

Ralston Calls For Managers

All managers who expect to enter their teams in the Intramural Softball League are requested to meet Mr. Ralston in the Chase Lounge on Monday, March 22, at 4:00 P. M., it was announced by the Dean of Men. He also said that the managers should bring their tentative rosters.

WILKES COLLEGE Beacon

REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES

A list of courses to be offered next semester will be released in the Beacon next week, according to Mr. Herbert Morris, registrar. Grades for the past semester will be in the mails on Friday, March 19, Mr. Morris said.

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REGISTRAR RELEASES LIST OF GRADUATES

Mr. Herbert Morris, registrar, has released the list of potential June or September graduates. Mr. Morris stated that these people will not graduate if they fail to meet the requirements necessary for graduation. Any of the students who fulfill the requirements by June will graduate June 12. Those who are not eligible until September will not graduate until a later date.

Anyone whose name is not on the list, and who may have reason to believe it should be, may call at his office to have the situation explained.

(The Beacon will publish a list of the June graduates when the information is available from the registrar's office.)

The list follows:

Aleo, Joseph J., Anderson, Henry W., Antonczak, Bennie, Baum, Norman, Bellas, John A., Berger, Arthur J., Bialogowicz, Dorothy A., Boyce, John W., Bransdorf, Muriel R., Bucksbaum, Gerald.

Burtsavage, Edward, Callahan, Paul A., Carey, Ralph P., Chupko, Joseph A., Clemente, Elmo M., Condosta, Albert L., Conklin, Richard H., Cooney, John A., Cross, James S.

Dare, Delbert D., Davidson, Helen B., DeHaven, Morris D., Dido, Robert J., Fischer, Claire, Fritzges, Earl D., Fry, George F., Jr., Gilboy, Thomas A. P., Glowacki, John H., Glowacki, Peter, Golightly, Miriam D., Gooch, John G.

Hailstone, Charles E., Hall, Winston H., Harkins, Frank A., Hender, Edward R., Hiznay, James M., Hudzik, John E., Jenkins, Thomas

R., Johnson, R. Frederick, Jones, Carolyn L., Jones, Lester G. Kelly, William F., Kipp, Joseph J., Kloeber, Jack M., Kopko, Casimir J., Kovalski, Leonard Ed., Kovalski, Stanley J., Legosh, Mildred, Litchman, Joseph F.

McHale, Margaret E., MacNeal, Douglas M., Marshall, Eugene J., Marvelle, Howard, Maylock, Eugene L., Mechak, Ray, Michaels, Thomas A., Mikulewicz, Robert T., Miller, Robert J., Mintzer, Jerome N., Moran, Thomas J., Moss, John A., Nachlis, Arnold H., Nelson, Nelson E., Nowak, Edward J.

Orlowski, Mildred, Owens, Thomas C., Pelton, Reese E., Persneski, Robert L., Repotski, Eugene L., Rice, Arthur J., Jr., Richards, Nan, Riley, Robert C., Roberts, James F., Rosolowski, Stanley, Rudolph, Edythe.

Sakoski, Robert C., Savitz, Joseph, Siberski, Stanley W., Smith, Horace A., Smith, Raymond B., Sooby, Joseph, Jr., Sott, John A., Stratton, Albert J., Jr., Stryjak, Edward R., Switch, Aloysius C.

Templeton, Charles, Teresinski, Thomas M., Tomusko, William R., Verbyla, John G., Wentzel, Frances E., Wheeler, Frank E., Williams, Nancy, Williams, Ray, Williams, Rhuea V., Zuhoski, Rosemary.

Slamon, Joseph B., Jones, Wallace, Kocher, Frank, Riley, John, Evans, Thomas, Kotis, John.

Danilowicz, Pascal J., Davidoff, Mark, Dew, Alice J., Dudeck, Carl, Fierwerker, Harry L., Hartman, Jean, Koval, Paul J., Scott, Harry, Shepherd, James, Tranell, Carl J.

Hons, Naomi (Terminal), Jablonski, Eleanor (Terminal), Pell, Clarence.

ADDRESSES SPANISH CLUB TONIGHT AT 8



Mr. Charles A. Boillod, Regional Manager of International Sales for American Airlines, will address the Spanish Club this evening at 8:00 P. M. in Room 104 of the Shoemaker Residence. Mr. Boillod will give a lecture the topic of which will be "Life in Mexico".

As a part of the program, a film, Wings On Scandinavia, made especially for American Airlines, will be presented for the first time before an audience.

Monday Deadline Set For Spanish Trip Reservations

By VINCE MACRI

Reservations are still open for the Spanish Club trip to Cuba from March 27 to April 4, it was announced this week by Miss Martha J. Silseth, head of the Spanish Department, "However", Miss Silseth hastened to add, "Monday, March 22, is the deadline for people wishing to go on the trip to sign up."

Miss Silseth explained that Miss Leonharda Adjas, Sales Promoter of Foreign Travel for American and Pan American Airlines in this area, has been informed that the guest list must be completed by this date in order that final arrangements can be made to accommodate the group during their stay in Havana.

The trip is scheduled to get underway on Saturday, March 27, at 7:45 A. M. at the Lehigh Valley Railroad station in the city. The trip to Miami will be made by train. Upon reaching Miami, the group will board a Pan American Airliner which will take them to Havana, Cuba.

The return trip will be made by plane to Miami, and from Miami to Wilkes-Barre by train.

The price of the tour is \$185, which includes fare, meals, hotel, and tips. Anyone wishing to go on the trip and who has not yet made reservations should do so immediately by contacting Miss Silseth in her office in Shoemaker, where full particulars can be obtained.

LETTERMEN PLAN TO DONATE PROFITS FROM NEXT DANCE TO NEW GYMNASIUM FUND

Lettermen's Club president, Jack Josephs, has announced that all profits from the second annual April Showers Ball will be given to the school to aid in building the new gymnasium. Josephs said that the move to help the school in its new project was decided upon at a meeting of the club held last Monday evening.

The lettermen feel that since they are members of one of the leading clubs on the campus, they should help the school in one of its most worthy projects. A need for a gymnasium of our own was seen by the lettermen a long time ago, and when it was announced that the school was to build one, the lettermen decided to do their part and contribute toward the fund.

The dance which will be held on April 9, at the Hotel Sterling's Admiral Stark room, will be the second affair of its kind to be conducted by the lettermen. Last year, the ball was held at the Irem Temple Country Club and was a smashing success. The point that appealed to a lot of the fellows was the "NO CORSAGE" rule which the lettermen passed. Again this year, the same rule will be in effect.

Joe Danilowicz, Chairman of the Judging Committee, has announced that plans for selecting the queen have been completed, and with the cooperation of the members, the Colonels' Queen will be truly the queen of the Wilkes campus. Sylvia Roth, whose passing saddened the school recently, was chosen the queen last year.

Jack Melton's orchestra will play at this year's April Showers Ball. Featured on Melton's program will be Theresa Lane, vocalist who has been with the Melton aggregation for the past nine months.

Sofa and Thomas Receive Roles



Paul Thomas, turns from football to the footlights in the new Thespian production "The Philadelphia Story", when he plays the role of Macaulay Connor, a hard-boiled magazine reporter.

First In Series Of Teas To Be Held On Monday

The first in a series of three teas, sponsored by the girls residing in the Dormitory for the purpose of acquainting the student body with their fellow students and the faculty, will be held in Weckesser Hall on Monday, March 22, from 3 to 5 P. M. All Freshmen and Junior students are invited to attend this affair. Approximately one half of the faculty has also been invited.

Miss Betty Harker, Dean of Women, has announced that these teas are to be held each month for the next three months. The April affair will be held for all Sophomores, Seniors, and the remainder of the faculty. The last of the series, in May, will include the entire student body and faculty.

Council Elections This Tuesday

Elections for the two vacancies on the Student Council will be held on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, it was announced by the Student Council.

The Junior class will hold its election in Chase Theatre, and Freshman elections will take place in the Presbyterian Church House. Junior nominees are Chester Knapich, Anthony Zabiegalski, and Edwin Kosik.

Freshman candidates are Philip A. Nichols and Antoinette Menegus.

The vacancies occurred when Carolyn Jones resigned, and when Joe Gallagher left school.

Committees at Weckesser Hall are now making preparations under the direction of Dean Harker, Mrs. C. J. Alderfer, and Charlotte Davis.

Beta Gamma Chi Chooses Pins

A pearl encased pin was chosen as the official award of the Beta Gamma Chi, women's sorority, at a secret ballot selection held last Friday, March 12, in the Girls Lounge.

All members of the sorority will receive the pins but the next class of Freshmen, coming in in the fall of the year, will have to go through an initiation before being qualified to receive the awards.

1176 Day Students Attending College

A breakdown of the number of Wilkes students reveals these facts. The grand total of students enrolled in the regular day classes is 1176, 1019 of whom are males and 157 who are eligible to be the Colonels' Queen. The special students and those enrolled for evening classes bring the student body up to 1641. Closer scrutiny reveals that there are 700 male veterans and 15 ex-service women among the attendees. The A. B.'s are the largest single group with 360 students, B. S. in C. and F. is second in popularity with 346 enrolled, and those seeking a B. S. in Biology rank third with a total of 144. With only one student, Industrial Engineering ranks a definite last among the 15 courses offered.

ICG ELECTS CHAIRMEN

By Eugene Maylock

One hundred student delegates attended the Intercollegiate Conference on Government Regional Meeting held at the Science Theatre last Saturday. The meeting opened at 9:30 A. M. with registration of all delegates and continued into the late evening hours.

During the course of the meeting the students elected the chairman and clerk of the Natural Resources Board, and the National Defense Board. Wilkes College entered Phil Baron as chairman of the National Defense Board, but during the course of the voting, the Wilkes delegates decided to withdraw Baron's name from the nomination in order to win the support of the entire delegation when he would be nominated for chairman of the Rules Committee at the Political Parties Convention which will be held in Philadelphia on April 8-11.

This year's convention will be a little different from the convention attended by the delegation last year at Harrisburg. The smaller schools were powerful enough to unite and have the voting power of each school represented limited to twenty-five members. This move will put all schools on an equal representative basis since some of the larger schools were able to flood the important committees.

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In Passing

By Robert Mikulewicz

PROUD DESTINY by Lion Feuchtwanger, the Viking Press, N. Y., 1947.

Proud Destiny is a historical novel set in France at the time of the American Revolution. It tells the stories of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette; of Franklin, Silas Deane; Arthur Lee and John Adams; of Pierre Beaumarchais; of French and American diplomacy; of the French court and the French people.

The setting and the people of this novel are true—and fascinating. A contrived setting peopled with imaginary characters could not have their color and enchantment.

M. Feuchtwanger skillfully weaves the tapestry of history for the reader into living material.

When the story opens monarchy is still strong in France. The revolution has not touched it. The story grows like a small cold wind grows, the wind of change—the shadow of the revolution that was to come.

Skillful as is the plotting and the forward movement of the action, Feuchtwanger's drawing of his characters outshines this. His portrayal of the wise, shrewd, patient Franklin with his homely anecdotes makes an excellent foil for the witty, fashionable Beaumarchais, the sophisticated author of "The Marriage of Figaro", a mixture of idealism and acquisitiveness of pettiness and generosity worked for the same things that Franklin did, but each approached the problem from different points of view, each typical of his country and day.

All of the characters are clearly drawn and appear very human, not all black and white, but checkered or gray,—Antoinette, thoughtless but kind; Louis, indecisive and pathetic, and the American diplomats—opinionated and proud, but heart and soul for America's cause.

The book is long, and at times very heavy reading, but never tedious. It holds the interest of the reader from cover to cover and long after that. It is a book to be kept on a convenient shelf and re-read from time to time. It is history made enjoyable.

NOTICE—

From now until the end of this semester, this column, "In Passing" will have a section of it reserved for contributions from the student body and the faculty.

Any student or faculty member who wishes to see some of his light verse, clever sayings or observations in print now has his, her's or it's chance to do so.

If at any time you dear readers find yourselves taken by a sudden rush of words or ideas to the head, heart, liver or some other part of your anatomy, jot them down (the words and send them to the BEACON office in care of "In Passing.") Anonymous writing will receive a very cool treatment.

The author of the most warmly received writing will receive a free copy of the BEACON suitable for framing.

Write and send in NOW—remember the President's speech!

SAMMY AND HIS FRIEND

By GARFIELD DAVIS

When Sammy came into the library the other day he found his friend, Kwrite A. Guphoff, sitting in the science room, his nose literally buried in a book. This was surprising, as Kwrite had never before been one to devote much time to his schoolbooks. "What goes on here?" Sammy asked. "Have you suddenly reformed, my friend? Studying so early in the semester! I don't get it!"

Kwrite looked up at Sammy in a manner which clearly indicated that he didn't like to be bothered when making with the books. This too was a departure from the usual—Sammy remembered the time when he couldn't study for more than five minutes at a time in the library without having Kwrite come along and persuade him to go to the cafeteria for a quick helping of coffee and Mars bars. Now he was haughty and annoyed because his attention was taken from his books for a few moments.

"My boy", said Kwrite, superciliously, "some day you will learn, as I have learned already, that a student will get nowhere in college without what has been termed the 'scholarly approach' by our educated brethren. If I were attending school merely to meet standards, then I would wait until the last possible moment, and whip up a passable term paper. However, I feel that we are in college to learn, and, in conjunction with that idea, I intend to attack the task of com-

pleting my term papers with true scholarly zest."

Wow! Such words! This vocabulary was a far cry from what Sammy had heard from Kwrite in their army days together. Sammy recalled Kwrite's "Hey, Sammy, 'ja eat yet" and his "whadayasay we take in a movie". Now, suddenly, this "scholarly approach" and this hurried completion of term papers! What goes?

"Where did you get this scholarly approach so quick-like?" Sammy asked. "Since when have you become the hard-working student? You surprise me, my friend. No more carefree days? No more strolls on the dike? No more throwing rocks at the cans floating down the Susquehanna, no more jivin' at Hanson's? How can such a revolting change come so quickly to a man? My buddy of old is fast fleeting! Oh, this mad, changing world!"

Kwrite, ever sensitive became alarmed at this outburst from his bosom companion. He hated to hurt his friends; he never became angry at them, not even when they teased him about his name, which was ordinary enough in his home country of Lubonia (a small country bordered on the south by Mantuko and on the north by Alkuria), but which naturally was looked upon as quaint by Americans. He hastened to explain to Sammy that they were, of course, still the best of friends and would continue their adventures as of old, but that he, Kwrite, wanted to study more than he had in the past. In short, he was determined to acquire the "scholarly approach". "Do you think I want to go on indefinitely being just an average student?"

he asked Sammy, again assuming his rather lofty manner of speaking. "I'm surprised that you don't turn over a new leaf yourself, Sam", Kwrite continued. "I can't understand how you can be content to plod along in your mediocrity."

Sam was hurt. Such talk as this from the man who had sipped chocolate shakes with him in innumerable PX's was too much to bear. He could not have been more surprised if Kwrite had struck him. "I'll leave you to your books", he murmured and departed for Brennan Hall for coffee and Darlene Bars. He had not counted on anything like this. He and Kwrite, though they had no classes together, were taking the same courses in three instances. They had planned to work together when term paper time came, but Sammy had never dreamed it would come so soon. Now he found it lonesome indeed to eat and drink alone; the chatter, the camaraderie, the good fellowship now missing had been the best part of the treks to the cafeteria. He finished his coffee and walked home slowly, sadly. "It's tough to lose a friend", he told himself.

In the following months Sammy saw very little of Kwrite. Sammy seldom went to the library; he dreaded the thought of seeing his boon companion absorbed in books when the semester was little more than a month old. Between classes he journeyed to the old haunts alone. It was not the same. It was harder, much harder to hit that floating can without Kwrite by his side to help, and the coffee at Brennan Hall just didn't taste the same without his drinking companion.

Finally, Sammy was forced to go to the library. He hated to do so; the thought of seeing his friend immersed in his "scholarly approach", would, he feared, be more than he could take. He had to do it; in a very short time he had to hand in three term papers and so had to begin work without further delay. He knew he would not be able to work as fast without the help of that short-order term paper specialist—his friend Kwrite. When he entered the library he saw Kwrite complacently reading the latest issue of Time Magazine. How nice it must be to have your term papers finished and to be able to spend the closing days of the semester reading Time Magazine, Sammy thought. He decided he would let Kwrite have his well-deserved rest. Any man who completes all his term papers only a few weeks after the semester begins certainly deserves to take it easy toward the end. Sammy tried to sneak past Kwrite and get the books he would need for his paper, but Kwrite A. Guphoff, the old eagle eye, saw him and called him over.

"What's the big idea of not coming around all these months, Sammy?" Kwrite asked, indignantly. "All this time we could have been talking over term paper subjects. What's the matter—are you getting to be too good for your old friends?"

By this development Sammy was astounded, to say the least. "I don't get you, Kwrite", he stammered. "What about the early completion of your term papers? And no frivolity? And what about that scholarly approach you told me about? I figured you'd have your term papers finished a long time ago."

Strangely enough, Kwrite seemed to be hurt by this. "Please, Sammy", he said, "do you have to rub it in? Sure, I meant to finish my term papers early, but I just couldn't do it. I sat up here and tried, but I kept thinking of you, having a good time, enjoying target practice over on the dike, drinking coffee and going out at night, and I just couldn't concentrate on what I was trying to do. Believe me, it was awful. But it's all over now, so let's get together and get those term papers finished. We still have four days."

KNOCK 'EM DOWN AND DRAG 'EM OUT!

By EDWARD J. WASILEWSKI

A salty old journalist recently said, "The only lesson to be learned from history is that men don't learn from history."

A study of history would seem to confirm this belief beyond any shadow of a doubt. What with wars, massacres, plagues, migrations and the like, man despite all his other almost divine achievements continues this ever so dreary cycle of misery, destruction and death.

New generations have always meant—new wars. The wounds and grief of the old have barely time enough to heal, when youth is on the march once more. Paradoxically enough, wars are hardly ever ended by those who began them. There seems to be a continuity of the causes and effects in the unending chain of battles and wars throughout the centuries of time. One war breeds another.

This raises the question of the inevitability of war. After the turn of the century Europe was filled with powerful little sovereignties who were struggling among themselves for political domination over all of Europe. It was also at this time, as destiny would have it, that two titans, wielding power over the greatest land masses in the world, were beginning to stir and flex their sinews.

In the two world wars that followed, history has witnessed the disposal of the small fry nations according to the best fashion and practice of bar room ethics. Each pretender to world domination has been knocked down in his turn and unceremoniously dragged out. Only two remain.

The preliminary process of eliminations would seem to have been done, and now the two survivors are gathering about them those little nations who they think will be of some help in a future showdown. There are none that are exempt: there is no neutrality. Each nation must decide and declare itself on one side or the other, sometimes against its own will.

What comes after this process of consolidation has been effected?

Speculation on this point is abundant. There are those who argue for preventive war now! They say we should attack Russia immediately—to make a satisfactory disposition of her before she becomes too strong. These same people also claim that any conciliatory attitude we show toward the Russians will be interpreted as a sign of weakness and lead only to a policy of appeasement.

There are others who would be more patient and understanding toward Russia. With an eye to the unimaginable carnage of another war, they would go to any length to exhaust every possibility of averting actual war. They fear that we are using nineteenth century diplomacy to solve the seemingly insurmountable and terrifying problems of an atomic age.

After each new crisis of continued Russian expansion and our own determined efforts to stem the tide with "get tough" policies, talk of universal training and re-armament—the veteran warily casts a glance at his uniform quietly reposing in moth balls and wonders—how soon? He begins to feel as though he is only on an extended furlough.

Weighing the future in light of the past, he begins to feel another impending interruption and frustration of his already obstructed plans and career. There is a new feeling in insecurity, like that of the hunted, here to plague him right in the midst of his present difficulties in readjusting himself to normal life after spending gruelling years of service in the war from which the world has been only recently released.

What would be the veteran's reaction in event of a new war? It is hard to tell right now; he isn't sure himself. He hardly knows what to make of it all! He can't fathom the possibility that we could have another war so soon!

While there isn't any doubt that he would fight to the death in defense of the homeland against invasion, an unexplained foreign adventure might not elicit from him the ingenuity, courage, and stamina needed to win a war.

It is the responsibility of those who guide the ship of state to steer a wise course, for the seas are troubled, and the clouds of war are gathering on the horizon. It is not a duty to be charged to those who are faint of heart or weak of knee, nor short in vision, it is a job for resolute men, who have a sound grasp of the dimensions of the problem; who are wise in the ways of our human history of experience; who have a proper balance of short and long range planning; and who have the moral resources to stand on the firm ground of righteousness.

Otherwise, through hypocrisy, bungling, and muddling our way through the present crisis we may stumble into the holocaust that every thinking human dreads. Especially the little fellow, whose advice is neither sought nor taken—who, nevertheless, pays all the bills.

NOTES ON NOTES

by REESE PELTON

"BIG" BAND SCHEDULE RELEASED

A list of "name" bands scheduled to appear soon at the South Main St. Armory has just been released to us for publication. It looks like Wilkes-Barre will be host to a group of bands that will include everything from strictly "sweet" outfits to the best novelty orchestras. The schedule runs as follows: Easter Monday—Tony Pastor, Memorial Day—Louis Prima, and then Guy Lombardo, Harry James, Tex Beneke, Vaughn Monroe, and Tommy Dorsey. Dates for the latter group will be released later.

ACE PIANIST TO RECORD

Mel Powell, the man behind the scintillating piano styles heard among the old Benny Goodman collectors items and featured performer with the Glen Miller service ork will soon be heard on a new batch of pressings, soon to be released under the Capitol label. Powell, long recognized as a foremost jazz artist, is currently appearing with the new Goodman orchestra, but these records will feature Powell exclusively, with orchestral backgrounds. Mel is married to actress Martha Scott. At twelve the prodigy was leading a six piece Dixieland combo at New York's Palais Royale. Announcement of the virtuosos releases is welcome news to all disc collectors.

NOTES ON VODVIL WORK

What would you do if you received a set of dog-eared manuscripts with a few hastily written notes and more verbal instructions such as "Take one chorus in E flat—cut on cue—double tempo for half chorus" every week, and were expected to furnish a background for everything from strictly rhythmic dancing acts to intricate comedy routines? That is precisely the task facing the pit orchestra of the Penn Theatre as each week it prepares a new show. It takes real ability and a keen alertness to play and fake the music on which each act depends for its success. Don MacLuskie, the group's leader, is faced with a real task which he has successfully performed for a good many years.

And then there's Bill Christian. The veteran drummer sits among more gadgets than a Fuller brush man and is the sound behind the actions. More than one act has been put across simply because Bill blew a whistle or banged on a pan when the performer had the audience asleep. Bill was playing in symphony orchestras and dance bands when most of the valley's hide-pounders didn't even exist and his uncanny sense for those added touches has never waned.

Completing a fine rhythm section are Leo Barrett, well-known for his ability on the piano and Lenny Matzer, who is also heard with the WBRE studio orchestra and formerly headed his own trio. Lenny and his bass are the most recent additions to the orchestra, but his ability is surpassed only by his enthusiasm.

When one considers the size of the orchestra (eight men) and realizes the musicianship involved in playing a vodvil show he is convinced that MacLuskies Mighty Men do a top-notch job.

IN BRIEF — With the announcement that Kings College has contracted with Art Mooney to play at their Coronation Ball speculation as to who will appear at the Cinderella Ball has reached fever pitch. — "Be Bop" Gillespie and his combo are slated to introduce that latest American rage to the British when they make an appearance soon at the London Palladium. The interesting thing about this item is that Gillespie found a way to get around the British union rule against American musicians that has already kept Spike Jones, Stan Kenton, and Louis Armstrong from making scheduled appearances. From here on out Dizzy is "professor". — Those readers who feel "loaded" enough to pay the cover charge might be interested in catching Jack Rowe's fine combo now currently appearing at Tom Fogarty's. Rowe's strictly "sweet" outfit recently was featured at the Victory Room of the Hotel Redington. An ex-Andoloro man, Rowe doubles on clarinet and takes the vocal choruses, backed up by a fine rhythm trio. M-G-M's next big musical picture, "Easter Parade", is scheduled to be released soon. The movie will feature a dozen Irving Berlin hits. — Recently asked how he came to use a left-hand boogie bass in "Near You", Francis Craig answered promptly: "Eddie Heywood recorded it several years ago and I simply copied him." At least he was frank!

Next week this column will contain the first of a series of articles on the history of jazz and swing and the men who pioneered in its development. The first installment will be entitled "The Roots of Jazz".

World-Wide Poll Discussed By IRC

By Eugene Maylock

The International Relations Club devoted part of its meeting to a discussion of questions based on a poll that Elmo Roper is conducting for TIME magazine among the population of ten countries: Great Britain, France, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, Canada and the United States.

Results of the poll will be compared with the results of 800 International Relations Clubs at a national conference of the Clubs in St. Louis. Questions asked in the poll concern the differences existing among nations outside the Russian sphere of influence.

Mr. Hugo V. Mailey, advisor of the IRC, said that the results of the IRC poll here were: The majority of the IRC members are confident that in the present con-

flict between Russia and America, that Russia was on the gaining side. However most members did not know which side would be ahead twenty years from now. Most of the members believe that compared with last year at the same time, we are worse off, and five years from now we will continue to be worse off. The students choose Canada, Brazil and Switzerland as the countries they would care to live in if they could not live in the United States.

The IRC thinks that the Communists will likely take over the government of Italy within a year or two, but unlikely that the government of France will be taken over by Communists within the next year. The members polled did not think that the United States military forces should be used to prevent the Communists taking over the government of Italy in a revolution.

When polled on our military strength abroad, the club believes that the United States has over a

ALUMNI NEWS

MARCELLA NOVAK is now at Columbia University. She expects to get her M. A. in August of this year.

ELMER DAVIS is now at Bucknell University at Lewisburg. He expects to be enrolled soon at Princeton University to study for a Doctor of Divinity degree.

MILTON BRITTEN is an English major at Yale University.

ELMER HERSKOVITZ is now studying law at Harvard University. He expects to finish his course in June of this year.

MARY HENESS is now employed by the Children's Service Center in Wilkes-Barre.

PAT STEELE and CARYL GALOW are now doing graduate work at Bucknell University. Miss Steele was graduated from Bucknell in August, 1947, and Miss Galow was graduated in January, 1948.

ALFRED EISENPRIZE is teaching Advertising at Wilkes College and is on the advertising staff at Pomeroy's.

EDWIN COBLEIGH has been elected president of the Wilkes College Alumni Association.

JOSEPH SALSBERG is now chief announcer on Radio Station WARM in Scranton.

Band Office In Shoemaker

Announcement was made this week that the college Military Band will have an office located in the rear, second floor, of Shoemaker Hall. Cabinets, already installed in the room, will be used to store music and equipment belonging to the band. In addition a file of information relative to band activities will be maintained.

With the establishment of the office came an announcement that the band concert has been tentatively set for May 7. The music for the concert has already been chosen and it is expected that the program will soon be released. Despite the present lack of any hall large enough for full band rehearsals, sectional rehearsals are well underway.

FUNK & WAGNALLS OFFER DICTIONARY STUDY BOOK

The Editorial Staff of Funk & Wagnalls Company, publishers of the NEW COLLEGE STANDARD DICTIONARY, Emphatyp Edition, has prepared a "Dictionary Study Book" to be sent free upon request to teachers, students, or anyone interested in words.

Written in the belief that words are the most important tools man has for his daily life, the booklet covers such subjects as pronunciation, definitions, etymology, history, word-building, grammar, and slang in an original and interesting way. Each subject is presented in two-page lesson form for convenient classroom use.

In a message to students and teachers, the "Dictionary Study Book" refers to the testimony of college English professors that not one freshman in 100 entering the colleges and universities in this country today KNOWS the alphabet. The book, therefore, begins with the A-B-C's, and continues in an analysis and study of words designed to stimulate interest and further thought on the part of the reader.

thousand troops in Japan, Germany, and Greece.

IRC members unanimously believe that everybody should have the following rights: The right to say or write what one believes without fear of punishment. The right to work at any job one chooses; to be protected from unreasonable interference by police; to vote in a fair and free election to decide who shall govern the country and the right to private ownership of business.

Student Government

By NORBERT OLSHEFSKI

The Student Council met last Monday evening in the Women's Lounge in Chase. Things were back to normal with eleven of the thirteen members attending the meeting and, as usual, keeping things interesting by having discussions on not only the business on hand, but digressing into practically every other subject.

The most interesting action of the council occurred when Edwin Kosik, representative of the IRC, asked the student council to act on a budget for the coming convention of the IC Gto be held in Philadelphia.

The IRC plans to send 26 delegates to the convention which will be held from April eighth to the eleventh. The group will stay at the Bellevue Stratford, the headquarters hotel for the convention. The budget called for the reservation of 13 double rooms, at ten dollars a night, and the hiring of a bus for \$138.50. Mr. Boyle made a motion for the council to act on the budget as a committee of the whole. The council debated the question for a length of time, then, Boyle made a motion to table the budget until the members of the council had a chance to see how the students felt on the subject. He also said that the budget should be sent to the Appropriations Committee.

Here is where the rub comes in. Mr. Boyle, who all of a sudden becomes very concerned over the feelings of his "constituents" has, up until now, repeatedly backed budgets which never became known to the students until they were passed by the council and reported in this column.

So, Mr. Boyle entered the motion for tabling. The group took up the discussion again, and after a few minutes, Mr. Templeton called for a vote. The motion to table the budget was defeated by 6-5. Templeton decided the vote. After the motion was defeated, Mr. Carey made a motion to pass the budget. One of the reasons he gave for passing it at this time was that time was limited, and the council had to act quickly. A role call vote was taken and the motion was passed 6-3. Mr. Brody abstained from voting.

The report of the Appropriations Committee was submitted by Mr. Brody. He said that a few club's budgets were sent back for clarification. He then submitted the budget of the Athletic Council. The budget, for \$3,035, was tabled until the athletic council submits an audit of its last budget. The motion to table was made by Mr. Carey, and after some debate, was passed with Templeton again deciding the tied vote.

Mr. Templeton suggested that the Student Council have an audit made of its books. He said that last year, Mr. Manley and his auditing class did the job for \$25. Mr. Boyle entered a motion to have the books audited by the Auditing class with Mr. Templeton acting as the agent between the council and Mr. Manley, insofar as fees are concerned. The motion was passed unanimously.

A report on the possibility of having radios in the men's and women's lounges was given by Charles Templeton. He said that he and Ray Mechak had priced a few sets that would be suitable for the lounges, but that they would investigate further before giving their recommendations to the council.

Mr. Feeney, acting as a representative of the Letterman's Club, reported that the Letterman's Club was returning the \$720 which that club received from the council. He said the Lettermen would like to donate the sum to the new gymnasium.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

by Ted Wolfe

It seems like the old philosophy of "why do things half way" is being shown by the two local colleges, "King's and Wilkes, especially on the part of the latter. It is almost universally known that two dances are scheduled for next month, the Lettermen's April Showers Ball on April 9, and the Polish Club's dance on April 10. Both affairs will take place at the same hour in the Sterling's Admiral Stark Ballroom, and will feature the same ork, Jack Melton (who also does a strong-arm act, carrying 10 men and himself). The only differences are a day and a dollar. The Polish Club's dance is a blessing to the IRC students who will be in Philly for the ICG conference, thus missing the Colonels' hop. Royalty will reign at each event, with the crowning of a queen and king respectively.

Not satisfied with one outburst of tripping the light fantastic (and each other), danced-crazed students will further attempt to apall their craving with the Wilkes Cinderella Ball and a King's dance to be held sometime in the near future. The affairs will take place just 24 hours apart, and reportedly Art Mooney's orchestra will do musical honors for both.

See what you've done, Petrillo?

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This week the BEACON'S fan mail included a letter from Cedric Glub, popular young man about the campus. In his letter, Mr. Glub comments on the plan to put radios in the lounges.

Dear BEACON:

I think the idea of installing radios in the boys' and girls' lounges is a prime suggestion. Now perhaps the students will show more interest in class with the realization that after class they can rush to the lounge and hear the next episode of their favorite soap operas. My 10 o'clock class has forced me to give up listening to my favorite serial, "John's Dentist's Other Wife", and you can't imagine what a sacrifice it has been.

But there are some disadvantages, too. With such programs as the many audience-participation shows that ride the air waves, where money and expensive prizes flow like water, the students may think they're wasting their time in school. They may get the idea that "Heart's Desire", "Double or Nothing", and the like, have more to offer (although the idea is absurd). I hope this letter doesn't discourage them into dropping the idea, because I like radio as well as the next person, and I think it's a coming field.

Sincerely,

Cedric Glub.

P. S. I still think Jack Benny is "The Walking Man".

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A few students have expressed their opinions concerning the possibility of 1948 graduates getting class rings.

Said one student, "I understand they haven't set the price yet. If they cost too much, though, I'll just remodel my Roger Wilco Magniray Ring".

Said another, "Why don't they give Dick Tracy wrist radios."

And another (obviously a Fosdick fan), "I'd rather have a chippendale chair."

Figures show that 64 per cent of the girls would prefer ballerina skirts. Seventy-four per cent of the male students (veterans) want their rings under the G. I. bill.

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Mrs. Vujica, Wilkes librarian, revealed that Shakespeare visited the Library not long ago, probably, she added, trying to find out for himself just what he did have in mind when he wrote those classics. (Mrs. Vujica explained that a student borrowing a Shakespeare book accidentally signed Shakespeare's name instead of his own.)

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After the recent war, John Evanouskas, Wilkes junior, and five other fellows planned to form a professional pall-bearers service, but soon buried the idea. The reason—they figured that they would have to have at least two funerals per day to keep in the black. Also, the overhead expenses and the carrying charges were too great. These proved to be grave circumstances, but give them credit for an original undertaking, anyway, even though they didn't hold any rehearsals.

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Note to the student body: Those containers placed at various points on the campus are not spittoons. They are for contributions to the Red Cross. Thank you, Marty Blake.

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Perhaps the new gym will be an outlet for the heated discussions that take place during the Beta Gamma Chi meetings. Now when the girls are trying to settle their problems (such as whether or not the sorority pins will have pearls), they can simply go to the gym, put on the gloves, and arrive at a decision more quickly.

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Mr. Morris, registrar, has announced that all transfer students should report to his office as soon as possible so that their class standing may be determined.

Only the transfer students?

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By the way, Bulldog Baker's in town.

Peace In Our Time Once More

By REED LOWREY

On March 11, at its annual meeting in New York, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association presented its yearly prizes to the outstanding young journalists of high schools and junior colleges throughout the country. William E. Haskell, assistant to the President of the New York Herald Tribune, urged the delegates to support the United Nations and ignore those who contend the United States is "virtually at war".

This naive statement, reminiscent of the childlike trust Woodrow Wilson placed in the now defunct League of Nations, is typical of public opinion today which ostrich-like prefers to place its faith in an organization based on high ideals rather than in taking steps that will prevent war from becoming inevitable.

With daily headlines blaring forth the facts that Russia is duplicating Hitler's tactics of European infiltration in the guise of bloodless political conquests, our own State Department warns the country that unless the Marshall Plan goes into effect before the impending elections in Italy on April 18, we may expect serious developments in Europe.

In the interval between the end of World War II and the present, our State Department embarked on a policy of appeasement and our military strength was neglected. This neglect was felt to be important enough in some quarters to appoint a five man commission to investigate the condition of our national air power. The commission composed of: Thomas K. Finletter, New York Attorney, Chairman; George P. Baker, Professor of Transportation at the Harvard Business School, Vice Chairman; Palmer Hoyt, Publisher of the Denver Post; John A. McCone, President of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works, San Francisco; and Arthur D. Whiteside, President of Dun & Bradstreet, New York. The Commission's 166 page report to the President, entitled "Survival in the Air Age", was released for publication on January 13, 1948.

The report significantly points out America's present weakness in the air and reveals, in the opinion of the experts, the minimum amount of air power America must have for its own protection. In the words of the report itself, "This Commission does not believe that we will ever have an adequate Military Establishment unless the people of the country know fully what the international military and political situation is, what kind of a military force is necessary if we are to be ready for that situation, and how much it will cost to have this force . . . The hope, of course, is that the existence of such a force will do more than win a war; the hope is that by serving notice that war with the United States would be a most unprofitable business we may persuade the nations to work for peace instead of war."

The Commission will undoubtedly be labeled "warmongers" just as those who advocated preparedness were before World War II. In their words; "We believe that the United States will be secure in an absolute sense only if the institution of war itself is abolished under a regime of law. World peace and the security of the United States are now the same thing."

"Even the most optimistic view of the record of the United Nations does not assure us that United Nations will develop in time the necessary authority to prevent another great war.

"The United States must have a double-barrelled policy abroad. It must work to achieve world peace through support and development

of the United Nations, but at the same time it must prepare to defend itself in the event that war does come. Not being able to count on absolute security under law, it must seek the next best thing . . . relative security under the protection of its own arms."

If there are any doubts of the need for our Air Force to be kept in fighting trim the following should dispel them.

"It would be an unreasonable risk for our present planning purposes to assume that other nations will not have atomic weapons in quantity by the end of 1952."

"Biological weapons are undoubtedly being studied in all parts of the world. In an all-out attack on the United States the possibility that they may be used should not be overlooked. They may be delivered by air or by preplacement by enemy agents."

The Commission does not deny that this proposed preparedness program will be expensive since the plan calls for the expenditure of 4,150 million dollars for the year 1948 and 5,450 million dollars for 1949. Congress has already cut this year's recommended budget for the Air Force to 2,850 million dollars. However, the Commission at the same time points out that while preparedness is expensive, eighty percent of the budget for 1948 is in payment for past wars and eighty-five percent of our Federal budgets since 1915 have been for war, or payments for war.

Should there still be doubts in the mind of anyone let him remember that the following paragraph was written two months ago.

"The Air Force as presently composed is inadequate. It is inadequate not only at the present time when we are relatively free from the dangers of sustained attack on our homeland, but it is hopelessly wanting in respect to the future.... when a serious danger of atomic attack will exist."

Psychology Club Plans Two Trips

Two trips, one to the Pennhurst State Home for the Feeble-minded near Norristown, Pa., and one to Retreat Mental Hospital, are a part of the plans of the Psychology Club for this semester, it was recently announced by Albert Stratton, president of the club.

Mr. Stratton also stated that the Psychology Club, in conjunction with the Sociology Club, is planning to present a lecture by Dr. Franklin J. Robinson, psychiatrist at the Children's Service Center, sometime near the end of the month.

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