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ROW—
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in the Gym

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Crocker Appointed Editor of 'Amnicola'

WILKES REPORTS TO THE SPORTS WORLD

(A PR Release)

College football can and will thrive on a purely amateur level.

Convincing evidence to back up that statement came from Kirby Park two weeks ago as its football team initiated drills in preparation for the coming football season.

A turnout of 50 grid aspirants is not unusual at most colleges, but at Wilkes, where a no athletic scholarship policy exists, it was gratifying. A week later, the squad totaled over 55 and was still growing.

Says Coach George Ralston, "There seems to be a revitalized interest in football at Wilkes and I'm all for it. It sure strengthens our belief that scholarship should come first and then extra-curricular activities, which of course includes athletics."

Wilkes announced a strict athletic policy in 1950 which stated that "At Wilkes College a balance must be maintained between scholastic and extra-curricular activities so that scholarship will not be impaired."

The policy further stated, "The college gives no scholarships for the sole purpose of encouraging athletes to attend Wilkes College. Athletes will receive the same consideration in admissions, in the classroom, and in the awarding of scholarships that is given other students."

For the first few years the code hurt teams of the small school, and today its effects are still felt. Last year the football squad numbered only 33, and other sports also felt the pinch. But the teams carried on and always put on fine showings, even though undermanned.

Good proof of the system's success is the eleven's record in six years of play. It now stands at 29 wins, 15 defeats and three ties.

DANCE AND PEP RALLY TONITE IN GYM; FRESHMEN REQUIRED TO ATTEND

By WALT CHAPKO

Friday night the Frosh will be treated to a dance and pep rally at the South Franklin Street gym. The honorable Louis F. Steck, president of the sophomore class, promises wholehearted attendance by the freshman class; role will be taken to curb delinquents! Since the Wilkes cheerleaders have been cordial enough to invite the freshmen to their dance, the sophs feel that it is only fitting that every dink, tie, and garter attend.

It is hoped that the frosh will take interest in Wilkes athletics and root for the school teams. Our hardworking cheerleaders will attempt to arouse enthusiasm with a pep rally at the dance. Perhaps the girls will even model their new cheering garb, navy blue pleated skirts topped by white sweaters with blue megaphones with gold letters.

Connie Smith, Jane Carpenter, Ellen Louise Wint, Pat Fitzgerald, Betty Parra, Carol Walling, and Helen Koelsch join in welcoming you at the combined dance - pep rally Friday night. There will be dancing from 8:30 to 12 and it's free to frosh and upperclassmen

alike!

P.S. Frosh:

Please do not forget to wear your dinks, ties, garters, and other signs of distinction. This is a required dance.

Our most heartfelt salutations,
The Sophomore Tribunal

Beacon Holds Meeting

Last Tuesday the BEACON held its first meeting. The newspaper plans to hold more throughout the semester.

The purpose of the opening meeting was to straighten out with all the new freshmen the rules and procedures of the BEACON. The deadline of Wednesday at noon was set and Editor Beers stressed the desire to have the copy as informative and interesting as possible.

This coming week the freshmen will be put on the assignment sheet.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sept. 19—Dance, cheer leaders
Sept. 23—Coffee Hour
Sept. 25—Assembly, pep rally
Sept. 27—Football, away,
Bloomsburg

Wilkes Faculty Women To Have "Coffee Hour"

Mrs. Lee Bubeck, President of the Wilkes Faculty Women, has announced that an "All College Coffee Hour" to honor the new freshmen will be held in the college cafeteria on Thursday afternoon, September 25, from 3 to 5. All faculty and students are cordially invited.

Mrs. Herbert Mordis, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. John Chwalek, Mrs. John Detroy, Mrs. Hugo Mailey, and Mrs. Harold Thatcher.

Mrs. Joseph Donnelly, Mrs. Alfred Bastress, Mrs. Robert Riley, and Mrs. Stanley Wasilewski will pour.

Frosh Election Plans Made By St. Council

The Student Council held a brief meeting yesterday at which plans for freshman class elections were made. Also discussed in a general manner were the various issues facing the new council such as the budget (which will be allotted for the first time under the new 2.5 per cent system) and student activities.

Roxy Reynolds, the new council prexy announced that nominations for freshman class offices will be held on Tuesday immediately following the Tribunal session and that the election will be held on Friday from 11 to 2. He explained that it was necessary for the frosh to elect their officers next week because of a clause in the Student constitution making it mandatory for freshmen officers to be chosen during the second week of school.

NOTICE!

A reorganizational meeting of the I.R.C. will be held on Tuesday at 12:15 in Barre Annex. New members are invited.

OUT-OF-TOWN FROSH



First row, left to right: Monica Utrias, Newark, N. J.; Anita Gordon, Hazleton; Dona Stein, New York City; Diane Heller, Prescott, Ariz.; Barbara Book, Sugarloaf; and David Gehman, Telford.
Second row: Thomas Nemchick, Eckley; Cliff Brautigam, East Orange, N. J.; Jon Kruter, Waymart; Bob Bosak, Hazleton; Tony Bianco, New Canaan, Conn.; Cliff Martin, Scott Township, and Dave Shearer, Cheltenham.
Third row: John Castagna, New York City; Carl Van Dyke, Punxsutawney; Ken Hower, Teaneck, N. J.; Bob Taggart, Newark, N. J.; and Neil Schmidt and Sal Parisi, both of Teaneck, N. J.

GROGAN RESIGNS TO BE ASSISTANT; AL JETER NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

The college publications committee accepted the resignation of Edward G. Grogan as editor-in-chief of "Amnicola", the yearbook, this week and advanced Robert V. Crocker, photography editor, the top billet on the annual's staff.

The committee's irregular action was occasioned by Grogan's request that Crocker, his longtime friend and darkroom associate, be honored with the editorship owing to considerations of seniority. Crocker is a senior, and Grogan, a junior.

"Although I feel competent to do the job," Grogan explained, "I recognize that Bob has been working toward the editorship for the past three years. I can't stand by and see him lose his last chance at it."

In reversing its summer decision, the committee announced that Grogan will succeed Crocker as editor-in-chief. He will see the yearbook through the 1953-54 college year.

The new editor has been a member of the Amnicola staff throughout his undergraduate career. Photography editor last year, he also

worked with Grogan in providing picture coverage for the public relations office. He is a resident of East Moriches, N.Y.

In addition to bearing the responsibility for Amnicola this year, he will serve as president of the Economics Club.

Grogan, who steps down into the photography editorship, joined the yearbook staff as a photographer last year. A rank darkroom amateur when he began his apprenticeship under Crocker, he has developed to the point where his pictures compare favorably with the work of commercial photographers hereabouts. His home is in New Hyde Park, N.Y.

The publications committee confirmed the appointment of Allen Jeter, Ventnor, N.J., as the yearbook's business manager and disclosed a copy editor will be named in the near future.

DEBATERS LOOKING FOR NEW FRED DAVIS; TOPIC: FEPC PROGRAM

By DORIS GATES

The Debating Society, one of the most active groups on the campus, has again planned a full schedule of debating tournaments and programs for the coming year. The national debate topic for colleges this year is: Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Adopt an FEPC Program. This topic will be debated by both the novice and varsity teams.

Last Friday morning, Dr. Kruger, the Debating Coach, met with fifteen prospective debaters from the freshman class. Dr. Kruger indicated there are some good prospects in this group, for many freshman candidates for the team have already had invaluable experience in high school debates.

Newcomers to the Society from the upper classes are Mike Lewis, Al Wallace, Gene Scrudato and Connie Smith. Returning from last year's varsity team are Roxy Reynolds, Jim Neveras, Doris Gates, and Peg Williams.

Fred Davis and John Murtha, outstanding members of last year's varsity team, have graduated and will be sorely missed by the team.

Fred, who is now with the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, had a record of ten victories and one defeat last season and the incredible three year record of thirty wins and three losses. John Murtha's record includes sixteen wins and three losses last season, while Roxy Reynolds and Jim Neveras won fifteen and lost four. Doris Gates has a record of four wins and two defeats.

The varsity team had an outstanding season last year. At the DAPC Tournament the team compiled a record of six wins and no defeats, but a snowstorm prevented them from attending the last day's debates. The Wilkes team tied Notre Dame for first place at the Brooklyn College Tournament, which was attended by fifty-five teams from various schools and college. In the Eastern Forensic Tournament the Wilkes team placed seventh.

This year's schedule of tournaments includes the Temple University Novice Tournament, in December, the DAPC Tournament, the Ben Franklin Tournament, the Brooklyn College Tournament, the Eastern Forensic Tournament, and the N.Y.U. Hall of Fame Tournament. Dr. Kruger also plans to enter a team in the elimination debates for the Nationals held every year at West Point.

Plans have also been made for panel discussions. Two programs, one for a student assembly and another for a Faculty Women's meeting, are definitely on the agenda. The tentative topic for these programs is the question: What constitutes Loyalty in a Democracy? This program will (continued on page 2)

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

THE PARKING RIDDLE ONCE AGAIN

Some serious thought should be given to the parking situation around Wilkes. Ever since the Gymnasium was built, we've had the acute problem of finding some place to put our cars. Day by day the problem gets worse, too.

The BEACON has no solution to the problem, but it can point out some of the faulty features of the present system. A correction here would help out a bit, at least.

The idea behind one or two hour parking limits, one should think, would be to be democratic and give everyone a chance sometime to park his car. The River Common has the parking limits but they're useless. No one except Wilkes students or those having special business with Wilkes parks along the Common, because it is too far from the Square or other areas of business. Thus the River Common has become nothing more than a Wilkes parking lot, and the City ought to realize that. But now students of the Community College are forced to run about between classes, move their cars an inch forward or backwards—that constituting an end to one parking limit and beginning another—or deftly remove the yellow chalk mark which the cop places on their tires. When all such precautions have been taken, the cop wheels his motorcycle and places tickets on those who have violated the law in one manner but not in another. The whole comedy has everything in it for a beautiful satire.

The funniest part of the motorcycle comedy, I guess, is that the tax-burdened citizens of the Community College are paying the ticket-making cop a nice salary to uphold an ordinance that they desire to violate. The salaried cop could be better used elsewhere.

So why not do away with the parking limit signs and the horse play and the expense that the signs bring?

The other faulty feature of the present River Common traffic problem is the nonsense of no parking from the hours of four to six in the afternoon. The idea behind this move is to clear up the road for the heavy evening jam. It does nothing of the kind. The only thing it does do is once again irritate the students of the Community College, an unnecessary irritation at that. The jams on the River Common are not caused by parked cars. They are caused by slow lights. One can only hit those lights, even in the wee hours of the morning when the road is perfectly clear, by travelling twenty miles an hour. With dozens of other cars on the road in the early evening and with everybody moving so slow or waiting for the lights to change, naturally you have traffic tie-ups. Clearing the road of parked cars does nothing whatsoever to untangle the tangling mess.

What the 4-6 rule does do is make life miserable for the students who have late classes, a thing which seems to be very popular these days. It also puts more salaried cops on the job to make sure the nonsensical law is carried out.

A correction to these two faulty features would not unriddle the parking riddle. Neither would the correction straighten out the heavy traffic scramble. But it would give the poor unfortunate parker a break. Those extremely serious problems are not for the BEACON to correct but for the traffic experts, who at this time must be as unexpertly confused as the fuming drivers.

GREETINGS, AMNICOLA

When June busted out all over, it did not bust out with the scheduled Amnicola, the BEACON's partner in crime. It wasn't until mid-September, in fact, that the Amnicola did bust out, an all-time late busting out date, incidentally, for the annually procrastinated publication.

There should be no condoning of the late actions of the Amnicola. No one should laugh and say that it at least beat Christmas, as punctuality is one of the prime virtues of a publication. The editors are at fault, though one should remember that such a publication as a yearbook is always hard put to be on time. Its very nature makes it difficult to put it out on time.

Late or not, the 1952 Amnicola is one of Wilkes' finest yearbooks. The editors are to be congratulated on that score. It is full of new ideas. It contains the first yearbook color shot. The newspaper-like divider pages are originally attractive. The layouts are something new in lay-outs, which in yearbook work is pretty near always set. Some photo shots are excellent; others poor. It contains some weird-like cartoons of a campus cat with a square jaw, which adds a spicy touch to the book and is the first bit of art work in its seven-year history.

Now if our fellow staffers can only keep up the splendid

POLITICAL OBSERVERS SPECULATE; DID WILKES ICG START BOOM FOR ADLAI?

By MIKE LEWIS

Just how did the Stevenson boom get started?

That is a question which is at present occupying the minds of the nation's top political analysts and reporters and which is sure to cause much speculation and dispute among historians and social psychologists in years to come. But it's not really a mystery. Although now known only by Walter Lippman, Westbrook Pegler, Marty Blake, and the students of Wilkes College (excluding the callow frosh) it is a fact that the Wilkes chapter of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Conference on Government started the boom which carried Stevenson from comparative obscurity into the world spotlight. Amazing, isn't it? Well, this is how it happened.

As upperclassmen will remember, it was last March that the Pennsylvania ICG held its mock political party convention in Harrisburg to select a model political party's nominee for the office of president of the United States. At that time, most people thought only four citizens had any chance whatsoever of being nominated for the world's highest temporal office: Harry Truman, piano player from Independence, Missouri; Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a farmer from Gettysburg, Pa.; Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati, Ohio; and "Too-long" Wallison, world-famous social philosopher from Kingston, Pa. But there were a few Wilkes students who felt differently. They were partisans of the then little-known "master - of - levity" from Springfield, Illinois, Adlai Stevenson. And being like most Wilkesmen, a very determined lot, our local politicians decided to secure this nomination for Adlai, and to make it the start of a nationwide "Draft Stevenson" movement.

This was not an easy thing to do, however. For when the convention convened at the State Capitol the Illinois governor had but a scant thirty supporters. Two hundred and fifty votes were required for nomination. The situation looked bad. But the Wilkes group went into action. They spent seventy-two gruelling, exhausting, sleepless, desperate nights pleading the cause of Adlai to the delegates.

And the training they received

at the Mailey School of Applied Politics paid off in a big way. For, amid wonder consternation, and delight, the convention nominated Adlai Stevenson on the fifth ballot. The amazing news was carried by radio and press to every part of the United States. The powerful Pennsylvania ICG had nominated a political unknown! Then, came the chain reaction. Within three months Adlai Stevenson became one of the two most son became one of the two serious contenders for the nation's top office.

And so the experts are wondering: Just how did it happen? Well, we here at Wilkes know (even the unlearned freshmen know now.) that it was our own campus Machievelli's who started the ball rolling, upon which the maker-of-jests from the wheatlands has gone so far.

Editor's note:

The BEACON will not express itself on any of the political candidates or their parties. The political scene is not the BEACON'S business. But the BEACON does desire to run articles or letters concerning the opinions of Wilkes students on the important coming national election.

Mike Lewis' story is a little more than an opinion, because it is true that the Wilkes delegation to the Harrisburg Convention did such a splendid job of playing politics for all it was worth that the delegation's choice of Stevenson eventually won.cNN son eventually won.

Again, the BEACON will not stand behind such articles as Mike Lewis'. Mike's own unusual and flamboyant personality, plus his cutting, stylish sense of humor, has made the feature article a little bit more than a direct news story.

DEBATERS LOOKING

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also be given sometime during the semester before the Presbyterian Church group, the Lions Club, and the Rotary. These panel discussions have made the Debating Team one of the best known Wilkes organizations in the Valley.

The present officers of the Debating Society are Roxy Reynolds, president; Jim Neveras, vice-president; and Doris Gates, secretary.

work but put out their masterpiece somewhere round-and-about the date due, then the Amnicola will have achieved the hard-covered, glossy-paged acme of all yearbook plotters.

BEERS, editor

This 'n' That

by ludwig

Hi,

The frosh this year look about average, the soccer team is still looking for a win, the parking lot is packed by half past seven, the teachers that were supposed to leave last semester are back and Wilkes is still rumored to be the toughest school in the nation. Things haven't changed much have they? Oh, pardon me, there is now a television set in the cafeteria, with your dinner we serve "Love of Life" or a chance to win your life desire, a sewing machine.

I've heard of a few marriages through the summer, Paul Thomas and Pat Boyd, Bert Stein and Ad-die Elvis, and "B-bar-B" and Shirley Jones. I think it would be nice if we would all send the boys a sympathy card.

I was sure that they wouldn't offer World Lit. again this semester, but I see that it is back and all you lucky sophomores may once again taste the ecstasy of sleeping with your Iliad tucked neatly underneath your pillow.

Say, some of you freshmen who are floating around here with no particular major in mind might do well to take a look at the retailing department, it seems to have gotten a lease on life with a new head. They've got some great plans and I'm sure that Mr. Bunn will be happy to sit down and discuss your future with you.

Well, I've been wandering around on several different subjects. Shall we settle down to something? Your social life at Wilkes is what you make it and this is the time to discuss it. Every year there seems to be a definite lacking in school spirit around our ivy covered buildings. Don't forget something, this is the place that is going to give you a diploma, when you run it down you're running down yourself. Let's get behind our class and do things.

Who in heaven's name is the person around campus that looks like Sam Moline? I'm curious.

A friend of mine around campus is looking for a girl with a nice personality, lots of money, good looks, who won't mind any of his bad habits and support him the rest of his natural life. Any comments may come by regular mail but if you send an address please use registered mail. This 'n' That, Wilkes College, Beacon, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

So long!



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Booters To Have Strongest Bench In Four Years

GOAL AND FULLBACKS ALREADY FIRST CLASS; AID FROM ROOKIES DEIBEL, BIANCO IN LINE

By PAUL B. BEERS

For the first time in four years it looks as though the Colonel booters are going to have a strong bench. Lack of adequate reinforcements has often plagued the club in the closing minutes of the strenuous 88-minute game.

Coach Partridge's numerous battles for positions is going to leave the bench full of strong third men. The line takes five men. Some boys are going to have to go out of Dick Powikowski, Lefty Kemp, Cled Rowlands, Dean Arvan, Dale Warmouth, Warren Blaker, Don Tosh, newcomer Harry Deibel, and Tony Bianco. Frosh Bianco from New Caanon, Conn., a swiftly discovered by Army-bound Mo Batterson, looks to be the only kid on the line to have things sewed up. In four years Bianco is the only soccer player to come along possessing a left foot, unless you count Earl the Great Wolfe. Tony has never played soccer before, but he looks good. He has a nice kick, good control, and a fast step, which is one thing that all outside lefts must have among their other assorted wares. The other outside position is a toss-up between oldie Cled Rowlands and Dick Powikowski, who if he loses the job could move to an inside position. There's a rat race for the three inside slats. Tosh, Deibel, Arvan, Powikowski, and Kemp look to be the best bets, though dark-horse rookies Warmouth and Blaker might be able to sneak in. Anyway you look at it, though, you still have four replacements on the bench. The line, which takes a lot of beating in a regular game, is set in numbers at least.

Bench material for the halfbacks looks good also. Flipper Jones has center half all to his own, but Ben Beers and Willie Clausen must fight off Mike Lewis for sure, and possibly a misplaced Lefty Kemp or Don Tosh. Fullback Dick Hawk is in the running also.

Fullbacks Bill Mergo and Puissant Preston Eckmeyer are the most solidly set citizens on the team. Their work in practices has been nothing but first class. Mergo has always been good, and Preston has come along so fast that he has developed into a terror for approaching linemen. Like the mounties, Puissant Preston always gets his man, even if the ball does dribble off to the side. Dick Hawk is the only replacement, but Dick has advanced to a ripe stage at a faster pace than many characters ever believed possible of Dick Divers Hawks.

Even the goal-keeping job has a replacement. It has now come to this: the expected Parker Petrillak is going to have a tough battle budging big Jim Moss. In his first outing, Moss didn't let a single item go through. Scrimmage or no scrimmage, Parker was never that good.

So Coach Partridge can figure on a strong bench. His main problem is now to improve the starting eleven, whomever they may be. The schedule that stares the boys

in the face is rugged. Improvement is needed for victories.

Boots and Bobbles

A fifth Girard boy has been added to the squad. Newcomer Harry Deibel now joins Bill Mergo, Flip Jones, Ben Beers, and Dick Powikowski. In the last scrimmage against Catawissa Harry showed up and looked like a fine starting lineman. He has plenty of drive and spirit, a welcomed addition to the club. The goal tending job could develop into a real tug-of-war if John the Cat Milliman came out. At present the Big Cat is in deep consideration whether he should continue to rest his hulking frame or work like the very old devil on the soccer team.

Two scrimmages have been played with Catawissa High. The first down there was a 3-3 tie, with Dean Arvan, Flip Jones, and lend-lease second-string All-American from Penn Joe Devaney scoring for Wilkes. The second one was played up here and the Colonels took it by a 1-0 score. Flip Jones took a pass in, dribbled a quarter of a length of the field and smacked it into the net with a hard drive for the game's only tally. The scrimmages were strictly scrimmages, with both coaches feeling free to take time out for instructions and using frequent substitutions in the low-substitution game of soccer. No refs were employed. No time was kept.

The last scrimmage with Catawissa nearly turned into a brawl. Catawissa takes her soccer seriously. She has no football. You might compare her soccer team with one of the City's better football teams, so she is no high school push-over. The Colonels, it might be added, have run up against at least three college elevens that weren't in Catawissa's class. So taking her soccer seriously, Catawissa ran hard and charged hard. Unknowningly a number of times her linemen plowed illegally into goalie Jimmy Moss. Broken backs and cracked bones can come off very easily with such goings-on. A few Colonels became irritated at last and trouble very nearly came off. The heated up scrimmage was the best the Colonels ever played. No

FLINGING FULLBACK



Eddie Davis

Starting his third year on the Wilkes varsity, Eddie Davis should just about be coming into his own. The chunky fullback has a strong arm and accurate eye, and he is considered a good plowing runner. The former All-Scholastic from Plymouth is also an excellent basketball and baseball player. Eddie has a younger brother now leading the Plymouth eleven and making a strong bid for All-Scholastic himself.

feelings were hurt. The boys would like to trade kicks sometime again with the spirited high school kids.

The great 1949 Wilkes football team compiled a 7-1-1 record, scored 294 points to the opposition's 115, and licked King's, 47-7.

The 1949 Colonel eleven was a powerful scoring team. Big John Florkiewicz led the club with 72 points, followed by Gus Castle with 60, and end Jack Feeney with 51.

The 1949 Colonel football team had an offensive team that weighed 188 lbs and a defensive team that went 189 pounds. Hendershot at 220, Feeney at 210, Lewis at 200, and Molash at 195 lbs. were the big boys on the club.

RALSTON TO USE SINGLE WING AND WINGED-T; RADASZEWSKI RECOVERING RAPIDLY

By LEE DANNICK

The autumn days are rolling along and the reports from the practice field and locker rooms at Kirby Park indicate that, this year, the Wilkes football team will be one to be reckoned with.

Coach George Ralston has incorporated, in addition to his single wing formation of five years standing, a winged T. This offensive formation, as the name suggests, is a T formation with single wing principles. This new offensive measure should click right from the opening whistle as the Colonels' two quarterbacks, Russ Picton and Eddie Davis, are both well versed in the intricate workings of the 'T'. Davis, you may recall, was a star for Plymouth High School, which employed the T formation, while Picton, playing for the Marines, operated out of the same set-up.

This year, as in years past, the Colonels are plagued with a personnel problem. Because of this it is hard to find the right men to fill the proper slots. Newcomers to the team have given indications that they will help to allay this situation. Among the frosh that show promise at this writing are linemen Cliff Brautigan, Glenn Carey, Gerry Wright and tailback Davey Hughes.

Evident at the practice sessions

is that the squad has a lot more zip and fire than last year. That is encouraging because it is a well known fact that a team without spirit is not a team in the real sense of the word. Those little intangibles that make up the word 'spirit' win ball games.

Other good news that has reached our ears is that Frank Radaszewski's recovery from his hand injury has been so rapid that Ralston expects the big guy to be in for limited action by mid-season. It is the feeling in this corner that Frank would be an invaluable asset to any team regardless of his physical condition when one takes into account his fighting spirit and will to win. It'll be good to see him back to the football wars once more.

All in all, the Colonels give promise of providing a lot of good and winning football. The results of this Saturday's scrimmage under game-like conditions with an unnamed opponent at Kirby Park should give us a good line on what to expect from the 1952 edition of the Wilkes Colonels.

DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS

Perhaps one of the most sincere compliments ever paid a Colonel football player was made by grid coach George Ralston last week at one of the Colonels pre-Bloomsburg practices . . . It was not until drills actually got underway that many Wilkesmen came face to face with the reality that AL NICHOLAS is gone . . . Sure we've missed "Hotdog" around campus, but it is out there on the gridiron where his absence is most strongly felt . . . "Nick" carried lots of mail for dear old Wilkes in his time and all of us here knew that he was good. But last week Ralston, in one of his somber moods, what with the eleven shaping up slowly, revealed just how highly he regarded our former flashback . . . Ralston, who has lost no little sleep worrying about who will fill Al's shoes at tailback, was trying to talk some of the old Nicholas ginger into about half a dozen aspiring pigskin toters . . . George frankly admitted that he hasn't found the man who can run like "Nick" yet this year, and that it doesn't look like he's going to find such a shifty speedster for many years to come.

Said Ralston, explaining how "Nick" would run the various plays from tailback, "He was just about the best runner that I've seen. He got to the holes fast and never let up until he was either over the goal or brought down. I'm tellin'ya, the boy could run." Al had his best year, by the record books anyhow, in 1950 when he was chosen Small College All-State Halfback by the Associated Press sportswriters. That season ole "Twinkletoes" ran through, around, over and under the opposition to the tune of slightly more than 1000 yards . . . Ask any King's College griddier who faced little lightning at Kingston Stadium that year . . . He'll tell you as many of the Monarchs have told us that "I had a shoulder on him, but before I could close my arms, the little so and so was gone." . . . Frustrating, to say the very least . . .

That was the last time we beat King's and it was close at that, 14-12, remember. Nick and SASH MOLASH were the big men that night, but of course as was evidenced in last year's fiasco, the rest of the line helped open the holes too . . . And there was Jake Waters with two lovely conversions to boot (ow!), but still anyone who witnessed the tilt will tell you that without Nicholas, Wilkes would have done better to have "stood in bed." Last year Al had a tough time of it . . . The cards werestackedagainst him . . . Coach Ralston says that Al was the victim of bad breaks throughout the season. In the first place, he was creamed deliberately in the St. Francis game, suffering two black eyes, a broken nose and a sprained hand. His ankle injury was next in the Bridgeport game, just when he was going great guns too. That one stuck with him the rest of the season. Uncle Sam was breathing heavily down the back of his neck, too, and that no doubt took its toll.

Many Wyoming Valley football fans, who tabbed Nicholas as the area's "Mr. Football", know that they saw something rare in a ball carrier when Al was wearing the Blue and Gold . . . Some have even gone so far as to say that he would have made All-American at a large college (football factory). But that's neither here nor there . . . Nicholas is in the Marines and last reports had him stepping into RUSS PICTON's shoes at Camp Lejeune. Sort of an even swap . . . We get Russ, who was first string All-Marine QB several times, and the Leathernecks get Al . . . We're sure going to find use for Russell, and we feel sure that the Navy underlings know a good thing when they see one . . . Al will serve his hitch, and we hope, will return to our hallowed halls and gridiron . . . Two years is a long time to wait . . . 'Tis a sad situation indeed.

QUICKIES—Back amongst us this week on furlough after extensive service in Korean waters is ENS. FRAN PINKOWSKI, brother of grid co-captain DANNY, Big Pinky (in name only) has pitched in to help his former grid mentor and assistant GERARD WASHCO in preparing the team for the opening game next Saturday . . . Fran is stationed at San Francisco, Calif., and hopes to get his discharge before the King's encounter . . . WILKES SCENE AND HEARD—Coach Ralston moving his team under the shelter of a large oak tree at Kirby Park to try to keep his charges dry and continuing, nevertheless to direct the eleven in running plays . . . Too bad the tree leaked . . . West Side gamblers note. Ralston was heard telling his backfield to "take a dive". Don't bet against them, though. All he meant was a diving lunge through the line . . . HOWARD DUNCAN, popular dorm student who attended Long Branch, N. J., High School wheer JOHN FLORKIEWICZ is now teaching and coaching, advises that the former Colonel back has a fine record to uphold. The Jerseyites went undefeated last season, so Florky has his work cut out for him . . .

WARREN REED, Wyoming freshman who is a candidate for the wingback spot, is taking the brunt of freshman hazing. In fact, to such an extent that last Monday, before practice in the football locker room, he asked shyly if he could remove his dink . . . Ah, memories of '51 . . . Speculaion is rampant about who will get the "Jim Thorpe" haircut this year . . . Last season, it was GIBBY LUTZ, and a finer job was never done, according to old hands of the FEENEY-KNAPICH tribunal regime . . . Time and the clip-pers will tell . . . FINAL NOTE—Coach Ralston, "What's his name" Manager JERRY ELIAS, "Osscowaninskicz". Ralston again, "He goes on the first team. Boy, will I get even with Public Relations."

Beacon's Beat

A BEACON reporter phoned Butler Dorm the other night to find out the name of a freshman. The name was forthcoming, and then the voice at the other end of the phone said, "Hey, what do ya got him up for?"

Too-long Wallison is back. One of his first official acts was to, ironically enough, walk through the library. Like the big beer baron they just threw into Sing Sing, Too-long flashed a wide smile and

waved his notebook at some of "the old boys."

Last week a big ad for the BEACON was misplaced. Three days after publication, with no money coming from that ad, it was uncovered — yes — in one of Mr. Kersteen's closets.

It was the class' opener and Too-Long Wallison — that character will bust in here a lot, it appears, — was seriously listening to a list of books for outside reading book reports. After the prof had gone through the titles, Too-Long raised his hand and asked, "Have you read all those books and which one's haven't you?"

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DRAMA ORGANIZATION WELCOMES FRESHMEN

Cue 'n' Curtain — magic words on the Wilkes Campus — is the name of possibly the most popular club at Wilkes, the dramatic club. Its three one-act plays produced each semester and the two larger productions presented within the year are gay spots in the curriculum whose value to the students taking part in them, the students and faculty members attending them, and the members of the community who also attend cannot be overlooked.

The adviser and officers of the Cue 'n' Curtain are hereby extending a welcoming hand to the Freshmen and open invitations to

both Frosh and upperclassmen to join our ranks. Nearly everyone will find something in the dramatic club to attract him. Acting, directing, staging, make-up, costuming, lighting, publicity, properties, and unrrniture are only a few of the many activities by which members earn honors — and points in the organization.

To be sure that the work in the club is done and that those members who do the work are given recognition, the Cue 'n' Curtain has developed a point system by which members are given credit, for acting, directing, playwriting, and committee work. Each year at the club's annual banquet, awards are made on the basis of these points, and keys are given to those members who have earned twenty-five points if they are two year students or fifty points for four year students.

Besides the hectic, time-consuming periods of intense activity which precede, accompany, and sometime follow the plays, Cue 'n' Curtain has other interests to offer. Our club "home" which is in Chase Theater is well known to members as the most restful spot on campus. Couches, comfortable chairs, radio, record player, and its own library of text books left by students all contribute to the students' comfort.

Last Wednesday night the club had a Frosh Party just for the purpose of welcoming into the group those freshmen who are interested. Ann Azat, chairman for the party, did a very nice job of arranging the program, consisting of dancing, refreshments, and the well received address by Peter Margo and monologues by Helen Hawkins, Pat Fitzgerald, Bill Crowder, and herself. Freshmen who missed this party indeed missed a good time, but they will be given another opportunity to join us at our business meeting on September 22.

Mr. Alfred Groh is faculty adviser for the club and the officers are Peter Margo, president; Bill Crowder, vice president; Helen Brown, treasurer; Peg Williams, secretary; and Sheldon Schneider, historian.

If you are interested in joining or if you have already done so, do not forget the meeting on Monday, September 22 at Chase Theater.

NOTICE!

Students interested in Debating are requested to attend a meeting in Dr. Kruger's office on Tuesday at 11:00 A.M.

FLIP JONES HEADS COLLEGIANS; SCHEDULED FOR ASSEMBLY, NOV. 20

By GORDON YOUNG

Promising to become one of the most popular groups on campus, the Wilkes male chorus began its first practice sessions of the current school year this week. Indicative of the high interest shown by Wilkes men is the fact that auditions were necessary to single out the best of the large number of new aspirants. Chorus president, Flip Jones, and director Bill Crowder are gratified with the equality of some of the new voices, and are looking forward to a great year for the Collegians. They emphasize, however, that the success of a chorus of this type depends not so much on individual excellence, but on group harmony and cooperation.

The first program on the Collegians' agenda will be presented in assembly on November 20. Numbers of the caliber of "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Deep River", "Oklahoma", and "There's Nothing Like a Dame" will be on the menu for that day. In preparation for that date the chorus is practicing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon.

At present, the male chorus is made up of the following men: First Tenors: Joseph Jablonski, Joseph Miozza, Joseph Popple, Jacob Kovalchek, Norman Chanoski, Arthur Hoover; Second Tenors: Wayne Madden, Robert Sabatino, Dick Gribble, Edward Yarasheski, Louis Chaump; First Bass: Robert Lynch, Ralph Zezza, Walter Chapko, Philip Jones, William Foote,

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