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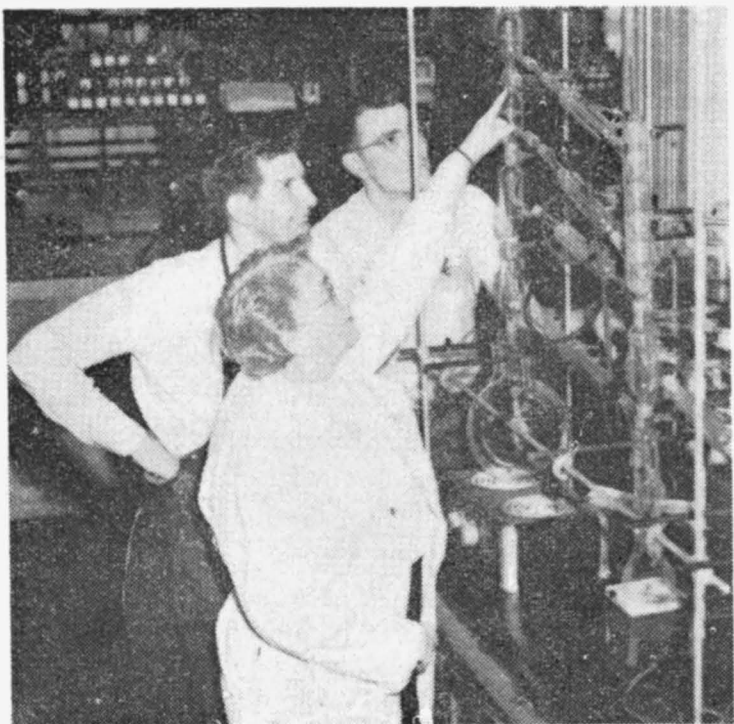
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MISS BONE AND AIDS PREP FOR SCIENCE SHOW



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GETTING READY—Miss Catherine Bone (center), instructor in chemistry, goes over the workings of a fractional distillation column with two students in the department, Sam Dilcer, Trucksville (right), and Don Videgar of Luzerne, in preparation for the Science Show today and tomorrow. The "gadget" is just one of many fascinating exhibits of the show.

Red Cross Drive Now on Campus; Quota to Be Same as Last Year's; Money to Assist Blood Program

By T. R. PRICE

The annual Red Cross drive will be held on the Wilkes College campus through the month of March. Robert W. Partridge announced yesterday.

Partridge, the Wyoming Valley Red Cross chapter's drive chairman at the college, as well as Student Activities Director,

pointed out that last year the college went over its \$300 quota by some \$30 and will have that same \$300 to work for in the present campaign. In connection with the Red Cross, Wilkes usually exceeds its blood donation goal as well, he added.

Money will go in even greater amount to help the local chapter in financing that highly important blood collection program, inasmuch as all chapters are now faced with more financial responsibility than in the past.

The colleges of this area fall under the Public Service Division in the campaign, headed by P. P. Olszewski, while the general drive, which must collect some \$133,670 is under the chairmanship of Joseph DeVizia.

It is exceedingly important that as much of the quota be met as is at all possible, for the overall quota this year has become greater than ever before. Forms have gone out to Club and Class presidents, and those unable to contribute through either, may contact Partridge.

Besides the expensive blood program, the organization also supports or provides materials for Nurses Aides, Canteens, Grey Lady service, and other services for hospital patients in both local and Veterans' hospitals. Its motor service aids the hospitals, clinics and other agencies. These services entail costs which must be paid.

Science Show Here Tonight

By JOAN C. PERASH

The 1955 edition of the annual Wilkes College Science Show opens tonight at 8 with the chemistry, physics, engineering, biology and mathematics departments combining to present exhibits of interest to scientific minded high school students from throughout the valley.

The single show tonight will be followed by three shows tomorrow starting at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. Each show will begin with a 30-minute talk and demonstration in the Lecture Hall. Guided tours of the laboratories and classrooms in Conyngham Hall and the Biology Building will follow.

Heading the exposition this year is Dr. Charles B. Reif, head of the department of biology at Wilkes. He will be assisted by the heads of the other departments of science.

Each department will have its own displays with students standing by to explain exhibits and perform visual experiments.

Admission by Ticket

Invitations have been sent to high school teachers, principals, as well as seniors in all valley schools who are interested in science as careers. Because of the limited space available, admission to all four shows will be by ticket only. There will be 250 tickets issued for each show.

Several new exhibits will be included this year. Preparations have been underway for the past week in the various science buildings.

Music Students Impressed at Boston Confab

By JANICE SCHUSTER

Student and faculty representatives of the music department returned from Boston on Monday evening after attending a four day session of the Eastern Division Conference of Music Educators.

The student group, accompanied by John Detroy and Robert Moran, was most impressed by the trip and had the opportunity to see and hear many demonstrations of interest in the field of music.

Concerts, choral programs, musical instrument exhibitions, and many other musical varieties were featured for the benefit of the student representatives and their advisers. Conferees had access to pamphlets and musical arrangements from publishers throughout the United States.

A dinner was given for those attending at the Boston Conservatory of Music, and the future music educators of America were honored at a dance on Saturday night.

Attending the Boston Conference along with Moran and Detroy were Gino Marchetti, Ben Webb, Joe Szostek, Bill Crowder, Paul Schiffer, Dale Heapps, Marilyn Carl, Ann Faust, Janet Jones, Mary Lou Chickson, Basia Mieszkowski, and Bill James.

Cue and Curtain To Give 1-Acters; Students to Direct

The Cue and Curtain Club will present three one-act plays next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights in Chase Theatre.

Students will direct all three plays. They are "Little Stone House" by George Caldron. Director will be James E. Miller and the cast will include Ruth Remley, Robert Lynch, Bill Rinken, Robert Morgan, Pat Stout, Jimmy Roberts and Ronald Price.

"Madretta" will be directed by William Crowder and feature Jane Obitz, Larry Amdur and Dale Heapps.

Howard Ennis and Paul Shiffer will direct "Carrie of the Carnival". Merri Jones, Ronald Price, Elaine Fabian, Andrew Evans, Skinny Ennis, Jim Jones, Rose Ann Patner and Pat Kennedy will make up the cast.

TDR Asked to Renew Freshman Scholarship

By NORMA DAVIS

At a recent meeting of Theta Delta Rho, it was disclosed that the \$100 scholarship presented annually to a freshman girl may be reinstated. The scholarship was abandoned this year in favor of a charity project.

Mrs. Doane, expressing the wishes of the Administrative Council, said that they would like to see the scholarship continued. She said that she believed that one reason for the discontinuation of the scholarship was the inability of the girls to raise the necessary money.

However, the Administrative Council offered to supplement the money of the girls so that the scholarship could be continued, Mrs. Doane said.

Scholarship to Guadalajara

PALO ALTO, Calif. — For the third consecutive summer, the accredited bilingual school sponsored by the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and members of the faculty of Stanford University will offer a varied program from July 3 to August 13.

Courses will be given in art, creative writing, folklore, geography, history, language, and literature. \$225 will cover tuition, board and room. For more information, write to Professor Juan B. Rael, Box K, Stanford University, California.

FLANNERY TO DEFEND EXTEMPORANEOUS TITLE

The Wilkes College debating team left yesterday for Meadville, Pa., where they will take part in the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges' annual tournament to be held this weekend.

Of particular concern to the local team will be a feature aside from pure debating, the extemporaneous speaking contest, in which the defending state champion will be Wilkes' J. Harold Flannery, Jr., who also placed second in the extemporaneous event at Dartmouth last week.

In the debating proper, each team entered will compete in five preliminary rounds, then in a number of eliminations. They will argue the question of United States recognition of Communist China.

On the Wilkes affirmative side will be Leslie Weiner and James Neveras, while Jesse Choper and Flannery will uphold the negative.

In addition to the debate and extemporaneous speaking contests, the Wilkes team will also compete in the oratory event, in which Virginia Brehm is entered. She will speak on "Are We Persecuting Our Teachers?"

The team will be accompanied by its coach, Dr. Arthur N. Kruger, who will also serve as member of

the D.S.P.C. board this year.

Last weekend was an unhappy one for the Wilkes debaters as they dropped eight out of twelve to be knocked out of the running in the Dartmouth tournament.

However, despite the overpowering opposition from some of the Ivy League's best, the local team managed to salvage some glory on the individual level.

Jesse Choper, newcomer to this year's squad, emerged as the third best speaker in the tournament,

THE JONESES, AIR CADETS, MEET AGAIN IN TEXAS

Two former Wilkes students, both having that unusual 'Jones' handle, and both at present serving the good Uncle, had the happy fortune to meet recently at Harlingen Air Force Base, Texas.

Flip Jones, a '54 graduate of WC, and Stan Jones, a former chemistry student here, were the two boys in blue involved in the reunion. They are both enrolled in the Air Force Cadet program. Stan enlisted last March, after completing three semesters at Wilkes and Flip joined the ranks in October.

while veteran Nick Flannery was named second in extemporaneous speaking.

Harvard won the tournament, ten rounds to twelve. Wilkes defeated Smith, St. Anselm's, Vermont and MIT.

College Drama Group Casting 'Paris Bound'

Cue 'n' Curtain began casting for its next major production, "Paris Bound", on Tuesday evening after a meeting. A three-act comedy, the play will be presented on April 14, 15 and 16.

Written by Phillip Barry, the production offers roles to be filled by five male actors and five coeds.

Paul Schiffer, president of the organization, announced that the roles will probably be filled by next week.

Honor System Sidetracked

Discussion of proposed honor systems scheduled for last Wednesday evening produced only two students, who showed up together with the Student Council Committee, and Drs. Warstall and Hammer. No further meeting has been scheduled.

EDITORIALS

Mayor Continues to Be a Friend

The cooperation of the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre and his respective staffs this year has been most gratifying. Mr. Kniffen has tried to look at the parking problem at Wilkes with the student's viewpoint.

He has called special sessions of his administrators and has met with groups from the college, all with a mind toward doing something to "give the students a break."

This thoughtfulness and sincere effort, much of it during a time when the Mayor has been in ill health, has not been unappreciated by the Wilkes student body, we're sure.

Certainly things are better now than at the beginning of the year and, according to the city head's intended plans, will continue to improve. Mayor Kniffen has nearly completed an intense study of the Wilkes Barre City traffic problem and he hopes to have recommendations for the near future.

As a matter of fact, Mayor Kniffen has in mind several plans which could directly improve parking conditions at Wilkes. "I'm just waiting to see how things work out," he said Wednesday, "but be sure to let the folks know that I haven't forgotten about them."

The Mayor stated again that "it doesn't seem fair to penalize college students, many of whom are working their way through school, especially if they have a good reason for having violated parking regulations."

He has accepted many tickets under the plan he devised earlier this year, accepting trustingly the explanations written on the reverse sides of the "tags".

Now the three-hour, special Wilkes stickers are here and Mayor Kniffen assured us that his policemen will respect the new rule. Sure, parking is still in terrible shape here on campus, but doesn't it feel good to know that someone is interested in helping, instead of just giving tickets? A real friend of the college, we call the Mayor.

Debaters Deserve Credit

Perhaps the defeat of the debating team last week was not as "tragic" as it seems. We'll admit that the Dartmouth Tourney would have been a great one to win, especially with a large representation of Ivy League Schools at the tourney. But, and we realize we have one of the best debating teams in the country, it does you good to lose once in a while. Perhaps a fresh start at Allegheny this week-end will see the boys back in their old and winning form.

We wish them well at the State Tournament. And, as an afterthought, we can't afford to win too many in a row, anyway, or we might be accused of subsidizing debating.

And, Then, The Cagers

Then there was the basketball game Wednesday night. The team has had a much better season than we or even the most optimistic of All Jeters could possibly have believed. That high score, the biggest we can remember in our days of following the Colonels, stands as a bit of a triumph for a bunch of guys who started with a strike against them at the beginning of the year.

They were not expected to come close to last year's fine team, and the pressure of trying to do just that hurt them early in the season. But they came through.

And no matter how bad a night the other team might have had (and don't forget Harpur dumped the Colonels last year to deprive them of a winning season) Wilkes had to put the ball through the hoop like crazy to surpass the once-hallowed century mark.

Hats off, boys, we say. You've done well.

Lu Adds to WC Cosmopolitanism

By BILL DeMAYO "A cosmopolitan group, Wilkes teachers . . . bring to the College a breadth of experience and of vision that enables them to treat their subjects in large perspective . . ." The foregoing, quoted from the Wilkes College Bulletin, is testimony to the school's policy of maintaining a faculty which will enrich the students by the diversity of their background and experience.

A new addition this year, Dr. Ch'ung Tai Lu, is an instructor in the Wilkes Economic Department, and with Dr. Hoh-Cheung Mui of the History Department (now in his fourth year at Wilkes) raises the representation from their homeland, China, to two.

Dr. Lu left his hometown of Peking to come to the United States on a scholarship not long before the Communist forces took complete control of China, and probably would have been back there now had the situation not taken such a drastic change.

Most of Dr. Lu's pre-graduate schooling took place in missionary schools. As he explained, there are several outstanding Chinese

civil schools, but the missionary schools maintain uniform high standards.

Students attending the missionary schools paid tuition and were not obliged to commit themselves to the religion sponsoring the school. So that when, in 1943, Dr. Lu graduated from the Congregation Mission middle school and entered Fujen University, a Catholic mission school, he did not even have to change hats.

At Fujen (pronounced foo-yen) he was encouraged to continue his studies in the United States because of the high average he maintained there. To make this possible the officials at the University aided Dr. Lu in gaining a scholarship to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

After his graduation in 1947 from Fujen Dr. Lu proceeded to Catholic University where he finished his work for his Master's degree in 1951. His work for a doctorate was done at the University of Maryland. The latter involved the formulation of a theory for the economic development of under-developed countries.

Croatians Honor Mrs. Vujica

By JANICE SCHUSTER

Mrs. Nada Vujica, head of the Wilkes College library, was recently honored for her excellent writing of prose at the New York Croatian Academy's Literary Evening.

The librarian-author began writing most of her English stories while a student of Mrs. Williams here at Wilkes, and she attributes the inspiration of many of her writings to the students whom she comes in contact with in the library.

The Croatian Academy is an institution for people who are interested in Croatian Literature, History, and Art; and the members consist of Croatian immigrants, Americans of Croatian descent, and any American citizen who might be interested in the academy.

Mrs. Vujica, who considers her writing to be a "pleasant hobby", was introduced by Professor Reeve of Fordham University as one of the two principle speakers of the evening at the Literary Evening held to honor her and another writer, Mr. Niyetes. Professor Reeve is president of the academy.

The two honored guests, Mrs. Vujica and Mr. Niyetes, read their prose alternately. Mrs. Vujica read



Mrs. Nada Vujica

two short stories; one in English and one in Croatian, and a short essay on America.

A New York publisher has sent Mrs. Vujica an offer to publish her short stories; however, she said that she will wait until she has polished them up and is more satisfied with them.

The theme of all of the recent writings of the Wilkes faculty member is about a country that accepted all refugees and immigrants after the war and the struggle of these people to assimilate into the new surroundings and ways of life. Mrs. Vujica has had two of her short stories printed in the Wilkes literary magazine, *The Manuscript*.

Mrs. Vujica was graduated from the State University of Zagreb in Yugoslavia in 1941 and received supplementary degree in this country at Marywood College.

Even before she was graduated from the university in her native country, Mrs. Vujica produced a book of poems called, "The Distance is Calling"; a book of prose, "The Sunset on the Tiber", which is a description of her travels in Italy; and a biographical novel called, "The Three Generations".

She was also co-editor of a women's magazine and wrote many articles which appeared in magazines and newspapers.

Mrs. Vujica has the ability to speak seven languages and has studied in Italy, Poland, and Germany.

Mrs. Williams, Ex-Wilkes Teacher, Presents Library with 500 Books

By JEROME STEIN

The Wilkes College library has been presented with a gift of five hundred books from Mrs. Gertrude Marvin Williams, former dean of women at Wilkes College. These books are from her personal library and include works on economics, political science, history, sociology, and literature. They constitute a worthwhile contribution to the college as a whole.

Mrs. Williams left Wilkes College in the summer of 1953 after being with us approximately ten years as a journalism instructor as well as dean of women.

Mrs. Williams will leave for a six-month trip to Europe shortly and wished to give the books to the college before she left. She intends to visit England, the home of her ancestors. Previous to this intended trip, she has travelled in Spain



Mrs. Gertrude M. Williams

and other European countries. According to Mrs. Vujica, the Wilkes College librarian, the books will be placed on the library shelves before the end of the semester. Much processing has to be done and when this task is completed, these books will be of incalculable benefit to the student body.

PARKING TAGS AVAILABLE NOW FROM BEACON STAFF

Special Wilkes parking stickers for use on autos of students with lengthy lab classes may be obtained from members of the BEACON editorial staff as of Monday.

For stickers, see Jack Curtis, Jonni Falk, Al Jeter, T. R. Price, or Freda Billstein.



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Wilkes MG Owner Sees Sport Car Fad on Increase

By JACK CAVE

The popularity of the sport car is increasing every day. Each year more and more families are buying, as a second car, one of the mighty midgets of the highways.

The sport car was once opposed by the majority of the people because of the way it was driven. There used to be very few sport cars in this country, and the people that had them thought they were on a race track every time they got behind the wheel.

Those fortunate enough to be driving a foreign car, were always trying to impress their motoring brothers driving Detroit products. They careened about, top down, blasting horns, with arms waving in the breeze waving at other sport cars. With antics like these, it is no wonder that the other drivers on the highway became nervous wrecks from the sound of, and shuddered at the sight of a sport car.

Today, because of its economy of operation and easy maneuverability, the sport car is rapidly becoming a common sight on the highways. There is no car in this country, in production, which can match the gas mileage one gets with an MG, Austin or any of the smaller cars.

The body style of a foreign car is in a class of its own. The MG, until 1954, looked like something that Henry Ford threw out in 1929. The MG also has riding qualities which are not matched by any of the American cars. Riding in one, you feel as if the tires, instead of being round are flat, on four sides.

You don't really mind the ride though, for after the ordeal that you have to go through to get into one, you are glad to be able to sit down, but then there are other sport cars. They must be good for more than rabble-raising on the road, for the number, even in Wyoming Valley has seen a steady climb. The little monsters are becoming quite a common sight running up and down South River Street. At the present we only have two Wilkes students who own MG's, but there are a number of others who are thinking of investing in one.

Can't you see it now. Here you are, in the summer sports car capital of the world each summer. You too can enter the Giants Despair Hill Climb or even the road races at Brynfn Tyddn. Why not rustle up five or six thousand bucks and invest in a summer of frustration, fire drills and hospital bills?

Editor's Note—The writer reports that he's doing fine in his over-hauled, modified, super-dynamic, oil-driven Ford V-8. (Trading in the MG.)

Male Chorus Presents Program at Assembly

The Wilkes College Male Chorus, the Collegians, presented a program of music at the gymnasium last Tuesday.

Directed by Bill Crowder, the chorus sang Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, a Bach chorale; Ave Verum, by Mozart; a spiritual, Little David, Play on Your Harp; Burns' Flow Gently, Sweet Afton; Swedish Hiking Song; two college songs, The Palisades, Down in Pennsylvania; a Creole folk tune; Stouthearted Men, by Romberg; and a Russian folk song.

Soloist Paul Shiffer sang Homing, by Del Sigo, and accompanist Ruth Remley played Medley of New York, a series of pieces for the piano.

Psych-Soc. Club Visits Retreat

The combined Psychology-Sociology Clubs last week took a field trip to Retreat State Mental Hospital, accompanied by their adviser, Mr. Robert Riley.

The group was conducted through such buildings as patients' living quarters, recreation centers, as well as occupational therapy centers.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"Little too rusty, huh? . . . Even for 'Cream of the Crop'?"

ED CLUB TALENT SHOW, "CREAM OF CROP", READY TO AUDITION STUDENT PERFORMERS

By NORMA DAVIS

"Cream of the Crop" a talent show sponsored by the Education Club, is slated for the near future, and any talented persons or groups interested in participating in this extravaganza had better begin to polish up their act.

Quartets or duets, singers or dancers, comedians or dramatic artists — everyone is invited to enter and there'll be prizes galore.

Registrations for those interested in the talent show will begin the week of March 7. Day students wishing to register may do so at noon in both the Snack Bar and the second floor of the Dorm Cafeteria. Night students may sign in the 5th at 8:30 in the Wilkes College Gym.

The talent show, the first of its kind at Wilkes is slated for April Snack Bar on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6 to 6:30 and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 8:30.

Francis Gallia Receives Award

Francis Gallia, of Old Forge, recently received the Chemical Rubber Company's award given annually to the student achieving the best first semester record in physics or chemistry.

Gallia was one of the 67 on last semester's Dean's List, and was one of two to attain a perfect 3.00 average.

The award was presented at assembly in the Wilkes gymnasium by Mrs. Gertrude Doane.

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WC Biology Instructor Engaged to Marry

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gallia of Old Forge, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose Mary, to Thomas Lazarovich of Walpole, Massachusetts.

Miss Gallia is an instructor in the biology department at Wilkes. She received her AB in Biology from Temple University and is currently teaching, histology, embryology and nursing education.

Mr. Lazarovich is employed by Bird and Son, Walpole. No date has been set for the wedding.

RABBI GOLDMAN DIES; FATHER OF WC COED

The Beacon wishes to join the entire student body in expressing deepest condolences to Esther Goldman, Wilkes senior, upon the death of her father.

Rabbi Goldman was well known in this vicinity as an outstanding clergyman and civic worker. He had served at the Anshe Emeth Synagogue for a quarter century.

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Reverend Whitmer Finds Education Indispensable

By JOHN KUSHNERICK

Each of the 700 students at Wilkes has a personal story that is in some way unique. Among these stories, however, can usually be found one or two that are special in some remote way, and thus more outstanding than the others. Such is the story of the Reverend Ralph E. Whitmer, a junior seeking a degree in Social Science.

The Rev. Whitmer is among those individuals who, though having achieved some notoriety in private life and having attained a degree of success in a profession, realize that formal education is without a substitute. It is to men like he that younger students may turn when they ponder, "Why am I here at Wilkes; is it really worth it?"

Typically mild mannered, the congenial pastor makes his dynamic thinking and excellent oratorical ability apparent to students even in classroom recitation. "He really can get a point across," one student remarked without knowing the young pastor's background.

The Rev. Whitmer resides in Freeland, Pa., with his wife, the former Eva S. Hoffman, and his two children. He has been the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church there since 1952. His parish of 75, perhaps small by present day standards, is extremely energetic and willing to assume responsibilities. He has said that these excellent traits make it possible for him to participate in full time study.

A native of Shamokin, Pa., he served with the United States Army during 1945-46. Upon leaving the service, he embarked on a religious career by completing a 33 months Pastor's course at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, in 1949. His first parish was the First Baptist Church in Patton, Pa., in 1950. It



The Rev. Ralph E. Whitmer

was there that he was ordained on October 12th that year. After being transferred to Freeland, he began studying for his college degree at Penn State Center in Hazleton. He transferred to Wilkes at the beginning of the fall term.

At Wilkes he is majoring in Social Science and is a member of the Education Club. In Freeland, aside from his parish work, he serves as president of Parent-Teachers Association.

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CAGERS FINISH THIS WEEK



AND THAT'S HOW IT'S GONNA BE—Coach George Ralston talks things over with starting five. Left to right, Joe Jablonski, Carl Van Dyke, Ralston, Harry Ennis, John Bresnahan, Jim Ferris.

Beacon Photo by Cliff Brothers



HEADS UP— The brand new Wilkes Intramural Bowling League gets underway at the JCC. Play started Sunday night and quite a bit of enthusiasm is being shown in the new venture.

Beacon Photo by Jerry Lind

HOOPSTERS BLAST HARPUR, 102-72 IN LAST HOME TILT OF SEASON

Wilkes' basketball squad finished the home season in fine fashion on Wednesday when they soundly whipped Harpur, 102-72. Freshman Ed Birnbaum hit the century mark with 45 seconds

left in the game with a driving shot.

The varsity played a total of 17 minutes of the contest. During the first twelve minutes of play they built up a 41 to 21 lead before coach George Ralston pulled them out. The second stringers increased the lead to a 56 to 31 halftime score.

The first five started the second half, but were ousted within five minutes when they lengthened the lead to a 74 to 37 margin. From there on in Ralston cleared his bench of every player who had been out for basketball this year.

The game marked the last home contest for team captain Harry "Skinny" Ennis and old standby Parker Petrilak. Harry collected 16 points in his limited action while Petrilak hit for 17 tallies. Carl Van Dyke was high man for the Colonels with 19 markers. Jim Ferris rounded out the double figure scorers by garnering 13 points.

The victory gives the netmen a seasonal record of ten wins against eight losses. Two more games remain on the road before the season is history.

The win also atones for the loss suffered by the WC men last year against the upstaters.

Co-eds Come Thru, Take KJC, 62-54

A long standing jinx was broken last Saturday night when the Wilkes Colonelettes walked off the floor with a 62 to 54 win over Keystone Junior College. The victory snapped a long losing streak for the Wilkes lassies.

The feminine cagers were restricted to the use of freshmen and sophomores in the battle, which was a rough handicap to overcome. Despite the disadvantage, the Wilkes girls put their hair up and proceeded to take the Keystone dolls apart piece by piece.

The charges of Coach Toni Shoemaker jumped off, grabbed an early lead and never lost it throughout the game.

At the end of the first period the Colonel cuties held a 12 to 9 advantage.

The second stanza saw quite a bit of scoring as both teams proceeded to get hot. At the end of the first half the Wilkes-ettes were firmly entrenched by a 36 to 32 margin.

In the second half, Shoemaker's marauders pulled ahead steadily led by the dead-eye shooting of freshman Barbara Vavrek who was high for the game with 31 big points. Nancy Schooley was next in line for the Blue and Gold with 22 counters.

The hair pull ended the season for the Colonelettes.

IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD - EVEN IN SPORTS; BARBARA VAVREK LANDS 'PLAYER' TITLE

In gaining the player of the week title, Barbara Vavrek becomes the first coed to cop the title. She earned the crown by virtue of a tremendous scoring spree against Keystone Junior College, leading the Wilkes lassies to their first win of the season, 62-54.

When it comes to sinking telling two-pointers the blond freshman takes her hat off to no mere male—not after she racked up a total of 31 counters against the Keystone hoopsters.

The Dallas basketeer has been a steady performer for Coach Toni Shoemaker's lassies all year long, showing her best form in the last fracas.

Between Vavrek and Nancy Schooley, they accounted for 53 of the Colonelette markers.

Barbara comes to Wilkes by way of Dallas-Franklin Township High School where she was an active participant in extra-curricular activities. The Back Mountain flash gained a band letter and proved versatility by garnering a dramatic pip.



Barbara Vavrek

At the present time the future of the girls cage squad is in doubt,

Tangle with Mansfield Tomorrow; Meet East Stroudsburg Wednesday; Winning Season Seen As Possibility

By RODGER LEWIS

Wilkes College basketball squad will wrap up the current court season this week when they take to the road in two re-match games. Tomorrow night the cagers travel to Mansfield and journey to Stroudsburg on Wednesday for the final fracas.

Two weeks ago the Colonels took a 73 to 70 victory from a stubborn Mansfield squad. This game was tough all the way for the locals, but they were able to pull victory out of the bag in the last minute of play. Last week the Teachers handed King's College a 15 point margin setback.

Much earlier in the season, the Blue and Gold hoopsters registered their first victory of the season against Stroudsburg by a 78 to 75 count. This game also proved to be no pushover for the netmen. Superb foul shooting turned the tide of victory.

The end of the season will bring the playing days of Harry "Skinny" Ennis and Parker "the old pro" Petrilak to an end.

A Winner

Coach George Ralston would like very much to take the remaining battles inasmuch as victories in both would bring him one of his most successful seasons as far as percentages go. Last year he saw hopes of a winning season crumble in the last game of the campaign.

However, the big guns of John Bresnahan, Jim Ferris, and Ennis will be loaded for bear to help bring the season to well deserved happy ending. Carl Van Dyke, Joe Jablonski are also on deck to raise the victory stock of the Blue and Gold.

In recent games Ralston has used substitutions more freely than he was able to earlier this year and in some cases has reverted back to the two platoon system. Petrilak, Dick Bunn, Joe Popple, Ed Troutman, and Cliff Brautigan are on hand for these chores.

Matmen Blast Mules; Finish Season with Flash

By JIM COLEMAN

A Wilkes team that must have been fed raw meat for a week took to the mats against Muhlenberg on Saturday and brought back a 22-8 victory, ending a mediocre season on a favorable note.

The grapplers pulled out all the stops and didn't let the Mules score a point until the 157-pound class. In this bout, Dave Thomas came up against Frank Gutierrez, undefeated in two years of dual competition, and was defeated 4-3. Thomas showed his usual good form and gave Gutierrez a fight right down to the final whistle.

In the matches preceding the 157 pounders, Shugar kept his man's back to the canvas the whole bout to win 12-0, Bob Morgan came through with his seventh win by pinning Ed Druckenmoiler in 5:36, and the two Dons rolled the score up to 16-0 with Reynolds decisioning his man 7-0 and McFadden decking Don Tihansky in 4:54 for his fifth pin of the year.

Back on Track

In the 167 pound class, Neil Dardurka came through and beat Marv Cressman 3-0 to put WC back into the winning column. Stan Abrams showed real fight, but bowed to experience, being pinned by Paul Billy in 3:23. Captain Jerry Elias brought the final bout to the Wilkes side by decisioning a heavier Don Grammes 7-4.

Coach Reese said after the bout that the team's record for the season might not look so good, but he thinks this year's edition is better than last year's winning season squad. He had nothing but praise for Stan Abrams and Ahmed Kazimi who did yeoman work all year under the handicap of little experience.

SPORTIN' AROUND

with AL JETER, Sports Editor

Player Shortage

Within the span of a couple of months we've noticed several articles in national publications giving out with the idea that the sports-minded segment of our population is becoming more and more spectator-minded and less participation-minded.

Various reasons are given for this phenomenon ranging from television right down to plain laziness. It may be so and we have no argument one way or the other.

But one thing is sure and that is that such is not the case on the Wilkes campus.

To our way of thinking there has been more participation in sports programs at the school this year than has been seen in quite some time. The increase has been very noticeable in the intramural program and the new ideas that have come up, the latest being bowling competition which includes both male students and co-eds.

Ancient History

Looking back into some almost forgotten pages of Wilkes history we find intra-mural teams have been a part of the school for some time. Back in what some no doubt call the good old days, there was a softball league that was a real dazzler in every sense. Those were the days when some of the old masters of the diamond art came out to show their wares in earnest.

We remember such kings of the sport as Dr. "Fireball" Thatcher who always tossed a mean game, and George "Speedy" Ralston who was death on the base paths.

Seems strange? — not at all, there was a time when the faculty of the school also participated in these programs. There were some hot and heavy games too. Then faculty players became a vanishing breed making an appearance once a year in the annual senior spectacle.

Something New

However we got a pleasant surprise while looking over the keg team rosters the other night. The lists turned up such names as Welton Farrar and George Elliot on one of the pin squads. Maybe this is the start of a new trend.

The faculty has been missed in the sports card for some time, even if we did gripe that no spike shoes could be worn on the diamond and mortar shots from deep center field trained on faculty benches were strictly prohibited. We're glad to see them back.

On the sick list is Mr. Rodger Lewis, father of Rodger Lewis, Beacon sports feature writer. Mr. Lewis is one of the avid sports fans of the valley and the Beacon staff wishes him a speedy and complete recovery.

but in case they decide to give it a try next year we are sure that the co-ed's version of Bob Cousy will be more than a help to the cause.