-4, to win.

In the quarter finals, Morgan pinned Doug Keeler from R.I.T. and went on to pin Jack Love of Kent State in the semi-final round.

Through his showing Morgan placed Wilkes tenth in the tourney which had entrants from 26 schools.

According to latest reports there is a chance he will enter the Nationals that will be held on March

Quite a few men reported for pitching chores and the prospects of finding a fair staff looks good. Mel McNew should be the mainstay of the staff, but it is hoped that some other flingers will shape up so he will not be overworked. Mo Batterson, who hurled for the Colonels before entering the Army, will add a little more experience to the team.

Batterson had two winning seasons before he left the campus and it is hoped he will duplicate the feat this year. Not too much is known about the other men, but it is hoped that they will furnish the needed strength to bring Partridge a winning season for his last year as coach.

Weakness Shows

The main weak spot is still the catching position, but enough aspirants showed up to raise hopes that one of them will fill the backstop shoes in good style. Joe Pople and Neil Turtel, veterans of last year, are trying for the job, but several freshmen are expected to give them a good battle.

The other weak spot on the squad as of now seems to be the first sacker's position, with no really experienced man in sight. It looks as if Wilkes might have the same problem as the Yankees.

Rush for Time

Coach Partridge stated, "Next week, I'll give everyone a chance to win a position and then, at the end of the week I'll pick the team so that I can devote my full time to them in order to shape up for the first game on April 2nd. The other men are not being cut, but due to the shortage of time I will not be able to spend too much time with them. I hope they will stay out during the season so they can get experience for next year and if they really show improvement they will be able to break into the lineup at a later date. Many of these men will receive uniforms before the end of the season because it is inevitable that some bad breaks will occur somewhere."

The first game was originally scheduled for April 5th, but it has been moved up to the Saturday before Easter vacation, April 2nd. This gives the team about two weeks to get in condition and to start working as a unit. Albright College, who has been scheduled for the last two years, but rained out each time, will be the opponents in the first tilt at Kirby Park.

BRESNAHAN GAINS NEW HONORS

John Bresnahan, holder of two Beacon "Athlete of the Week" awards added another laurel to his titles. In pacing his team to the Parsons Memorial YMCA championship, John gained the Parsons Community League award for the most valuable player in the tourney.

After finishing the regular court season for the Blue and Gold, he entered the Parsons tournament, playing with the Leader Store team. Other Colonels on the squad included Jim Ferris and Harry Ennis. Last year's WC star, Eddie Davis, also played and was instrumental in the win. The boys will enter the Rogers tournament this week.

Bresnahan was a great asset to Coach George Ralston's squad this season. He was top rebounder on the squad and one of the club's leading scorers.

25 and 26.

This weekend Morgan and teammate Sam Shugar will enter the National Y.M.C.A. Tournament.

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WAGS, RAIDERS SET FAST PACE IN 'MURAL 'B' BOWLING LEAGUE

By RODGER LEWIS

Wilkes' fastest growing intramural sport, bowling, completed its third week of success last Sunday evening at the Jewish Community Center, with the Wallowing Wags and Ralston's Raiders pacing the 'B' League.

Jerry Morris took over leadership of the Wags and also of the league as he rolled an individual high game of 231, raising his average to a sizzling 179. He also set a new three-game high, 537.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING STANDINGS

INTRAMURAL BOWLING League "B"

| TEAM | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|
| Wallowing Wags | 8 |
| Ralston Raiders | 8 |
| Kingpins | 4 |
| Rambling Six | 3 |
| Deadly Strikers | 1 |
| Rampaging Five | 0 |

TOP TEN (Men)

| | Gms. | Pins | Avg. |
|------------------|------|------|------|
| Morris, W.W. | 3 | 537 | 179 |
| Llewellyn, King. | 6 | 967 | 161 |
| Gross, W.W. | 6 | 966 | 161 |
| Sabalesky, King. | 3 | 479 | 160 |
| McHugh, C.T. | 3 | 477 | 159 |
| Lind, R.R. | 6 | 950 | 158 |
| Rydzewski, G.R. | 3 | 473 | 158 |
| Havir, W.B. | 3 | 469 | 156 |
| Falk, C.T. | 3 | 467 | 156 |
| Larish, King. | 6 | 905 | 151 |

TOP FIVE (Women)

| | Gms. | Pins | Avg. |
|------------------|------|------|------|
| Luty, G.R. | 3 | 390 | 130 |
| Pish, W.W. | 6 | 737 | 123 |
| Thomson, D.S. | 6 | 645 | 108 |
| Giacometti, W.W. | 3 | 278 | 93 |
| Gelb, F.T. | 2 | 179 | 89 |

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Assistant Cage Coach In School Director Race

Entrance of Wilkes' assistant basketball and baseball coach, William C. Mock, into the local political arena was noted in a story carried in Tuesday's Wilkes-Barre Record.

In a general article on the city nominations for the coming primary elections, Mock's name was mentioned as one of some 16 competing for nomination to the office of city school director.

Mock, according to the Record, will run on the Democratic ticket. He will be among seven seeking that party's endorsement.

Symonolewicz Pursues Degree

Konstantin Symonolewicz, head of the Wilkes department of sociology, will return this morning from New York, where he has been submitting his dissertation for his doctorate degree.

heap closely followed by Wilkes Best. The Collegians are paced by Neil McHugh who is a member of the top ten bracket. Rydzewski leads the Riders and is also one of the scoring leaders.

RALSTON PLEASED WITH CAGERS' SHOWING

(The fourth in a series of articles by Wilkes College coaches reviewing their seasons.)

The 1954-55 basketball squad very pleasantly surprised us. At the beginning of the year most interested people, including the coaches, looked upon the year as a sort of rebuilding period, and the prospects for a good season were not promising. To begin with, we had graduated an entire starting team; secondly, the new squad lacked height; and thirdly, most teams on our schedule indicated that they had improved teams. The outlook for the season was not good.

As the season turned out we say again that it was a pleasant surprise. Many schools would not consider a 10-10 record as good, but at Wilkes we are pleased. We feel that our team in winning as many as it loses gains sufficiently from the efforts of competition to justify the experience.

We were pleased with our entire squad. Each man contributed to the best of his ability and there was balance. Perhaps the greatest factor in the success of the team was the fact that it was balanced. By never quitting, and by exerting a maximum effort individually, and as a team, the season was made a success. Our squad was one that was endowed with a great deal of hustle and competitive spirit but less talented with sheer physical assets. This all adds to the glory of the team for it was a squad that achieved a near maximum of its potential.

We congratulate the squad members for excellent service and above all for outstanding sportsmanship.

The prospects for next year are good. We shall miss Harry Ennis and Parker Petrillak, but we look forward to some help from the freshman squad. Of course, there will be even a greater loss in height. Let's hope the tall man will come along. If he does, our prospects are extremely good.



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