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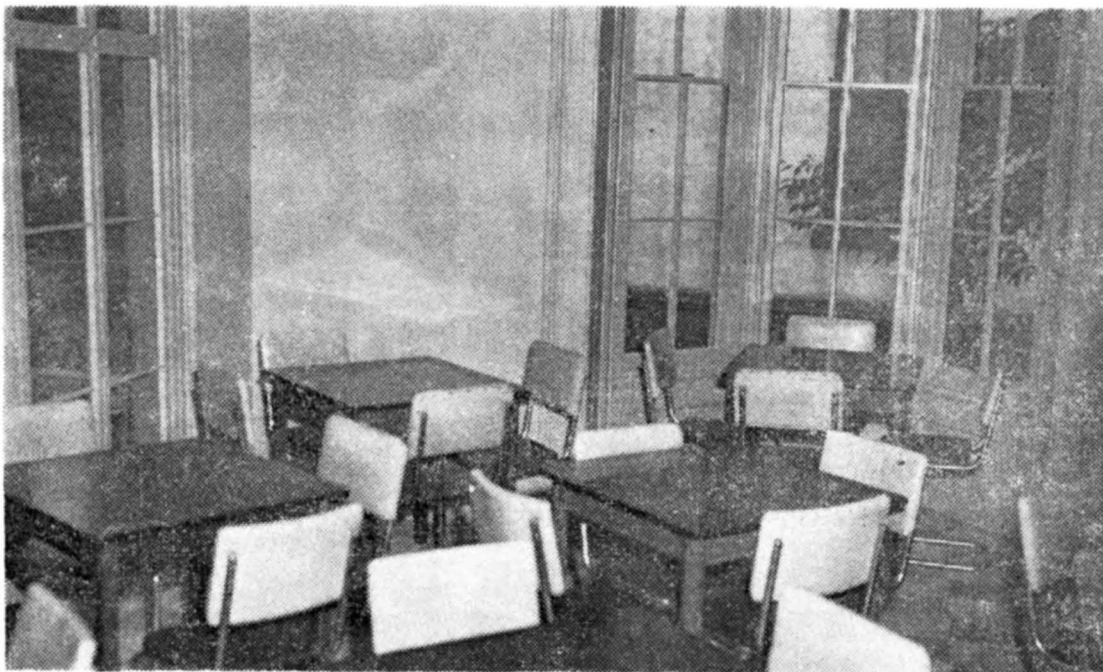
WILKES COLLEGE, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

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NEW SNACK BAR OPENS LATE THIS WEEK

Over 300 Enroll in Freshman Class

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Latest Addition to be Called Harding House; Will Provide New Meeting Place of Campus

By JACK CURTIS

The newest addition to Wilkes College, Harding House, 141 South Franklin Street, in which will be housed a snack bar primarily for use by day students and faculty, is slated to open late this week, it was announced over the week-end by Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes.

Dr. Farley told the BEACON in an exclusive interview that the house, the former residence of the Harding family for 175 years, had been purchased by the college last June from the Harding estate. The purchase price was not disclosed.

The new snack bar will replace the cafeteria, rear of Chase Hall, as the gathering place of day students. Dr. Farley explained that the growth of the dormitory population forced the switch of the dormitory dining hall from Sterling Hall to the cafeteria.

Naturally, with the switch, another building had to be provided for day students and faculty. Members of the college maintenance staff worked most of the summer renovating and remodeling the interior of the structure.

A beautiful interior resulted and work on the outside of the building, middle of the block on South Franklin Street, is scheduled for the near future, it was revealed.

The floors of the five-room snack bar are green and white checked tile and the walls are finished in green with white and pine woodwork.

On the first floor are three rooms with tables, the rear room housing the actual snack bar. The kitchens are at the extreme rear. A room in which smoking will be permitted is on the second floor front. It will also have tables as did the second floor of the cafeteria. Also on the second floor is a faculty dining room.

Gilbert McClintock, chairman of the Wilkes board of trustees, stated Saturday that the building would officially be known as Harding House. Funds for furnishings of the building were provided by Atty. McClintock and Mrs. Marian Curtin Winsor, granddaughter of Judge Harding, who built the house 175 years ago. The home is a landmark of Wyoming Valley as are several other Wilkes buildings.

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Beacon Photos

CAMPUS GATHERING SPOT—Three views of the newest addition to Wilkes, Harding House. The new acquisition, which will serve as the "eatin' and meetin'" place for Wilkes students was remodeled over the summer and is ready for use this week. The top photo shows the front room, which features french windows, cafe style, will probably be one of the most popular spots on campus. Bottom left shows the front view of the building at 141 South Franklin Street. It was purchased by the college from the Harding estate

and named after the family which resided in it for 175 years. Lower left photo shows Beacon staffer Jerry Elias, who helped renovate the interior of the building, in the doorway between the rear room and the kitchen. Elias points to the actual location of the actual snack bar, which had not been constructed at the time of the photo. A beautiful interior has been laid out in a theme of green and white with pine trimming by the college maintenance crew.

CLASS OF 1958 ONE OF LARGEST

Curtis Appointed Beacon Editor, Falk, Onacko Assistants; Jeter Sports Boss; Hoover Biz Manager

Dr. Eugene S. Farley last week announced the appointment of the Beacon staff for the school year 1954-55. The announcement came just in time for several members of the staff to get busy in producing the first issue of the student publication.

Named as editor was John D. Curtis, native of South Wilkes-Barre and presently a resident of Ashley Hall, boys' dormitory. Assistant editors appointed were Ivan Falk, Kingston, and Pearl Onacko, resident of Askam.

The editorial staff was completed with the appointment of Allen Jeter, Ventnor, N.J., native and a resident of Ashley Hall as sports editor.

Arthur Hoover, of Newport Township, was returned to his post as business manager of the Beacon.

Curtis, Hoover and Jeter are seniors, and Miss Onacko and Falk are members of the junior class.

Three Year Man

The new editor of the Beacon has written for the paper for three years. "Jack" was sports editor for two years and last year served as an assistant editor. A graduate of Meyers High School, Curtis is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree with a major in secondary education. He is also a member of the Sunday Independent editorial staff.

Falk gained considerable experience in the Army as an editor of the Wurzburg Post Argus in Germany, a tabloid similar in style to the Beacon. He has taken a number of journalism courses at Wilkes and has shown himself a bright prospect for the newspaper world.

The other assistant editor, Pearl Onacko, has been a member of the paper's staff for two years and one of its most consistent contributors. In addition to work for the Wilkes paper, she has been editor of the Hanover Township High School and authored the school's high school notes for the Sunday Independent as a senior.

Caught On Fast

Jeter is a relative newcomer to the newspaper field, but one who has made rapid strides in a short time. He wrote for his high school paper in Atlantic City, but never gave writing a serious thought until he returned from his second hitch in the Army, during which he was wounded in Korea. Last semester, he began writing sports and quickly earned the job as sports editor for this year.

Hoover was active on his high school newspaper at Newport and has proved an efficient business manager of the Beacon. A senior, "Art" is also the president of the Wilkes Student Council and an active man about campus. His work is cut out for him this year, for with an enlarged paper, the advertising will increase—meaning more dollars, a better paper, and, more work for the business manager.

Dr. Farley Urges Freshmen to Aim High in College

Freshmen were advised to set their goals high by Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes, at the annual luncheon held at the Hotel Sterling Friday as the wind-up of the three-day orientation period. Equally important, he asserted, is to reach the goal step by step, doing each task well. It is not enough to be content "just to get by."

Speaking of his summer tour of Europe and the Near East, Dr. Farley pointed to the contrast among Near East nations, where some countries are facing continuing "decadence and drift," while others are moving forward dynamically to become vigorous new nations. Much of the difference depends upon the social conscience of the people, and what they are willing to do to accomplish these ends.

Concluding, Dr. Farley advised the newcomers to develop a "creed of social conscience" which will not only assure impetus for their own betterment, but will enhance the welfare of all.

Dr. Farley's personal welcome to the large freshman group concluded the luncheon at which master of ceremonies Robert E. Moran, band leader and composer of the jazz riff, led the group in a song fest and coached them on the traditional Wilkes songs.

LATEST ADDITION

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Dr. Farley also discussed the possibility of obtaining a new television set for the second floor room and stated, "We think we have provided an attractive place for the students to meet and eat. We have gone to great expense to do so."

The new building is expected to be the bee hive of activity on the ever-changing Wilkes campus.

Mrs. James Brennan and her staff will be in charge of the snack bar. Fred Wall, dormitory chef, is now based in the cafeteria.

BEACON STAFF MEETS THURSDAY — INVITATION

The editors of the Beacon invite all students interested in any phase of newspaper work to attend the first staff meeting of the year, which will be held in the Lecture Hall Thursday morning at 11.

All staff members, who wish to continue working on the paper, as well as any other persons, freshmen included, who are interested in getting a start in journalism, should attend the meeting.

The editors make it clear that no previous experience is necessary. A journalism workshop is planned and courses will be offered this year to aid in grooming future writers.

LEO KELLEY WINNER IN 'IF' MAGAZINE FICTION CONTEST



LEO P. KELLEY

(Special to the Beacon)

KINGSTON, N.Y.—Leo P. Kelley, Wilkes College junior of Kingston, Pa., received one of the top prizes in the "IF MAGAZINE" \$2,000 college science fiction contest, it was announced recently by James L. Quinn, magazine editor.

Kelley, a member of the staff of the Manuscript, Wilkes literary publication, won third place in the national contest which attracted entries from every section of the country.

Seven winners were named and the winning stories will be published in subsequent issues of "IF", starting with the December issue.

First prize went to Andy Offut, junior at University of Louisville, and second was won by Jack Nelson, senior at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Kelley, who

Newcomers Highly Praised 16 Were Senior Presidents, 54 Gained Academic Honors

One of the largest freshman classes in Wilkes College history—some 300 young men and women—embarked on college careers yesterday as classes for the 1954-55 school year officially opened.

The Class of 1958 is the largest first year class since the post-World War II boom years in college, when veterans sent college enrollments zooming, at Wilkes as well as throughout the nation.

The new class was officially welcomed to the college last

Wednesday by Dean of Men George F. Ralston. The new Colonels then embarked on a three-day orientation program, which will be followed with a regular freshman orientation program of several weeks.

Highly Regarded

Indicative of the academic standing of the freshman class and the college are statistics revealed by John Whitby, college registrar and director of admissions. Whitby stated that 39 of the incoming frosh were valedictorians, salutatorians, or ranked third in their graduating classes at their respective high schools.

Of the group, 16 were presidents of their senior classes and four were student council presidents.

To add even more promise to the incoming group as it begins its first week of classes as a whole, 54 members were on high school academic honor rolls.

Big Difference

The new students are finding even the early stages of college life vastly different from anything they have previously encountered, it was reported by various members of the class. They are finding that there is absolutely no let-down in the college routine, especially in Freshman Week.

Ah, to be a Frosh, again. (And where is the nearest psychiatrist?)

CLASS ADVISERS SET FOR COMING YEAR BY PRES. FARLEY

Class advisers for the following year were announced yesterday by the office of Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Wilkes president.

Dr. Harold W. Thatcher and Dr. Charles A. Reif will serve as guiding hands for the freshmen. Both have served in the same role—protectors of the newcomers—a number of previous years.

Alfred S. Groh and Cromwell E. Thomas will be advisers to the sophomores; Joseph G. Donnelly and Joseph H. Kanner will advise the juniors and the Class of 1955, the seniors, will be guided by Welton G. Farrar and another adviser to be appointed, in their most important year of college.

Robert W. Partridge, director of student activities, stated after Dr. Farley's announcement, "Close cooperation with class advisers is the best insurance against failure of class activities."

Intelligent and sympathetic counsellors all, the advisers stand ready to be of assistance to their respective classes as well as other students.

Elementary Social Studies, Three hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-9:30 p.m.; Education 239 - Teaching of Elementary School Science, Two hours, Monday, 6-8 p.m.; Education 243 - Health and Physical Education in Elementary School, Three hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The hours that Kirby Hall will be open to serve the student body include: Monday through Thursday—8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday—1 to 4 p.m.

Hoover Welcomes Class of 1958, Asks Cooperation

Acting in his capacity as the top representative of the Wilkes student body, Student Council President Arthur Hoover yesterday issued a statement of welcome to the incoming freshmen.

Hoover stated in a release to the Beacon:

"You are entering upon a new career, one which I know will be filled with many joyous events. You are now a member of a college that has laid the foundation for a glorious future, a future that you, as freshmen, will create and share. And so, frosh, welcome!"

"Each year, as a new freshman class enters the College, the Student Council selects a tribunal which designates certain customs for its members to follow. Such customs have been set for you—and you are not to follow them in a haphazard fashion.

"I hope you will consider these customs as an integral part of your change from high school to college. Remember! Next year you will have the opportunity to initiate the freshmen.

"Therefore, let us all resolve that these customs will be carried on in your class and future classes so that we can establish firmly the spirit of Wilkes College, not only as a college but as an Alma Mater."

The student council prexy also pledged all possible support by himself and the council of the freshmen and their class as a whole.

has written for the Beacon on a number of occasions, first read of the contest in this paper. Several articles forwarded to the Beacon by the magazine were published and Kelley first read of the contest in this space.

Feeling happy at having helped Leo find out about the writing competition, the Beacon offers sincere congratulations to another member of the student body who is helping his Alma Mater as he goes on to make a name for himself.

College to Offer Special Education Courses This Year

Wilkes College will offer the courses listed below for in-service teachers during the fall semester. Those interested in any of these courses may contact Stanley Wasileski at Chase Hall, 184 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Registrations will close on September 22.

Courses include: Education 100 - American Public Education, One hour; Education 205 - Secondary Curriculum, Three hours, Saturday, 9-12 Noon; Education 212 - Visual Education, One hour, Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m.; Education 214 - Guidance, Two hours, Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.; Education 236 - Teaching

ED-CLUB HOP SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

The Wilkes College "club season" gets back into full swing Friday night as the Education Club, one of the most active groups on campus, sponsors the Ed-Club Hop at the college gymnasium.

Dancing will be from 9 to 12 with music supplied by the Jerritones. It will be the 'Tones' first appearance at Wilkes and reports say the outfit is solid from the initial downbeat. Jerry Stone, piano man and a Wilkes freshman, heads the group which also sports Danny Metroka on drums, Bill Figart, trumpet, all Wilkesman, and Joe Perez, student dance director at (and you pardon the expression) King's.

The group will stand (some members sit) ready to play all modern, jazz, Latin-American and farmer dance music.

"Skinny" Ennis will be on hand to provide his imitable brand of humor to the gala affair.

Refreshments will be served and the dance is expected to get the club-sponsored season off to a fine start. Admission will be 35 cents per person.

Co-chairmen of the affair are Doris Merrill, secretary-treasurer of the club and Chuck Adamek, vice-president.

Dr. Eugene S. Hammer, head of the Wilkes education department, and John Carr, professor of education, will act as chaperones.

Committees include: refreshments, Glenn Phethean, chairman; Pat Fox, Dom Varisco, Neil Mc-

Hugh, Jeannett Perrins, Carolyn Selecky, Leona Goldberg. Tickets, Robert Ichter and Joan Shoemaker, chairmen, Helen Koelsch, Lena Mission, Lois Jones, Pat Stout, Margaret Smith, Irene Yastremski, Marilyn Williams, Ellen Witiak, Nancy Beam, Mary Zavatski, and Doris Merrill.

Publicity committee: Irma Bianconi, Ellen Witiak, Joan Zawoiski, Mary Morey, and Jack Curtis.

Joe "The Sweeper" Trosko, will be featured as chairman of the clean-up committee. Art Hoover and Howard "Skinny" Ennis have charge of entertainment.

Oh, yes — FRESHMEN MUST ATTEND.



Beacon Photo by Jerry Lind

FROSH AWAIT FATE—A likely looking group of freshmen stands casually on the steps of ivy-bedecked Chase Hall just before the beginning of stiff Freshman Orientation rules. You'll notice the unworried looks on the faces of the newcomers to Colonelland. Seek out the same frosh now and look—college really matures—they've got

lines on their faces already. The Tribunal, Wilkes high court of law, is waiting to deal with the "beanie bearers" if they step out of line. The pictured scene just goes to prove that the man was right when he said, "Wilkes is the friendliest campus in the world." Any comments frosh?

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FRESHMAN HAZING BEGINS, DINKS, TIES COLOR CAMPUS

By DALE WARMOUTH

The blue and gold freshman dinks, with well over 300 specimens beneath, will be bobbing along South River and South Franklin Streets these days as the class of '58 takes its place at the halls of ivy in Wilkes College. Lying in wait will be their big brothers and sisters, all of whom have expressed willingness and eagerness to aid and assist the frosh in making the transi-

tion from high school to college by enforcing some 16 rules, all in the interest of academic achievement. Seeing that these regulations are to be carried out to the best interest of the yearlings will be an august body of soft-hearted men and women who have been chosen for their loving kindness and devotion to humanity.

In charge of these sessions of sweetness and light is a panel which includes: Dick Carpenter, judge; Jesse Choper, prosecuting attorney; Glenn Phethean, defense attorney; Jerry Luft, bailiff; and Bob Hontz, witness. It is reported by the grape vine that these eminent personages spent the summer with an old established service organization called Murder, Incorporated. Known all over campus as the Kid-Glove Kids, are the two mayhem-minded sergeants-at-arms, Bill Farish and Neil Dadurka.

Willing to weigh all evidence impartially before finding the cringing and hapless offenders wanting will be a jury composed of certain demure young misses, Irene Yastremski, Irene Goliash, Lena Mission, Joan Zawoiski, Irene Scheihing, and Phyllis Walsh. Except for the fact that three bear the same given name, the only thing the girls have in common is the memory that they too were freshmen once and this is their year for revenge.

In reviewing the list of lovely sea-drinking people bent on accomplishing justice at all costs, writer Al Jeter commented with a certain light in his other-dull eyes, "THAT'S a nice

reported that the freshman motto, to be chosen shortly, obviously be:

"Hair today, gone tomorrow. His locks are shorn, much to his sorrow."

Activities Schedule for Year

The following is a list of activities and the dates requested for them by various campus organizations:

(Tentative)

SEPTEMBER

- 15-19—Freshman Orientation, Gym
- 15—Freshman Reception (A-M)
- 16—Freshman Registration
- Freshman Reception (N-Z)
- 17—Upperclass Registration
- Freshman Luncheon
- 18—Come and Meet Us Party, Student Council
- 19—Reception for Parents of Freshmen
- 20—Classes begin at 8 a.m.
- 24—Sport Dance, Junior Class and Education Club
- 25—Soccer, Elizabethtown, at Home
- 29—Freshman Tea, Biology Club

OCTOBER

- 1—Dance Lettermen's Club
- 2—Soccer, Rider, Home
- Football, Lebanon Valley at Home
- 4-6—Cue 'n' Curtain, One Act Plays
- 8—Wiener Roast, Biology Club
- 9—Soccer, Lafayette, Away
- Football, Ithaca, at Home
- 12—Soccer, Bucknell at Home
- 15—Square Dance, Chemistry Club
- 16—Soccer, Football, Bloomsburg, Away
- 18—Social Meeting, I.C.C.
- 22—Sport Dance, Junior Class
- Wiener Roast, T.D.R.
- 23—Football, Trenton at Home
- Soccer, Alumni
- 29—Mid-semester Grades
- Dance, Biology Club
- 30—Soccer, East Stroudsburg, Away

CPA Group to Run Clinic at Wilkes Starting October 16

Changes in the tax laws embodied in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 are apparently much more complicated than most people close to the subject anticipated.

From the great number of inquiries, it is apparent that the tax clinic to be sponsored by the Northeastern Chapter of Certified Public Accountants and the Commerce and Finance Department of Wilkes will meet a great local need.

The clinic is slated to run five Saturdays starting on October 16 and will feature experts from

Area Magistrates To Study Local Government Here

Wilkes College and the Public Service Institute of the Department of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania will cooperate again this year to offer an evening course designed to acquaint magistrates and justices of the peace with the intimate knowledge of duties, procedures and techniques in magisterial work, it was announced yesterday.

Classes will be held at the college each Tuesday evening at 7 for a period of 24 weeks and will begin on September 28, according to a statement by Dr. Hugo V. Mailey, chairman of the Political Science

BEACON EDITORIALS—

Without Fear or Favor

A free and courageous press is part of the heritage of every American. It is a heritage that is almost as old as the Republic itself. Without complete and accurate information of the activities of his government, on the state of the nation, and on the outside world man cannot offer intelligent criticism or poll an intelligent vote.—Neil MacNeal, *Without Fear or Favor*.

This statement from a book by Mr. MacNeal, former editor of the New York Times, also holds true in college life with regard to college newspapers.

The college paper must act as a two-way street—an informer between the students, their families and the faculty and administration. It must, first, be the voice of the students. It should also be included as an integral part of the college public relations program, both internal and external. Therefore, the policies of the college and the paper should be closely knit.

The paper must, though, be given a free hand to operate and to fulfill its obligations, of nature, to its readers, the majority of whom are students.

This year at Wilkes, there will be such a policy. Dr. Eugene Farley, Wilkes president, and the editor have both expressed a desire to create a Beacon which will act as that "two-way street."

The staff of the Beacon is aiming high—possibly higher than it will reach. It hopes to publish the best newspaper in the history of Wilkes, and it thinks it can do it. Its ability to do so depends on two things—luck and close co-operation with the student body. And after all, the paper is of, by and for the students.

Newspapers have distinct personalities just as people do. The editors help to mold that personality and they are influenced by their readers. So, actually, at least to a degree, the college paper is a reflection of the over-all personality of the student body.

A newspaper is a living thing. As M. MacNeal put it so ably, it is "a living, throbbing thing that its staff can feel and know." You can love a newspaper, too, as you might love a dog or a horse. MacNeal concluded that if you cannot feel the life in a paper you should not be on the staff. But if you can feel it, you are condemned to a life of journalism.

Perhaps it is because life can be felt in a newspaper that we often refer to a paper or parts of it as "our baby". Then the old saying at the end of the day is, "let's put her to bed," also indicative of that feeling of life.

The Beacon this year is interested in having on its staff people who are genuinely interested in a real paper—yes, a living paper. Writing for the Beacon should not be a chore, but rather a pleasant task from which true satisfaction is derived. In extra-curricular activities, the Beacon should come first for those who wish to pump the lifeblood—copy—into her.

The editor hopes that the enthusiasm of the editorial staff, only recently appointed, will be matched by student body. The paper needs a large staff, the bigger the better for all concerned. To those truly interested in contributing and learning via the Beacon, an invitation to join us is sincerely extended. We'll work together in a common fellowship.

To the student body and administration . . . We hope the Beacon will be everything you want in a college paper this year.

—Curtis, Editor

College Calendar

FALL, 1954

- Sept. 20: Classes Begin
- Oct. 29: Mid-semester grades
- Nov. 8-13: Pre-registration for spring semester
- Nov. 11: Armistice Day observance, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving recess begins at noon
- Nov. 29: Thanksgiving recess ends at 8 a.m.
- Dec. 18: Christmas Holidays begin at noon
- Jan. 3: Classes reconvene at 8 a.m.
- Jan. 17-25: Final examination period

SPRING, 1955

- Jan. 28: Registration for spring semester
- Jan. 31: Classes begin at 8 a.m.
- March 11: Mid-semester grades
- March 21 - 26: Pre-registration for summer and fall semesters
- March 25: Annual Careers Conference
- April 5: Easter Holidays begin at 5:00 p.m.
- April 12: Classes reconvene at 8:00 a.m.
- May 21: Classes end
- May 23-June 1: Final examination period
- May 30: Observance of Memorial Day. No examinations scheduled
- June 5: Baccalaureate
- June 6: Commencement

Department.

Francis W. Murphy, Alderman from the second ward of Wilkes-Barre will conduct the course.

O'TOOLE ISSUES CALL FOR YEARBOOK STAFF

Cathal O'Toole, faculty adviser to the Wilkes yearbook, Amicola, yesterday told the Beacon that applications for posts on the staff of the publication will be accepted starting tomorrow.

A number of editorial posts, including editor-in-chief, as well as business positions are open to interested students.

Letters of application, stating past experience, if any, and other pertinent data, should be forwarded to the Wilkes Board of Publications, care of Mr. Welton Farrar.

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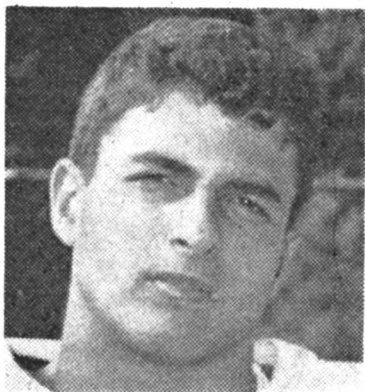
WISDOM OF WILKES

By DICK GRIBBLE

—The Inquiring Photographer

(This week's question, to get the ball rolling, is by the editors.)

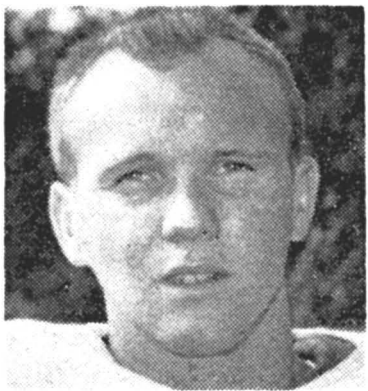
Being an incoming freshman and unacquainted with this college, what was your first impression of Wilkes? (Editor's note—there was positively no arm-twisting one way or tuther!)



RONNIE RESCIGNO, Butler Hall dormitory student from Cambridge Heights, L.I., N.Y.: "The first thing that impressed me was the congenial people I met. After getting around, I also found that Wilkes has a very nice campus. One of the things that appeals to me most is the fact that this is a small college. And I think that you have a much better chance to get acquainted with more people in a small college than on a large campus. I've met several professors and they seem very friendly."



JIM CATTELL, Ashley Hall dormitory student from Mount Vernon, N.Y.: "I think the dormitories were what impressed me most. They give you a homey feeling—just by the way they're constructed. They're made-over homes, anyway, aren't they? Even though you're away from home, you get a feeling of belonging here. Talk about friendly people—boy, Wilkes has got 'em . . . I think I'm gonna like it."



JIM PUDERBACH, Weckesser Hall dormitory student from Audubon, N.J.: "Not only are the people at the college friendly, but also the folks I've met around—what'd'ya call it, the "Valley"—especially the women. It's just like another home town. Seems the people I've met from the college are trying to be helpful and make you feel at home. Nice campus, too."

For This Week

A Chuckle and a Smile

On returning to school—After a vacation there's nothing like the feel of a good desk under your feet.

According to the scientists, you can fry an egg with sound. Comedians have been laying them that way for years.

Gals who want a second date Should shun perfumes that asphyxiate.

Women love the simple things in life—men. (Not the expressed opinions of the editors, two of which are—men.)

A holdup man surprised a young dorm co-ed who was drying off after a bath, but she said it was okay. He covered her with his revolver.

Winsome Wilma says she faintly remembers saying yes on a moonlight ride, "But, thank goodness," she said, "I was too drunk to remember what the guy asked me."

Then they tell about the accounting major who flunked out on the home front. He couldn't account for the silk things he sent home with his laundry.

They say the honeymoon is well over when the little woman stops bragging about the fact that she's never necked with anybody else but her husband, and starts complaining.

Old horse plays colt, old dolt steps out of line, eats for three men and is an ass in wine.

—Confucius.

Joe College was nursing a black eye as he passed the Court House. "And to think," he sighed, "it takes 12 guys in there to decide that a girl is innocent."

When the committee complained about the bikini bathing suit the college co-ed wore in a summer bathing beauty contest, she just

tossed it aside lightly. Claimed that a little bit of over-exposure never spoiled a photograph.

It was no typographical error when the football player sent a note to the college psychological counsellor stating, "I go to sleep at night counting she."

They tell the sad tale about the playboy who jumped off the Market Street Bridge, when, after spending a bankroll on a bubble dancer, he found out it was no soap.

Gems of Wisdom—How come ants never tire of picnic lunches? The modern woman spends 75 per cent of her time sitting down—the figures show . . . Would you say a snore is a headwind? . . . Guys who keep getting lit aren't too bright . . . Advice is free—until you follow it . . . Some gals talk so fast that they say things they haven't even thought of yet . . .

According to Actor Jack Carson, you're getting old when the gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your glasses.

More Gems—Many men never bring the boss home to dinner—cause she's already there . . . The modern hope chest needs fewer negligees and more kitchen aprons . . . Home—the only place you can trust hash—or a compliment . . . A bachelor is a fellow who never had any bride ideas. (Ouch!)

Intrigue—It there anything on earth as slippery as a watermelon seed? . . . Is it harder to pry a woman lose from the telephone or the television set? . . . Why do moths attack the most strategic parts of a bathing suit?

Signs of the times—Group discussion getting so spicy that one young lady stopped sharp, stating, "All right, folks, let's bring our minds up out of the Valley News." (She spoke with a German accent and, of course, used "guttural" tones.)

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If you enjoy drama, for instance, why not try Mary Chase's "Mrs. McThing", a delightful comedy about a little rich boy whose mother aggravates Mrs. McThing, a witch. As a result the Latter whisks off the mother's pride and joy to a poolroom, leaving in his place a stick, which although looks like Howie, does not act like him. (Incidentally, Mrs. McThing will be presented in February by the Wilkes-Barre Little Theater.) Or, if you prefer more serious literature, there is "The Crucible", a play by Arthur Miller based on the Salem witchcraft trials.

In the field of fiction, one of the library's most popular recent acquisitions is Morton Thompson's "Not As A Stranger". This book (for some time near the top of the best-seller lists), is a powerful novel about the making of a doctor. It tells about Lucas Marsh who cares only about one thing: the practice of medicine.

Look Into Future

"Tomorrow", by Philip Wylie, is a fictional account of an atomic attack on America. Other fiction includes "The Train in the Meadow" by Robert Nathan and Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea".

For a thrilling adventure out of World War II consider "The Man Who Never Was" by Ewen Montagu. It seems that when the Allies were about to invade Europe via the Mediterranean, it was rather obvious to everyone, including the Germans, that Sicily would be the logical point of attack. The ruse by which the German Army was persuaded to think otherwise is one of the most fascinating stories of the day.

Typewriter Story

Not only future secretaries, but many others as well will enjoy Bruce Bliven's well illustrated story of the typewriter. "The Wonderful Writing Machine" tells the story of this instrument from its beginning to the present.

Folksongs and legends of Pennsylvania are vividly portrayed in "Pennsylvania Songs and Legends", edited by George Korson. Filled with songs and stories of the Pennsylvania Dutch, of railroaders and coal miners, and of other groups in the state, it promises hours of fascinating reading.

Going back to more ancient times, the library recommends "Everyday Life in Babylon and Assyria" by George Contenau. This is a popular survey of ancient Mesopotamian civilization from 700 to 530 B.C., by one of the world's greatest Assyriologists. These and many other interesting books are available in the college library.

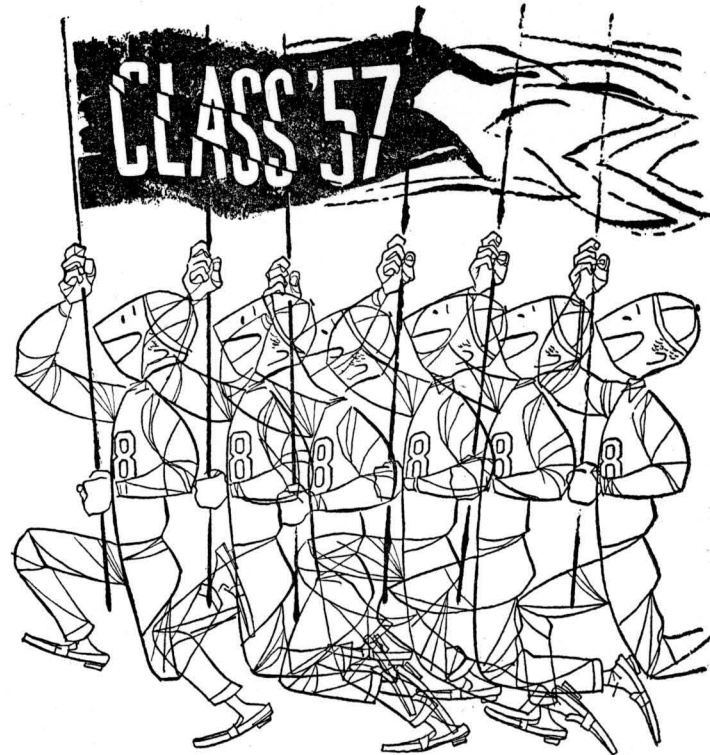
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throughout the nation who will explain the diverse phases of the law's revision.

Details concerning registration may be obtained from Donald Kerstein, comptroller, Chase Hall. The clinic is just another Wilkes service to the community.

WISDOM OF WILKES is just one of the many new features that will appear in the Beacon this year. Two free passes to a local theater will be given to the writer of the best question of each week. All questions should be written at least a week in advance of publication and should be dropped in the Beacon office. Keep watching, your picture may appear in this space.



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BACKS AND ENDS PLENTIFUL, RALSTON STEPS UP DRILLS AS SEASON'S OPENER NEARS

By AL JETER

Forty ready and willing candidates answered the call of Coach Ralston on Sept. 1 and from the look of things the Colonels may have the makings of one of the best grid squads in many a moon. The team rolled through its initial scrimmage sessions last week with a minimum of injured men, a malady which often plagues coaching staffs in the early part of the season.

Ralston and his assistant coach Russ Picton seem to have no need for the crying towel (Frank Leahy style) so far. The squad is at least four deep in ends and backs and there seems to be plenty of good material to choose from. The center of the line may be the cause for the most concern due to a lack of manpower. Barring injuries to key men though it should hold up against all comers.

In Picton, Ralston has a good man to braintrust the backs and ends. Now in his second year as a coach, Russ has plenty of football knowledge. In his playing days he was considered one of the most outstanding quarterbacks ever to hit the campus by the Susquehanna. After a fine football career in the service Picton came to Wilkes where he proceeded to set the world on fire until a broken leg put him out of action for good.

Frosh Plentiful

A large number of freshmen are on this year's edition of the Colonels and Ralston can be thankful that this schol is allowed to use first year men in varsity competition.

Among the frosh who have impressed the coaching staff to date is Ronnie Rescigno a speed merchant from Cambria Heights, Long Island. The little tailback burns up the turf at an amazing rate of speed and was picked to the All-New York City team last year. Another out of stater from Mt. Vernon, New York is Jim Cattell. Big and fast, Cattell figures to be one of the leading contenders for the fullback slot. He could be just what

the doctor ordered as a replacement for Georgie Elias.

Vets Set

Quite a few of the holdovers from last year's squad have shown that they are ready to go. Leading the linemen is Joe Trosko who was mentioned last year in All State selections. In his time at Wilkes, Trosko has earned the reputation of being a handy man to have around in a tight squeeze. Another first rate lineman back for his third year is Cliff Brautigan. The New Jersey native showed up more than well last year and Coach Ralston has a very high opinion for the former high school All Stater from East Orange.

Paul Gronka, the wonder end of last year is back agin. Playing his first year of varsity football last fall, Gronk more than lived up to expectations. The little guy (less than six feet) who copped all state honors is expected to enjoy his best year this season. You can be sure that you will hear more from the little man with glue fingers.

Bolstered Backfield

The backfield this year will boast Al Nicholas, who was given the tag of "Mr. Football" at Wilkes before he did a hitch in the Marine Corps. Back at school now, Nick has shown that he has lost none of his speed and fire while serving with Uncle Sam in Korea. Another veteran back is Ronnie Fitzgerald. Lanky Fitz has been a big threat the last two years running out of the wingback spot.

TRIO OF ALL-STATERS

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who dazzled opposition halfbacks last year to be on the receiving end of 44 points worth of touchdowns.

Trosko has been a standout guard for three years and his brutal play earned him All-State honors. He too is a good bet to repeat this year.

COLONEL SOCCER SLATE

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A THANK YOU NOTE

Here we go again. Fall comes once a year bringing with it football games, turning leaves, hard cider, and new sports editors. Right now we would like to say thank you to the good people who placed their confidence in us, and we give our word that we will do our darndest to keep up the high standards that have been set in former years by the Beacon sports section. It will be our aim to bring you complete coverage of happenings in the Wilkes sports world in the most interesting way that we know how.

HEADS UP

With soccer season coming up fast, we decided to venture to the realm of Coach Bob Partridge and his booters. After watching for several minutes we formed the impression that headache pill companies would be wise to promote the game. It seems that there is a clever little move known as heading the ball. The object of the whole thing being to intercept the ball with one's head and send it back in the other direction by the same means. "Tough on noggen," said we. However, talking it over later with some of the boys who should know we are assured that if done correctly this little trick had no ill effects on the old bean. We did decline trying the thing though. Still you can't blame a guy for wondering.

NO B.O.

Improvement of the year for our money is the new shower system installed at Kirby Park for the football team. If nothing goes astray members of the "buttheads" crew will no longer be plagued by mail with Lifebuoy ads inclosed. Coach Ralston assures us that the new system has enough water so that all the boys can get a hot shower. This is, no doubt, good news for the fat men who come in on the tail end of the "last mile" after practice every evening.

On the other side of the fence we find the soccer squad. Strange as it may seem they are still dressing in a garage. Flip Jones, stand-out booter for several years swears that the garage is the most luxurious in the east. "They even took the cars out," says the Flipper. Still and all, you can't blame the boys for casting an envious eye in the direction of the football field house.

SOCCER STARTER

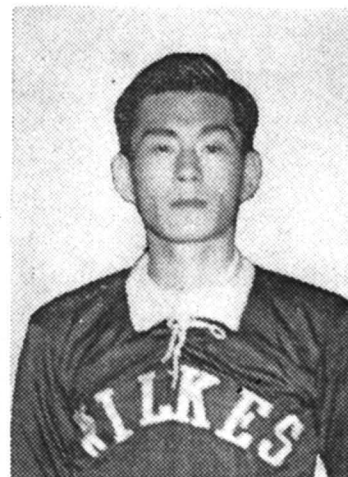
Coach Partridge is hoping for a large turnout Saturday when the booters inaugurate the season in Kirby Park with Elizabethtown. The Colonels will open and close the season with the powerhouse from down the river. Elizabethtown is the only team that the Blue and Gold meet twice a year and a king size rivalry has grown up during the past few seasons.

It's pretty early to say anything but from here it looks like (and we hope that it won't prove a jinx because rails are uncomfortable riding this year) the booters could cause plenty of trouble for lots of people. Soccer here at Wilkes was pretty much of a joke and then look what happened last year. When the smoke cleared the Blue and Gold had ended up with the first winnin gseason in the history of the sport here. The skeptics were left with nothing to say but "Well, what-d'ya know!" Well, stranger things have happened and you never can tell.

Vets Shape Up, New Prospects Show Promise

By AUSTIN SHERMAN

The Colonel soccer team will inaugurate the 1954-55 Wilkes athletic year when it plays host to Elizabethtown on Saturday, at Kirby Park. It is fitting that the soccermen who along with the wrestling squad, had a winning season last year, should be in on the sports kickoff. Last year's booters had four wins against three defeats.



YOUNSU KOO

Coach Bob Partridge had close to 20 men on hand when he started drills on September 9. Absent due to graduation were last year's standouts, Jim Moss, Lefty Kemp, Ralph Zezza, and Dick Hawk. On hand was Flip Jones, not co-captain as last year, but as assistant to his former coach.

The biggest headache for Partridge was finding someone to replace Moss, who was a top-notch goalie. Goalie is one of the most important positions in soccer and in order to get a player capable of performing net duties, Partridge had to take Jim Ferris out of the line and put him at guarding the goal. Ferris, an all-round athlete, has been hard at work practicing the position and in recent scrimmages has looked good.

Co-captains are Dick Polakowski and Carl Van Dyke, two veteran booters. Dick, who is starting his fourth year of soccer for Wilkes, plays outside right, while Carl, who reported late, is rounding into shape quickly and will be ready to go on Saturday also in the line.

Returning lettermen include Ahmad Kazimi, Hank Deible, Glenn Phethean and Yoon Soo Koo. The latter, who learned his soccer fundamentals in Korea, received recognition for his outstanding play last year by being voted an Eastern All-Star by a group of coaches and referees. Ahmad, a popular fellow on campus, is from Transjordan and is known for his rough-tough style of soccer. Deibel is a line man and Phethean is a fullback. These above-mentioned are believed to form the nucleus of this year's soccer team.

A new man who is making a bid for a position is Dave Hoffman of Long Island. Dave played four years of high school soccer and is rated by Partridge as a good bet for a varsity post.

This year's squad will be unusually strong. Likely to see plenty of action is Mo Batterson, who interrupted his schooling to join the Army for twenty-one months. Mo played a lot of soccer before entering the Army and is expected to be in good shape in a few days. Other team members include the Beacon's own Jack Curtis, Dick Heltzel, Sam Shugar, and first year men Chet Miller, Fred Boote, Joe Popple, and Charles Neely.

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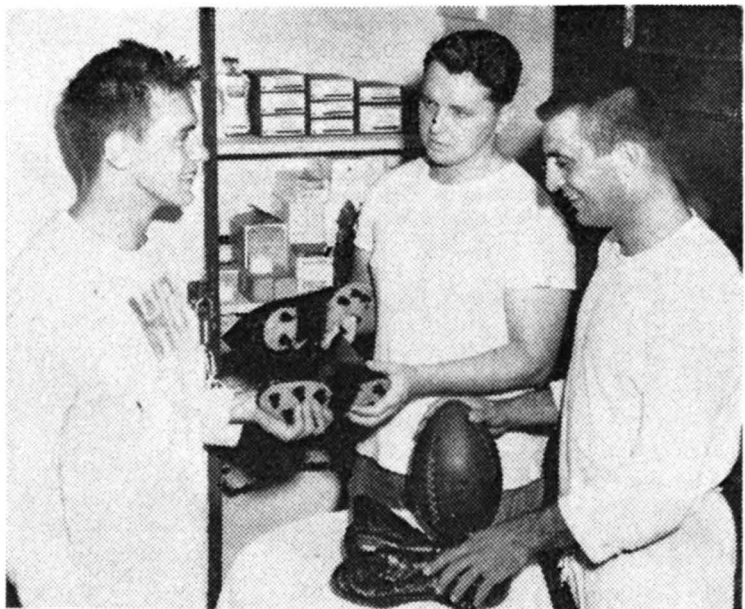


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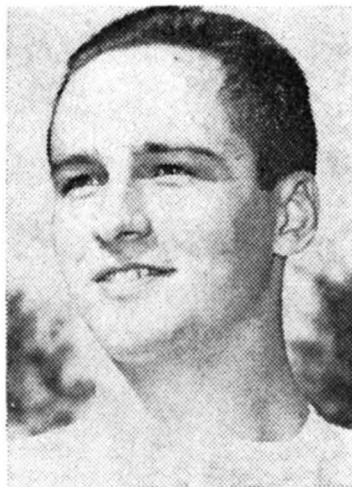
TRIO OF ALL-PENNSYLVANIA GRIDDERS ENHANCE FOOTBALL PROSPECTS FOR '54 COLONELS

It's only once or twice in a coach's career that he has a player of All-State caliber under his wing in college, but at Wilkes this year, Coaches George Ralston and Russ Picton are blessed with three such men of the gridiron.

They, of course, are Paul Gronka, second team All-Pennsylvania last year, Al Nicholas, All-Stater in 1950 and Joe Trosko, an honorable mention selection on the All-Pennsylvania team as picked by the Associated Press last season.

Gronka (left in photo at left) gets his "travelin' shoes" from Manager Gene Snee, himself a former Colonel star, while Nicholas gets shoes and a pigskin, of the variety he will likely be tossing to Gronka this season.

Al was one of the leading ground-gainers in the nation in '50 when he ran up over 1000 yards from scrimmage and generally considered the best runner ever to grace a Wilkes gridiron. "Gronk" is the end (continued on page 6)



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