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## Wilkes Purchases Franklin St. Property Softball League Plans Outing Sept. 6-th

Affair To Be Held At Sans Souci Park;  
League Leaders Will Play All Stars

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED

By Vincent Macri

One of the biggest events on the Wilkes summer social calendar will take place on Saturday, September 6, when the Wilkes Intramural Softball League will hold its first annual outing at Sans Souci Park. Everyone is invited to attend this gala affair which will include as part of its program a softball game between the league leaders, the Sad Sacks, managed by Bob Anthony, and the League All Stars, managed by Marty Blake. Before the game a large trophy will be presented to the Sad Sacks by John Riley, president of the Student Council.

Buses will leave the campus at 11:30 a. m. Anyone wishing to go should make arrangements with Miss Mildred Gittens at the bookstore, during next week.

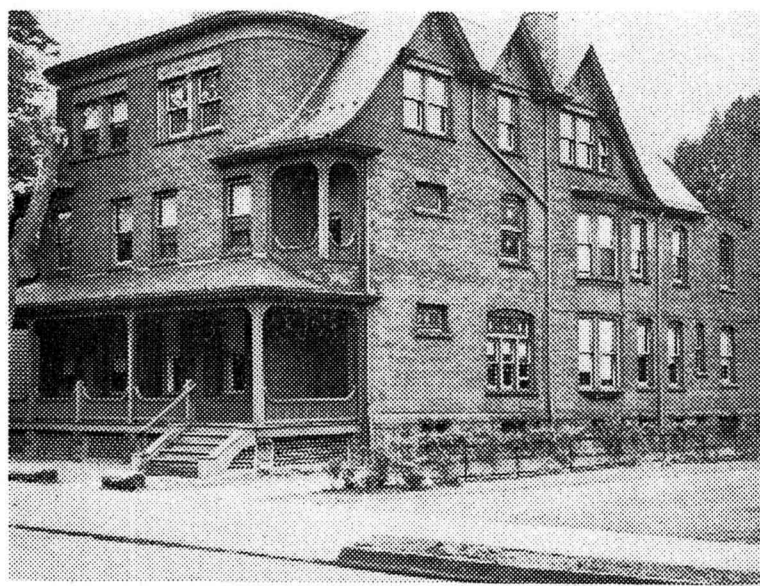
The softball game will get under way promptly at 2:15 and immediately after the game, refreshments including steaks, corn, clams, and

soda will be served.

There will be free swimming and rides and a band in the evening for anyone who cares to dance.

Students may bring their wives, husbands, families and friends. A good time is promised to everyone who attends. The committees urge that everyone make his reservations early. The following are the committees in charge of the outing: Chairman Marty Blake; Assistants, Bob Anthony and Dick Martin; Location Committee: Bob Anthony, Chairman; Bud Jonathan, Dick Martin, Jim Morse, Ed Burt-savage and Marty Blake; Transportation Committee: Ralph Carey, Chairman; Russ Williams, Hank Anderson and George Brody; Refreshment Committee: Hal Glowacki, Chairman; Bud Jonathan, Bob Anthony and Hank Anderson; Program Committee: Bob Anthony, Chairman; Ralph Carey, Hal Glowacki, Dick Martin, Marty Blake, George Brody, Hank Anderson and Jim Morse.

COLLEGE PROCURES FORMER STODDARD HOME;  
ALTERATIONS BEGIN FOR FALL OPENING;  
CAFETERIA WILL BE GREATLY EXPANDED



Above is the double block, the left side of which was recently purchased by Wilkes College.

As a part of its ambitious expansion program Wilkes College last Friday took possession of the Franklin Street property it recently purchased from the Stoddard Estate with funds contributed during the recent endowment campaign.

The newly purchased residence will provide greatly needed room for the 1700 students registered for the fall semester.

The Sordoni Construction Company immediately began making alterations this week to make the property suitable for classroom and campus needs in the fall. Alterations will include revising the Stoddard house to make it suitable for classes and offices.

The first floor of the house will be completely remodeled. The partitions now in the house will be knocked out to make room for a secretarial department.

The second floor of the building will be used as headquarters for the new Journalism Department. Files, typewriters, morgue, and other supplies pertinent to that department will be kept on the second floor. It is definite that faculty offices and one classroom will be housed on the third floor.

### CAFETERIA EXPANSION

The garage purchased with the property will be remodeled and built onto the cafeteria. This addition will increase the size of the cafeteria by more than fifty per cent. The lawn between the house and the cafeteria will be landscaped. Here the college expects to build a terrace where students can eat.

## CABARET PARTY HUGE SUCCESS; SPLENDID FLOORSHOW STAGED

By Robert Mikulewicz

The Thespians, Campus Quarters, held at the PCH Friday, August 23, was a tremendous success. A capacity crowd was on hand to take advantage of the superb program and the plentiful refreshments. A night club atmosphere was very prevalent in the dim, decorated, candle-lit auditorium.

There was a tremendous amount of activity crowded into one evening of entertainment. Music for dancing was supplied by Lee Vincent and his orchestra. The two high spots of this part of the program were Lee Vincents' terrific arrangement of Big Noise from Wannetka, and the vocalizing by Mickey Carvel.

Spaced throughout the evening were three floorshows composed of outside and student talent emceed by the popular WBRE announcer, Jim McCarthy. The outside entertainment included a pleasing juvenile review by members of the Hilda Mann Hurtz School. Despite a sore throat Miss Eleanor Vessel, professional vocalist on radio station WHWL, refused to disappoint the large crowd. She sang "Beware of My Heart", but because of her throat was unable to do an encore.

A roller skating team of Danny Giaske and Phyllis Kranson was pitifully limited by the waded dance floor. The team was forced to do a very slow uninspiring waltz.

The rest of the entertainment brought to light some exceptionally good talent from our student body.

When Mr. N. A. Perkowski sang Cesar Frank's Lied, he unveiled a

Mr. Olshefski did a song satire. He began with a few bars of "Sunday, Monday or Always", the he went into a hilarious Gerry Moore style monologue. Mr. Olshefski possesses an ideal singing voice for such a number it sounds like gravel running down a tin chute. His timing and delivery of the monologue were just about perfect.

The last part of the final floor show was a satirical skit of Wilkes College life written by Mr. Olshefski. Gags, some old, some new, were so corny and ridiculous that they proved to be extremely funny and brought loud, long laughs from the audience. The students who took part in the skit were: Bob Nolan, Ed Morgan, Clem Wacławski.

The wandering photographers with their flash bulbs popping, the excellent dance and novelty numbers, the diversified floor shows, and the clever chatter of the M. C. left nothing to be desired. Those who attended the "Campus Quarters" will attest to the fact that a good time was had by all.

## Play Tryouts On Tuesday

Miss Blandina Foster, Theatre head, announces that first tryouts for John B. Priestly's, "They Came To A City" will be held Tuesday



Picture shows the house which was bought by the College from the Stoddard Estate.

## Economic Club Visits Local Mine

By Norbert Olshefski

On Wednesday, August 20, twenty three students of Wilkes College visited the Dorrance Colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company on River Street just above the Luzerne County Prison.

The trip was sponsored by the Economics Club was under the direction of Mr. Julius Spiro, Faculty Advisor, and Frank Wheeler, president of the club.

When the group arrived at the colliery, they were met by the superintendent and taken to the office where they were given coveralls and helmets. After being issued the clothing, the group was asked to sign the guest book.

The tour started at the engine

machinery were explained by guides furnished by the company. The guides explained how the engineer knows, by a system of bells, just when to stop and start the cage. The guide stated that engineers, as a rule, are highly experienced men who must be continually on the alert.

From the engine house, the group walked to the conveyor belt which takes the coal from the head of the shaft to the breaker where it is cracked and sorted. The conveyor belt was about a quarter of a mile long. When one of the guides was asked how much coal went over the conveyor belt in one day, he said that between 1800 and 2000 tons of coal are dumped and sent up the

## Language Clubs Continue Series of Parties Tonight

The fifth of the series of social affairs sponsored by the Language Clubs will be held tonight, August 29, on the lawn between Chase and Kirby Halls. Three movies, "South of the Border With Disney", "The Count of Monte Cristo", and "Aqua Frolics", will be shown. Refreshments will be served between the pictures.

The Language Clubs have enjoyed great success in the four previous affairs and plans have been made to accommodate the largest crowd of the season at this event.

The club plans to conduct two more programs following the performance. Similar events will be presented on Sept. 4 and Sept. 13. "Pagliacci" and "Puss In Boots" will be shown at the former, and







## Student Council Minutes of Aug. 5

The meeting was opened by the president, Mr. Riley. Roll was taken. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Burt-savage.

Recognition of Beta Gamma Chi was brought up for discussion. Mr. Savitz made the motion for approval of the Beta Gamma Chi budget in the amount of \$25.00, seconded by Miss Roth. Open vote was taken with result 9 to 1 for approval.

Motion made for approval of Language Club budget by Mr. Carey in amount of \$354.00, seconded by Mr. Farrel, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Riley then read the following remarks to the members of the Council in answer to the recent editorial in the Beacon publication of August 1, 1947. The remarks are as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen of the Student Council. My remarks this morning are not primarily directed to you. That which I have to say is meant to inform the misinformed, to demonstrate that the adage 'A Little Learning is a Dangerous Thing' is applicable to certain elements of the student population within the confines of Wilkes College.

This Student Council has been a Council of action. We do not particularly pride ourselves in this respect—it is simply the duty of our office. We do, however, take exceptional pride in the fact that we are an integral part of a student government, which is as democratic, if not more democratic than any other student government on any American campus.

Many, many times we have deliberately violated Section V of our Student Constitution By-Laws which reads: "Members of the student body may be admitted to Student Council meetings. However, they shall be without voice unless they are delegates of an organization within the school or members of a committee that has been appointed by the President of the Student Council."

This Student Council has never refused to hear any member of the student body at any time. The same atmosphere of free expression prevails at all committee meetings. This Student Council has never had any secret meeting of any kind. All meetings are publicized in advance. Section III of the By-Laws makes such provisions. No student desiring actual membership on any committee has ever been denied such participation. I ask you, "Where is the IRON CURTAIN?"

The Student Constitution ably provides for constitutional changes. Article VII reads: "Amendments may be proposed by any member of the student body upon petition to the Council, such petition to be signed by at least twenty students."

"Any petition vetoed by the Student Council may be overruled by a petition of one hundred names of members of the student body. This petition of one hundred names shall be presented to the Dean of Men. The Dean of Men shall then call a special assembly to vote upon the proposed amendment."

Never has a single amendment been proposed to the Council by any member of the student body. This Council, nevertheless, will shortly vote upon the instituting of a "Fact-Finding Committee" whose task it will be to study the Constitution and make subsequent recommendations to the Council for such revisions as it deems feasible. This committee will be composed of both Council and non-Council members. Any student demonstrating interest in this committee may readily participate. This committee will be required to canvass the students and student organizations for suggestions pertinent to constitutional changes. They will report their finding to this Council and the proper action will be taken.

One of the greatest difficulties which confronted this Council in its earliest period was that of determining its financial policy. In order to ascertain which of the many hundreds of requests for financial aid should be satisfied this Student Council was compelled to adopt a rigid policy. A line of demarcation had to be drawn between those expenditures which were generally recognized as academic and those which were recognized as social. In a meeting held by this Council on March 7, 1947, this Council voted to approve the following committee report:

"Whereas, it being the Administration's duty to supply necessary and adequate educational facilities, the Appropriation Committee feels it unwise to assume those obligations inherently the function and job of the institution. With this policy in mind, this committee suggests that those clubs that submitted budgets for expenditures of equipments and various types of literature of an academic nature be advised that it is school policy to supply those necessities relative to education and instruction. Another item ear-marked for 'cutting' is the request of the many clubs for a large social function. This idea, while a good one, should be eliminated from the budgets for the following reasons: Each club through a program date arranged by the social committee will be given an opportunity to run and sponsor a social affair or its own taste that will be open to the entire general student body. In these affairs the cost should be borne by the Student Activities Fund."

The recent Cabaret Party sponsored by the Freshman Class and the Weiner Roast sponsored by Beta-Gamma-Chi are typical successful social enterprises organized and operated by club action and a "Hands Off Policy" on the part of the Student Council. This Council has urged in the past and will continue to urge each and every club to sponsor at least one social event during the course of the semester. The only requirement is that the affair be open to all members of the student body. The cost will be borne by the Student Activities Fund.

This Council has not discriminated toward any club or activity at Wilkes College with purposeful intent. The distribution of monies and the adjustment of budgets has been negotiated with the financial been negotiated with the fundamental purpose of serving the student interests as a whole and not individual interests.

If the Student Council has failed in its attempt to be just in its financial policy, we stand accused and are willing to accept student demands for policy revision. The Student Constitution gives the students that opportunity. However, let it be known that we care not for vicious non-constructive criticism either in the form of retaliatory editorials or campus gossip. Both these elements reflect nothing but individual frustration. "DAMNANT QUOD NON INTELLIGUNT."

Last semester each club was allotted the sum of \$20.00 which was to be used as incidental expense towards meetings. This policy has not specifically changed. Many of the clubs never withdrew this money and it reverted to the contingent fund at the end of the semester. The Pre-Med Club saw fit to ask for only \$10.00 for expenses incidental to meetings for the current semester. This sum was readily granted. The remainder of the budget was unanimously found to be contrary to the prevailing policy. Section IV of Article III of the Constitutional By-Laws states: "Requests for additional funds by recognized activities may be submitted to the Student Council for approval at any time." Whenever additional budgets were submitted and found to be justified—the Council has voted to grant these requests. If protecting the student fund, discouraging unjustified expenditures, and serving the best interests of the majority is justifiable criticism—then the students should deem it necessary to

elect another Council.

A most difficult situation has confronted this Council from its very beginning. Many of the misinformed are obviously not aware of the fact that most of the Student Activities Fund is actually borrowed money from the General School Fund. The Veteran's Administration from whom the large portion of the fund is derived, does not remit the amount due until the near end of the semester. In other words we borrow the money from the school and pay it back when we receive it from the Veteran's Administration. The bookkeeping in this system is most involved and Dr. Farley along with Mr. Kersten are cooperating with the Council to the best of their abilities. I quote from a recent memo which Dr. Farley sent to Mr. Kersten:

"It is imperative that the Student Council be given at the beginning of each term a statement of the funds that are available for use. I believe that up to the present time we have been waiting for the Veteran's Administration to make payment before giving this report to the Council. Hereafter, I think we should report the amount paid into the Student Activity Fund and the amount that is still outstanding. The Student Council will then be in a position to organize its budget more carefully. With a complete and satisfactory financial report submitted monthly, there can be no questions which are not possible of solution immediately. If you have any trouble in straightening this matter with John Riley, will you please see me."

This concludes Dr. Farley's memo. This council is certainly not in the throes of any matter relative to its financial status. A complete treasurer's report is read no less than once each month at a regular meeting. This information is available to each and every student at Wilkes College. The misinformed need only attend an occasional meeting or glance at the posted minutes on one of the three bulletin boards scattered about the campus.

This Council has been accused of false economy. Allow me to remind you that the recent purchase of a Public Address System from the Charles and Mary Music Store was based on sound financial policy. The recent Cinderella Ball is a typical illustration. The rental for a PA system for that single dance was considerable. Let me remind you that each Friday night's dance requires an address system. Multiply each social function held throughout the past by the rental fee of a PA system and if the answer is sound financial policy, I offer my humble apologies to be misinformed. The discount offered by the seller of this system resulted in a tremendous saving to the student body. The committee offered its report and the Council voted 9 to 3 to purchase the set. Does the misinformed imply that there must be a unanimous vote of the Council before a motion becomes law?

Allow me to quote briefly from the Beacon issue dated April 18, 1947: "Plans for bringing a name band to this institution were started several weeks ago, and for a while it looked as though the dreams of the Student Council members, who were planning the arrangements were going to fall through. One by one the obstacles were passed over and the entire plan was realized with the signing of a contract with the Charlie Spivak band. From all indications the dance will be the biggest thing that ever happened at this college. This will be the first time the college has run a dance with so many outstanding features."

This ends the Beacon article of that date. The Cinderella Ball was the biggest thing that ever happened at the college. It was a tremendous success. There was no intent on the part of this Council to make money on the affair. The money was already available. Money contributed to the student activities fund by each and every regular student in the school. The Council in order to complete the contract with the Spivak Band had

genuinely appeals to the Student Body to make known its desires through personal attendance, or representative attendance at Council meetings.

Thus concludes the remarks made by Mr. Riley to the Council. Mr. Carey made a motion that a trophy for intramural sports be purchased, seconded by Mr. Templeton, and unanimously carried. Mr. Farrel made motion that the trophy be kept by the Council, and awarded each year, seconded by Mr. Davis, and unanimously carried. Mr. Carey and Mr. Farrel were appointed by the president as a committee to purchase the trophy.

Dr. Farley, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Ralston were called into the meeting, and discussion followed on the matter of ordering food for the various events through the cafeteria, and also to have a central point for ordering so records could be kept straight. Dr. Farley suggested the above, and Mr. Evans made a motion to adhere to this suggestion, seconded by Miss Roth, and carried.

Mr. Riley read a petition for recognition of the Accounting Forum, headed by Mr. Manley and signed by twenty-one names, with their object to acquaint the accounting student with the practical end of accounting rather than just the theoretical. Mr. Templeton made motion to recognize this club, seconded by Mr. Carey, and carried. Mr. Farrel made a motion that the Administration hire auditors to check our books, seconded by Davies. Mr. Savitz made a motion to table this motion until investigation can be made on the auditors, seconded by Templeton and carried 9 to 1.

Motion made by Mr. Farrel to submit Mr. Riley's remarks on the editorial as a separate article for publication in the Beacon, seconded by Mr. Davis. Open vote was taken with result of 8 to 3 for disapproval. Mr. Evans read a report of the social calendar, and said there would be recording dances held

## IRC Discusses Stratton Bill

The Stratton Bill, which provides for the admittance of 400,000 displaced persons from Europe into the United States over a period of four years, was the topic for the forum of the International Relations Club on Friday evening, August 23.

Under the bill the mixed nationals, of various religious denominations, would enter the country under a retroactive quota (100,000 per year) since the allotment was unused during the war years. According to the bill, the regulatory immigration laws would continue to be stringently observed.

The proponents of the bill felt that the influx would be actually less than the amount that would have entered from the period 1941-1945. One member, James Mayock, felt that the DP's were more or less "Delayed Pilgrims".

On the other hand, the opponents of the bill felt that the present employment conditions and the housing situation warranted our taking care of Americans first. The question also arose as to whether or not these immigrants are leaving Europe to shirk responsibility. Opponents of the bill pointed out that the fact remains that Europe must be rebuilt, and that there must be someone there to do the reconstructing. The theory that the government would control the job placement of these people was also attacked on the grounds that the Constitutional rights would be violated. The group decided that there remain two alternatives to this migration (to other countries as well as the United States): Forced repatriation or continued maintenance of the foreign camps. The Reverend Mr. Schindler, member of the faculty who attended the forum, observed that if admitted, these immigrants would be consumers and thus "keep the wheels of the economic system rolling." He stated, "A family of nations and brotherhood of man is necessary for the advancement of our civilization."

each Friday evening, and a Cabaret dance held on August 22, 1947. Mr. Evans made motion to add Nelson Nelson, Rhuea Williams, Wesley Lane, and Edie Rudolph to Social Committee, seconded by Mr. Farrel and carried.

Mr. Templeton read Article VIII of the Amendments to be added to the Constitution to change the college name from Bucknell University Junior College to Wilkes College for the first time.

Motion made for adjournment by Mr. Farrel, seconded by Mr. Davis, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. V. Pringle, Secretary.

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# World Government Advocate Offers Sound Argument

By Robert Mikulewicz

This week the Beacon prints a review published in the magazine Freedom and Liberty of "National Sovereignty Must Go" written by Dr. Harold W. Thatcher who will become head of the Wilkes College history department in the fall semester.

Since the beginning of the recent war, Dr. Thatcher has been chief of the Historical Section in the office of the Quartermaster General. Prior to holding that position Dr. Thatcher was a professor of history at the University of Maryland. He has also taught at the Hill and Ashland Schools.

Dr. Thatcher received his Bachelor's degree at Columbia University and his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

The problem of World Government is one that has been a vital issue for quite a number of years. Countless pro and con articles concerning the subject have been written. One of the more recent articles favoring World Government was written by Dr. Harold W. Thatcher and appeared in the June, 1947, issue of Freedom and Union. The article was entitled "National Sovereignty Must Go".

Dr. Thatcher's study of the American Constitution and our country is quite evident in his article. He uses our country as an example, and our constitution as a pattern for a World Government Organization.

The following is a condensation of the article by Dr. Thatcher.

Prior to, and immediately after, the war for independence, our country was nothing more than a group of independent states. The peoples of the states expressed a stronger loyalty to their respective states than to the new nation—the United States. The problem that faced the original states, according to Dr. Thatcher, is the same problem that faces the nation states to-day, that is, to surrender a portion of their national sovereignty or else be subjected to destruction or absorption. The world knows which course the states followed.

Just exactly how much national sovereignty must be surrendered Dr. Thatcher does not say, but he does state that "the control of atomic energy is one field in which nations must sacrifice their sovereignty." In addition to the atomic phase there is the problem of tariffs. Our original states had to part with their exclusive right to levy tariffs, and the nation states must do likewise.

Such problems as these it is felt are incidental. The important problem is the willingness of nation states to cooperate, and to give up part of their sovereignty to the World Government Organization. Once this is accomplished, once the pattern is laid and a solid foundation is established, then the other parts will be made to fit and complete the picture.

Dr. Thatcher presents a very clear view of just how the police power of the World Government would operate. If the nations give up their absolute sovereignty then there will be in existence a dual citizenship much the same as exists in the United States to-day. A person will be a citizen of the World Government and a citizen of his nation state and responsible to each in its sphere of influence. With such an arrangement, the World Government Police Organization would not operate against nations, but rather against citizens of the World Government, as our Federal Government works against criminals in the United States today. That is, if a citizen in the United States commits a Federal offense the Federal Government has the authority, regardless of state boundaries or laws, to enter that state and bring to trial such criminals in Federal Courts of Justice.

The World Government, then,

where suspected persons are operating, investigate those persons and, if evidence warrants, bring them to trial in World Government Courts of Justice. Such an arrangement would not call for a huge World Police Force but rather a force comparable to the FBI in the United States, on a world-wide basis—a force large enough to operate effectively against individuals or small groups of individuals. It would not be the World Government operating against any particular nation because a nation as such cannot be coerced. It would be the World Government exerting its influence upon its citizens or citizen.

The core of Dr. Thatcher's article is contained in this paragraph:

"The road to salvation, I submit, is clear but hard. We cannot expect to attain salvation without sacrifice. We make great sacrifices to attain victory in war; we must be prepared to make even greater ones to attain victory over war. Peace can only be bought at a price. That price is the sacrifice of national sovereignty. To what degree national sovereignty must be sacrificed only experience will tell. The important thing is the willingness to make this sacrifice, for without this willingness there can be no peace."

Dr. Thatcher in this article has presented quite a convincing argument for the establishment of a World Government. No doubt the article should be warmly received by World Government advocates. This article is worthy of the attention of those who are indifferent to, those who favor, and those who are not in favor of a World Government Organization.

From time to time the BEACON will endeavor to run articles presenting various views on the practicability of world government. Through a presentation of the different aspects of the problem the student body can arrive at a better understanding of the issue.

## Battin' The Breeze

By BRODY

On the first day of football practice, fifty stalwart warriors reported to coach Ralston, and Coach Ralston smiled a smile of pleasure. If he were selling beef on the hoof, he would have become wealthy that day, but right now the Coach is more interested in molding that raw beef into well seasoned football material. That shouldn't be too difficult a job.

The material this season offers an interesting and odd contrast. Back from last year are many of the undefeated stars—veterans of battlefields and football fields—well beyond the age of the average college player, but wise in experience, and smart under fire. With this is the encouraging thought that there will be many young, strong men to call on in reserve. There can be no better combination.

Among last years standouts, one can readily pick out Chip Josephs, Bob Waters, Johnny Florkiewicz, Tom Swartwood, and many others. Generously sprinkled through the returning men are many capable newcomers such as Sammy Elias of Meyers High '42 and 43 champs, Jack Jones of the Nanticoke '41 champs, Joe Brennan of GAR's sensational '44 team. These aren't all, but they're enough to show why the coach is smiling; why no position is safely in the hands of any one man, and why Wilkes students are going to see some high class football this season.

At present the squad is undergoing light workouts with emphasis on fundamentals. Next week the squad will wear pads and go into heavy drill. Until that time, Mr. Ralston will not commit himself, but before two weeks have passed, he will know just about what his team has and what it lacks. From the position of innocent observer, I don't think it lacks anything. It is big; it is powerful; it is fast. Can you ask for more?

### ALL STAR TEAM CHOSEN

In preparation for the coming Intramural League picnic to be held at Sans Souci Park on Sept. 6, a meeting was held by the team managers to vote on the All-Star team which will play the Sad Sacks, undefeated league leaders. Balloting was heavy, and much consideration was given those players who were outstanding in their positions. It is a tribute to the All-Stars that those who played against them, those who actually faced them on the field, chose them above all others to oppose the Sad Sacks.

It was decided that two men should be chosen for each position to insure a full line up in case of unforeseen events that may prevent any of the stars from participating on that day. All-Star manager will be Marty Blake.

#### The All-Star Team:

Catcher—Gallitta, Clowns  
First base—Glowacki, Pre-Med  
Second base—Greco, Clowns  
Third base—Davis, Faculty  
Shortstop—Partridge, Faculty  
Shortfield—Carey, I.R.C.  
Outfield—Anderson, Beacon  
Weis, Dorm  
Pelish, I.R.C.  
Pitchers—Sodt, I.R.C.  
Morse, Engineers

#### Alternates:

Jonathon, I.R.C., catcher; Mayock, first base; Gill, Beacon, second base; Morse, Beacon, shortstop; Kelly, I.R.C., third base; Laggin, Faculty, shortfield; Savitz, I.R.C.; McDougal, Clowns; Kovalchik, Pre Med, Outfielders.

### ECONOMIC CLUB VISITS MINE

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It was a long haul up to the top of the breaker and by the time the men got there, most of them were tired. Once inside the breaker, the men began to observe very closely everything that went on. The first thing the group noticed was the manner in which the coal was first separated into various sizes with the large pieces of slate and rock being removed. Down on the second

JOHN RILEY



Smiling above is the eminent man about the campus who created that ponderous question: "When does he get time to study?" As president of the Wilkes Student Council Mr. Riley answers, "The secret of getting the big jobs done is to place the responsibility upon the people who are willing to accept it."

After serving two years with the infantry, Mr. Riley entered Wilkes to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Finance. He spent one summer in the University of Iowa taking a special course in labor. Labor and its problems is Mr. Riley's special interest, and upon his graduation in the near future he hopes to gain employment with the federal government in that department.

In addition to schoolwork and duties on the Council, Mr. Riley spends a good portion of his time as a clerk in the Post Office. He attributes the smiling countenance above to the fact that he is happily married.

NELSON NELSON



Nelson Nelson boasts that he is the only man on the campus who can claim that everyone in school calls him by his first name. He disregards the fact that they have no choice.

Nelson's claim to fame on the campus is based on his being head of the entire staff of the Wilkes Yearbook, the production of which is the certification of Nelson's ability.

Dallas Borough High School listed him as one of its top students, and then the Infantry took over and occupied much of his time during his two years of service.

Aside from being a band enthusiast and a lover of dancing, Nelson claims he has led a comparatively dull and ordinary life. To remedy this malady he has been following a liberal arts course with his major in political science. He hopes that being a lawyer will alleviate the dullness in his future years.

level of the colliery, the men saw the coal being cracked and cleaned. Many of them marveled at the massive machinery and how it was all kept in excellent running condition. The nickname that the collierys have given the second floor is the "laundry". Here, the coal is put through a solution which causes the coal to float and the rock and bone to sink to the bottom. Men are continuously watching these chutes to see that they don't become clogged. These men are the best paid workers in the colliery; some of them earn as high as two dollars an hour. The water used in processing the coal is obtained from the river and then pumped to a reservoir up in the mountains. The last sight observed in the breaker by the group was the manner in which the huge gondolas were loaded.

After the tour through the breaker, everybody went outside to the lamp shanty where each student was given a lamp. While the group was waiting to go into the mine, Mr. Michael Moss, assistant mine foreman, gave a lecture on the Colar Safety Lamp. He explained to the group the system used in testing for gas.

Finally, the big moment had come, the students were to go down into the mine itself. They were led to the top of a landing where they would get on the cage that would take them into the bowels of the earth, and a new and exciting adventure. There were really two shafts which were very close to each other, one was called the Red Ash and the other Hillman. The Red Ash shaft is 1150 feet deep and the Hillman is 585 feet. The head tender, as he is called, would allow only ten men to enter each cage. When they got to the bottom, they discovered that it looked very much like the London tubes, without the advertising. The roof was made of concrete and there was an abundance of air. Two smaller groups were formed and each was taken into the mine foreman's room. In the room, the group met Mr. Theo Davies who told them to be care-

ful.

The men who guided the group were: John Watkins, who has been a boss since 1902, Walter Bonk, who has thirty years in the mines, and John Fahlinger. These men, who answered practically every question fired at them, explained the way the coal is mined. They showed the groups all of the various headings, slopes, planes, and pitches, and explained the purpose of each. Among the sights was an old mule barn, cut out in the wall, where mules lived all of their lives, and never saw the light of day.

Finally, the trip was over and the men were outside. The entire group agreed that it was one of the finest experiences in their lives. The students who went on the trip were: Raymond Williams, Charles Templeton, John Jones, George Brodbeck, Joseph Chupka, Joseph Litchman, Lester Jones, John Hudzik, Eugene Repotski, Joseph Pringle, George Fry, John Bellas, William Kelly, Robert Sloan, Arnold Nuchlis, Frank Wheeler, Richard Conklin, Thomas Teresinski, Paul Callahan, Thomas Evans, Howard Marvelle, and the Beacon reporter, Norbert S. Olshefski.

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