

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.

Locke.

Wilkes College

BEACON

A good action is never lost; it is a treasure laid up and guarded for the doer's need.

Calderon.

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Flannery Wins State Championship

'Nervous Wreck' Production Begins; Farce to be Presented April 9th, 10th

By FREDERICK KROHLE

Ever since "Charlie's Aunt", there has been a clamor for a farce-comedy at Chase Theater. And now the question is answered. In a secret press interview, Mr. Alfred S. Groh said, "Yes." He announced that production was underway for a three act comedy farce, "The Nervous Wreck". The play is guaranteed to bring "sheer enjoyment" to the herds which will mill around the gates of the old corral on the ninth and tenth of April.

The play is about the old West (gone modern) and about the rough and tough men (also gone modern) and the beautiful heroines (just gone) who populate the niches and nooks of the cactus-covered stage (not stage coach, just stage). The action takes place on a ranch in Arizona, deep in Indian country—only the Indians have taken to weaving rugs and playing baseball for Cleveland.

The heroine, Sally Morgan, runs away from the sheriff to whom she has been engaged for five years, and is pursued by a "real" western badman. (The badman turns out to be the sheriff! Who else?) Bob Wells, the sheriff, and Sally's father think that she has run away with an Easterner, Henry Williams, with whom she has only gone for a ride.

In attempting to stop her, the sheriff finds that he can catch a law-breaker, but not a woman. From fist fights in the ranch house to a hard chase around the corral in a Ford, the characters are involved in a merry plot in which anything goes — and does!

To present this laugh-filled three act farce, Mr. Groh has cast Howard "Skinny" Ennis in the leading role as Henry Williams, Carol Ann Gardner as Sally Morgan, and James Miller as the burly sheriff, Bob Wells.

A fine cast of campus favorites is also included: Peter Margo, Basia Mieszkowski, James Jones, James Coleman (no relation to Ronald), Jerry Luft, Joseph Trosko, Helen Brown, and Bill Crowder, not to mention several possemen and a couple of cars.

And now to give laurels to the unsung heroes who are never seen before the curtains, those defenders of the stage door frontier. Staging is in the hands of Paul Shiffer, the busy beaver of Chase Theatre.

The fine sets and pleasing arrangements of furniture are the result of his and his committees efforts.

The fellow who handles the sound effects and the lighting is none other than our own Joe Saraceni. It is he who fires the six-shooters, gallops the horses, and turns the spotlight on the heroine. Bob Morgan and his committee move the play's furniture with kid gloves, while John Williams and his worthy followers care for the other properties.

Tickets are in the hands of Nancy Brown AND SHE WILL SOON BE SELLING THEM. Helen Hawkins has surrendered the key to the theater wardrobe, and programs are being printed under the eyes of Basia Mieszkowski. Make-up will be done by Carol Ann Gardner who packs a mean lipstick.

Margaret Luty and Frederick Krohle are co-chairmen of the publicity campaign, and if you ask them, they'll tell you that publicity CAN pain. The house committee, who welcome the audience and do the ushering, will be headed by Judith Hopkins.

The tall thin man in the five gallon hat and with the low-slung six-shooter is Mr. Alfred S. Groh, who is directing the whole play from the fence of the big corral. He is assisted by Sheldon Schneider, who can be seen over yonder wearing the white wool chaps.

For those of you who want an evening's entertainment and a laugh every minute, don't miss Cue 'n' Curtain's production of Owen Davis' "Nervous Wreck."

Covered wagons will leave every hour from the Hotel Sterling for the Wilkes College gym, or Happy Jack McHallahan will rent you a horse and a saddle for a reasonable fee. How ever you come, come. Come to Wilkes Gym on the evening of April 9 and 10 at 8:30 p. m.

Wilkes College Begins Typewriter Workshop For Teachers, Students

(P. R. Release)

Wilkes College's electric typewriter workshop, held in cooperation with International Business Machines, began yesterday with large attendance in each of four sections.

Under the direction of Miss Mary Jane Chessa, IBM educational department staff member, the institute opened with two one-hour drill sessions for students. An afternoon session and one in the evening were held for commercial high school teachers of the area.

After a one hour drill in which students were taught the fundamentals of electric typewriting, Miss Chessa polled students and learned that all had increased their speed by from 5 to 20 words per minute.

Dana H. Verry, chairman of the typewriting workshop, announced that a total of 82 high school and parochial school teachers had signed to aid instructors in methods of teaching the electric machine. Almost 400 high school students registered.

Students who attended the afternoon sessions came from Swoyerville, Plymouth, Nanticoke, Jenkins Township, Larksville and Nanticoke.

Air Force Personnel To Present Program

Must I have perfect vision? How long will I serve? These and other questions concerning the Air Force Cadet Program will be answered by Flying Training Air Force Personnel next Wednesday, April 14, from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. in Butler Hall.

Members of this team have been trained regarding all new phases of the present United States Air Force Aviation Cadet Program, and will be present to offer accurate and precise answers to all questions. They will be available to assist any persons wishing to apply for the qualifying examinations at Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y. 1st Lt. John B. Loveland, team president, asserts that students signing an application are in no way committing themselves for this training. Regardless of whether an applicant passes or fails the examinations, he departs Sampson as a civilian, and does not actually enlist until he assumes flying training.

Team members will be available to counsel students from any class, but it is especially stressed that they wish to speak to the greatest possible number of seniors. "If a student finds it impossible to continue his schooling, we may accept his application, but we would much prefer that he obtain his degree before applying," Lt. Loveland stated yesterday.

This team is currently circulating throughout this area to counsel any young man who might be qualified for this program. Students wishing to make a special appointment with a team representative may do so by leaving a note with the Dean of Men. If it is impossible for a student to be on campus during the actual visit of the team, he may write a team member by addressing a letter to: Aviation Cadet Selection Team No. 57, Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.

Debaters Leave for Washington to Enter District Seven Finals

The Wilkes College debating team, composed of J. Harold Flannery, Jr., and James Nevearas, and their coach, Dr. Arthur N. Kruger, are attending the District Seven debate eliminations being held at Washington, D. C., this week-end.

The debaters will leave on Thursday to compete there for a place among the top four teams from this district. These four teams, winners from a region roughly embracing New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, will compete later at West Point for the national honors. The elimination will comprise straight debate without extemporaneous or oratory events, as have most of those in which the team has taken part.

Since there are four winners from each of seven district eliminations, there will be some twenty-eight teams, representing the top debating colleges of the nation competing at West Point.

Commenting on the debate, to be held at George Washington College, Dr. Kruger, the team's coach, mentioned that the national championship last year fell to Redlands College, of California, and that among other possible competitors, should Wilkes be so fortunate as to enter, would be the University of Vermont, which tied with Wilkes for fifth place at the Boston debate, and which last year reached the semi-finals.

"Considering the calibre of the competition," the debate coach remarked, "I would say that we have a fifty-fifty chance of being one of the four teams to make it into the national finals. If not, it certainly won't be because we haven't tried."

This, Dr. Kruger noted is the first such elimination in which the Wilkes teams has actually been entered, although it would have gone two years ago, but for a death in the family of one of the debaters.

Wins Extemporaneous Speaking Contest At Allegheny College

By T. R. PRICE

The State championship in extemporaneous speaking this year went to J. Harold Flannery, Jr., of West Pittston, as the Wilkes College debating team drove on to win five while dropping five in the debating events proper at the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges Tournament held last week-end at Allegheny College, near Meadville, Pa.

In the straight debating, too, Flannery proved his mettle, winning four out of five rounds for the affirmative side of the question, while his teammate, James Nevearas, also did well, winning three out of five for the opposite side, as the team, also including Sally Harvey and John Doran, participated in a debate as a full team for the first time since last fall.

Second place in the extemporaneous event went to Dan Purdy of the University of Pittsburgh, while Ed Russell of Temple took third.

The competitors in the contest spoke on subjects drawn by lot and were permitted only a few minutes of preparation. The Wilkes entrant spoke on the possible effectiveness of the anti-communistic resolution passed at the Caracas Pan-American conference and on the reforms of Magsaysay in the Philippines as they affect the foreign policy of the United States.

In this, his first year as a debator, Flannery has climbed rapidly, taking sixth place as an extemporaneous speaker at the Johns Hopkins debate at Baltimore, following which he was runner-up at the Boston University debate three weeks ago, prior to his entrance in the State debate last week-end.

Interviewed on Tuesday after the tournament, the team's coach, Dr. Arthur N. Kruger remarked that he had not been too surprised at Flannery's win, in view of the debator's past record.

More on Sleeplearning, Its Founder, Method

Dr. A. E. John, founder and director of the Modern Coue Institute, Inc. in New York City, has announced that the Dr. Johns Method of increasing learning capacity which has been internationally known for over ten years, is now within the reach of every college student's budget.

This technique makes use of the latest advances in psychology and electronics. It is based on the proved principles of the Psychology of Suggestion, namely that knowledge can be absorbed in sleep and that efficiency is increased enormously when an individual is completely relaxed mentally and physically.

Dr. Johns, a practicing psychologist for over twenty years and internationally known as an authority on Auto-Suggestion, has applied these principles in developing his method and its instrument of application, the JohnsOphone. The latter consists of a tape recorder plus various attachments, such as an underpillow speaker, a message-repeating mechanism and a special clock (the JohnsOphone Clock) which can shut the recorder on and off up to 72 times in 24 hours.

The Dr. John Method enables stu-

dents to learn more, in a shorter time, with less effort. It employs the JohnsOphone to repeat messages during both waking and sleeping hours. This method of learning while relaxed or even during natural sleep has been confirmed time and again by experiments conducted at various major institutions such as the University of North Carolina, etc.

A follower of Emile Coue ("Day by day, in very way, I am getting better and better"), Dr. Johns has frequently demonstrated in his public lectures and writings how autosuggestion — the automatic or unconscious realization of an idea — controls life-processes. His latest book, "Scientific AutoSuggestion," pointed out how this phenomenon is an important tool in learning, talent and personality development. The Dr. Johns Method is the practical application of these findings.

"As in the usual learning process, this new method requires a constant repetition of statements or ideas," Dr. Johns explained. "Recognizing this in teaching languages, the U. S. Army and the better language schools have been

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Manuscript Accepting Literary Work

The Manuscript, literary magazine of Wilkes College, is now accepting work, from students, to be considered for publication in the Spring issue. The deadline for submission of manuscripts is April 20. Material may be placed in the Manuscript box at the rear entrance of Kirby Hall.

The Manuscript publishes various types of literary material, among which are poems, essays, and short stories. Some material has been submitted and is being considered by the staff and editorial changes are being made where necessary with the permission of the authors.

Wilkes College is fortunate in having the Manuscript as an outlet on campus for those possessing literary facility and for the many others among us who appreciate literature. The Manuscript is sent to many colleges, universities, and libraries throughout the country and so there is wide recognition gained for student's work by virtue of this fact. Wilkes College benefits in this regard also.

The editors of the Manuscript wish to remind the student body that there is still time to submit

Music Duo Presented In Tuesday Assembly

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Wallfisch played at assembly last Tuesday in the Jewish Community Center, rendering several viola and piano selections, and one viola solo, done by Mr. Wallfisch.

The high spot of the program was Riger's "Second Suite for Viola", third and fourth movements, as played by Mr. Wallfisch solo, an unusual piece, inasmuch as the viola is not generally used as a solo instrument.

material to the magazine and that each piece of work will be given careful attention.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

GENE SCRUDATO

Hannye and Bricker Amendments Have Same Outcome

Just as the Congressional battle over the Bricker Amendment was ending, Wilkes College started its battle over an amendment. Our campus battle was over the "Hannye Amendment". (Named after Nancy Hannye, chairman of the committee which drew up the amendment.)

The Hannye Amendment had no better luck than its national precursor. Both were defeated, but at least the Hannye Amendment has the distinction of being approved once.

The entire affair showed political action at its best, and political inaction at its worst.

The political action came about by students who were incensed at the idea of the "captive audience" type of election held at assembly period.

Led by Lou Steck, the group drew up a petition to invalidate the election and started canvassing the campus for supporters. Hundreds of signatures were obtained and subsequently the petition was approved. A new election was scheduled, the results of which we all know.

Political inaction is best shown by the supporters of the amendment. They had a case for their amendment but they failed to push it. We can't understand why these supporters did not get out and plug for their project as did the other group. They saw spirited opposition arising but they did not do anything about it.

The Administrative Council and the Student Council were solidly behind the amendment but neither challenged the anti-amendment forces. If they could have persuaded just two voters over to their side, they would have won.

Indeed, political inaction has dire consequences.

Congratulations!

We, of the Beacon, along with the students and faculty would like to congratulate J. Harold Flannery for winning the Pennsylvania State Championship in extemporaneous speaking.

Having such an honor conferred upon a Wilkes student is something of which we can be immensely proud.

Nick (as he is known on campus) faced the state's finest speakers and won. This is both a personal triumph and a Wilkes triumph.

The anti-debating clique on campus should think long and hard about this victory before condemning the debating team for its budget appropriation.

Mark ye well the fact that a speaker from little Wilkes defeated speakers from such scholastic giants as Temple, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Penn., etc., etc.

Again, Nick, congratulations for a performance well done.

MORE ON SLEEPLEARNING

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using phonograph records that repeat words and phrases many times until those sounds become imbedded in the brain."

"In our method, however, learning does not cease with mere repetition. Its technique is far more flexible and its range of uses virtually unlimited. Each individual makes his own recording according to his needs, creating a healthier and more receptive state of mind. We make full use of modern Audio-Visual methods, teaching during both waking and sleeping hours."

Dr. Johns has had twenty years of practical experience in the field of psychology as a social worker,

private consultant, lecturer and author, and has taught in many high schools and colleges. He has given free public lecture-demonstrations to over 100,000 people.

In 1943 Dr. John founded the Modern Coue Institute, Inc. He developed the JohnOphone, and in 1946 made it available to the public. The latest model embraces all the recent advances in the field of electronics. Dr. Johns is listed in "Who's Who in the East."

Experience is of no ethical value. It is merely the name men give to their mistakes.

Faith is often the boast of the man who is too lazy to investigate

F. M. Knowles.

BEACON'S GRAB-BAG

Young man: Sir, I want your daughter for my wife.

Father: And I, sir, am unwilling to trade.

An old lady about to die told her niece to bury her in her black silk dress but to cut the back out and make herself a dress.

"Oh, Aunt Mary," said the niece, "I don't want to do that. When you and Uncle Tom walk up the golden stairs, I don't want people to see you without any back in your dress."

The old lady replied: "They won't be looking at me. I buried your Uncle Tom without any pants."

Customer: Do you have any notions on this floor?

Floorwalker: Yes, Madam, but we usually suppress them during working hours.

Jet Pilot: "Wanna fly?"

Co-ed: "Oooh yes!"

Jet Pilot: "Wait, I'll catch one for you."

"Are you a little boy or a little girl?"

"Sure, what else could I be?"

The well-dressed young matron and her little girl had just seated themselves in the parlor car when a seedy, shabbily-dressed fellow entered the car and sat down beside them. Wanting to rid herself of what she considered an undesirable traveling companion, she leaned over to the man and whispered.

"I think you ought to know, sir, that my little girl is recuperating from a severe case of scarlet fever, which might still be contagious."

"Oh, don't worry about me, ma. In a little town in Mexico, Pedro dam," interrupted the man. "I'm committing suicide in the first tunnel, anyway."

was sipping his beer at a tavern when an excited friend rushed in. "Pedro!" he shouted. "I just saw a man go into your house and start making love to your wife!"

"Is that so?" replied Pedro calmly, and continued sipping his beer. "Was he a tall man?"

"Yes, yes!" shouted his friend. "Don't get excited," cautioned Pedro. "Did he have on a brown suit?"

"Yes, he did!"

"And did he have a big mustache?"

"Yes, yes!"

"Oh, that's Emanuel. He makes love to anybody."

"Perchance we might be informed of what resides in yon jug on yon mantle."

"My lover's ashes," murmured the landlady with a solemn tone of reverence.

"Alas, so he has passed on to the great beyond?"

"Heck, no, he's just to lazy to use an ash tray."

"Lady, you'll have to pay half-fare for that boy."

"But, conductor, he's only four years old."

"Well, he looks like a six-year-old to me."

"Sir, I have been married only four years."

"Lady, I'm not asking for a confession. I'm asking for a half-fare."

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 27: Roger's Tournaments, Basketball, Gym.

Monday, March 29: All-Star Game, Gym.

Tuesday, March 30: Orchestra Practice, Lobby, Gym.

Wednesday, March 31: Nationalities Pageant Meeting, Lobby, Gym

Thursday, April 1: Baseball practice.

Saturday, April 3: April Fool Dance, Freshmen, Gym.

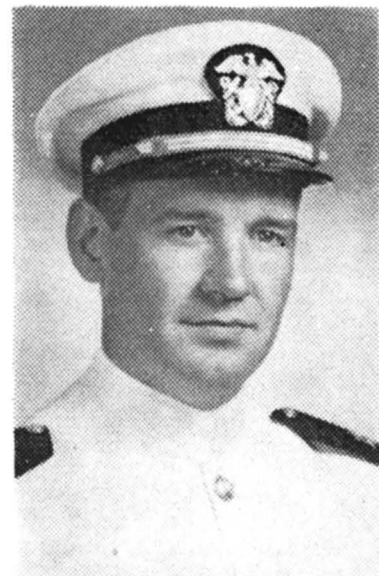
We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.

Longfellow.

Wilkes Grads Become Naval Officers



TOM VOJTEK



JOHN HILBURT

Newport, R. I.—The Navy's Officer Candidate School has graduated another class of former enlisted men and commissioned them as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve. Included in the group of new officers are Thomas Vojtek, Swoyerville, Pa., and John Hilburt, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Both are 1953 graduates of Wilkes College.

Vojtek received his BA degree in political science. Hilburt received his BA degree in mathematics.

The new officers have completed an intensive four months course of instruction. Their curriculum was very similar to that prescribed for NROTC students at colleges throughout the nation. Completion of the well rounded courses of instruction in Naval Engineering, Navigation, Operations, Orientation, Seamanship and Naval Weapons qualifies the graduate to assume duties as junior officers throughout the floating and shore based activities maintained by the Navy.

After a short leave period the new officers will report to active duty billets representing all Naval branches, ashore and afloat. A large number are ordered to service schools for further training in specialty branches. The Navy's aviators, submariners, underwater demolition team leaders and explosive ordnance disposal experts are trained in these schools.

The Officer Candidate School also sponsors a separate class for officer candidates who are designated for duty in the Navy's Supply, Civil Engineering and Medical Corps. 190 members of this class received commissions at this time.

All applicants for Officer Candidate School must be graduates of accredited colleges or universities with a baccalaureate degree. Unrestricted Line and Staff Corps candidates must be between the ages of 19 and 27, specialists for Restricted Line billets between 19 and 33.

Student Council Presents Preview

By HELEN KRACHENFELS

(News item in BEACON, March 1954: Budget Amendment defeated by two votes.) Preview of Coming Attractions — Student Council Budget Meeting, October, 1954. — The meeting was called to order by the new Student Council President, Herman Zilch, thirty-third cousin of Wilkes' famed Joseph. Herman announced that the main business of the evening would consist of making budget appropriations to clubs and campus activities for the year.

Representatives of the various organizations attended the meeting to plea for their funds. The usual activities, such as the Beacon, Amnicola, Manuscript, Cue 'n' Curtain, etc., were taken care of rapidly, each being allotted \$200 on which to operate for the year. This amount is naturally inadequate, and much less than the organizations formerly were allotted, but it seems that the Student Council had other places to put the money from the Student Activities Fund this year.

Three new clubs have been organized on the Wilkes campus this semester, and they need large amounts of money for their very important activities. The new clubs are: The Wilkes Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to White Mice; The Association for Students (and Faculty members) Interested in Sky-polishing and Cleaning (which will use only the best in skyhooks for their work); and last, but not least, a very noble and worthwhile club, a Scholarship Society for Aid to Lower Slobovian Dormitory Students Suffering from Malnutrition.

The Student Council carefully considered the budget requests of each of these clubs and granted them \$1,550.32 each, because they seem like such well-meaning groups. Of course, this act of generosity on the part of the council limited the available funds for social activities for the year, and as a result there will be no Thanksgiving dance, no Winter Carnival at Split Rock, and no Cinderella Ball, but the council members were sure that the student body would not mind this at all.

A WORD OF WARNING

Does this sound ridiculous? Just a word of warning: It could happen! Last week the student body of Wilkes had a chance to amend their constitution with an eye to eliminating just such an impossible situation as the one I have described.

Of course, this was exaggerated, but sometimes people read the exaggerated and insane things, and just skim rapidly over anything that looks vaguely sensible. Do you suppose you could stand to read just a wee bit more if we turn serious? Please try, because this is important; it affects every student in Wilkes College.

The Student Activities Fund is made up of two and one-half per cent of the tuition paid by each student. Because the money comes from all of you, the Student Council (and 134 students, according to last week's vote) feels that the money should be distributed so as to benefit all of you, or at least as many as possible.

Under present conditions in the constitution there is nothing to stop special, and limited groups from asking for and receiving funds, perhaps amounts even in excess of the amounts allotted to other activities which do benefit all students.

The proposed budget amendment had a solution to this problem, but it was rejected by you students (136 of you anyway). Perhaps you have a better solution, or perhaps you are satisfied with the status quo. The Student Council would appreciate hearing any suggestions.

LEBANON VALLEY ADDED TO SWAT CARD

Home-Home Tilts Give Colonels 16 Game Schedule

By AL JETER

Following close on the heels of the first outdoor baseball drills on Monday came the announcement from Athletics Director George Ralston that Lebanon Valley has been added to the Colonel schedule.

Two games are on tap with the Harrisburg area school on a home and home basis. The first encounter will be played in Kirby Park on April 5. The tussle on Lebanon Valley's home grounds is slated for April 26.

The addition of Lebanon moves the Blue and Gold opening date up two days, and affords the fans a good chance to see the Wilkes club in action in its first time out. Originally the Colonels were scheduled to open with an away game at East Stroudsburg on the 7th.

Time Important

Time, always an important element, takes on even greater significance for Coach Bob Partridge and his squad. Two days can mean a lot in determining whether a ball club will be up and ready or not. Partridge and his assistant, Bill Mock, expect to intensify drills in the coming two weeks in an attempt to have the team at close to peak efficiency.

Weather, the all important factor, has been anything but ideal for baseball. High winds, rain, and damp, raw air seem to have been the weatherman's "order of the day" for the Wilkesmen in the first few outdoor sessions.

A good turnout, despite the anything but Florida conditions, was obtained which greatly encouraged the coaching staff and raised Wilkes stock considerably.

Slow and Easy

The drills to date have been of the preliminary nature, with assistant coach Bill Mock cautioning his pitching staff to take care of their arms and "throw 'em slow and easy."

Stressing the fact that he wanted the diamondmen to get their respective eyes on the ball, Coach Partridge concentrated on batting practice for the better part of the week's sessions. The coach stated, "We've got to find our batting eyes quickly, and we don't have much time. We can't win ball games if we don't score," he reminded his men.

The first few times out, the squad was divided into two sections, with the veterans of last year's team at one end of the field and the prospectives at the other. With this separation Partridge hopes to be able to see faster, just what he has.

Catching OK

One of the main worries of the year, the catching department, may not prove to be as big a headache as was anticipated earlier. Although Mickey Perlmuth, a Forest Hills, N. Y. product, gave up back-stopping in favor of patrolling the outfield, Reese Jones and Jerry Elias are coming along in good style. Both could turn into competent catchers.

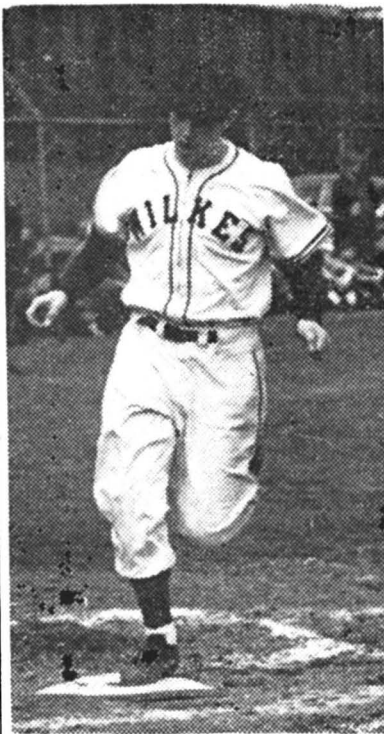
"The whole town's talkin' about the Jones boys" and Wilkes has 'em. The two brothers are Flip and Reese Jones who could possibly form the first brother battery ever to be seen at Wilkes. Flip, a hold-over from last year and a mainstay of the soccer team, this year has been joined by his brother, Reese, a newcomer to the squad and a catcher. The two have worked together several times in the past week and the combination looks promising.

Vets Look Sharp

Several of last year's vets have shown clearly that they are sharp even at this early date.

Baseballs took a particular lac-

A WILKESMAN ACROSS



FLEET-FOOT FERRIS — One of the early birds in Wilkes Spring baseball drills has been Jim Ferris, hustling outfielder. Ferris, who is also a soccer and cage star, is generally considered the fastest man on the team. A wizard on the bases, Jim scoots home above.

ing from hard-hitting Joe Trosko and Jim Ferris in early sessions. Also belting the ball all over the park was Jimmy Moss, the original "hard luck kid" of Wilkes, who seems to have recovered completely from the broken arm he collected in basketball season.

Pitcher Mel McNew has also rid himself of a troublesome ankle injury suffered several weeks before pre-season drills got underway.

Little can be told yet of the new candidates, but several pitchers including Charlie Warkomski and Don Pacropolis show form and look like 'comers' in the early stages. Prospects who have belted the ball for long distance mileage in the first week are Jack Richards, Jerry Lind, a New York boy, and Sy Evan.

Coach Partridge announced that he plans an intra-squad game today and that he hopes to know by the first of the week the men on whom he will concentrate, so that others will have a chance to sign up in the inter-mural softball league that will get underway in the near future.

April—

5—Mon. Lebanon Valley
7—Wed. at E.Stroudsburg
10—Sat. Muhlenburg
13—Tues. Scranton
24—Sat. Ithaca
26—Mon. at Lebanon Valley
30—Fri. Cortland

May—

1—Sat. at Hartwick
8—Sat. at Susquehanna
11—Tues. at Cortland
13—Thur. Bloomsburg
15—Sat. Alumni
17—Mon. Moravian
19—Wed. at Rider
22—Sat. at Bloomsburg
24—Mon. Susquehanna

ATHLETE OF YEAR TO BE PICKED BY BEACON NEXT WEEK

The sports staff of the Beacon will meet early next week and make its selection for the annual Beacon Athlete of the Year Award.

Sportswriters Al Jeter, Austin Sherman, Jerry Elias, Tom Kasika, Irv Gelb, along with Sports Editor Jack Curtis will participate in the voting.

The meeting will be held in the Public Relations Office, third floor rear, Chase Hall on Tuesday morning at 11.

Past Athletes of the Year have been Parker Petrilak and George McMahon. The competition looks to be close this year.

Football, Soccer Schedules List 15 Games For Autumn

Gridders To Play Seven-Game Slate, Open With Downstate 11; 4 Scrapes to be Played at Kingston

The Wilkes football team will face an abbreviated seven-game schedule next fall unless efforts to schedule another contest prove successful in the next few weeks.

According to the schedule released exclusively to the Beacon yesterday by the Athletic Department, the Colonel grid forces will open the season with a team other than Bloomsburg for the first time in three years.

The season's opener, on October 2, late as Wilkes seasons go, is at home, presumably at Kingston High School's old stadium, with Lebanon Valley College, a newcomer to the schedule last fall.

George Ralston's team will then meet Ithaca College, Bloomsburg Teachers College, and Trenton Teachers College in successive weeks, before enjoying an open date on October 30.

Three In November

The Colonels finish the slate with three tilts in November, with Hofstra, University of Bridgeport and Moravian.

All told, of the seven games already slated, four are at home, giving promise of plenty of collegiate grid thrills for college and Wyoming Valley fans.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1954

October:

2—Lebanon Val. at Wilkes-Barre
9—Ithaca at Wilkes-Barre
16—Bloomsburg at Bloomsburg
23—Trenton at Wilkes-Barre
30—Open

November:

5—Hofstra at Hempstead, N. Y.
13—Bridgeport at Bridgeport
20—Moravian at Wilkes-Barre

Wilkes is wise in starting with a team other than Bloomsburg, many observers feel, since the Huskies generally have a psychological advantage in an opener with the Colonels. It has been point-

ed out that the only game Wilkes has won over the down-river rival was played in the middle of the season.

No Pushover

Lebanon Valley will be no pushover, but the fact remains that it is not Bloomsburg in the inaugural. The Dutchmen defeated the Wilkes eleven last fall 15-6 in a sloppily played tilt at Lebanon, near Harrisburg. The game should produce a good opener.

Ithaca is second on the agenda and usually provides plenty of thrills. Last year, the Colonels took their first win at the expense of the Cayugans.

Then comes Bloomsburg at Athletic Park, Bloomsburg.

Second at Hempstead

The Wilkesmen will be playing their second game against Hofstra at Hempstead, N. Y., on Long Island. Two years ago the Blue and Gold lost a thriller there, 20-13, in a game which saw Russ Picton shelled for good.

Bridgeport will be met at Candlelight Stadium in the Connecticut city and Moravian will help Wilkes finish the season with a game at Kingston.

If that last game can be arranged, the college will be in store for one of the best seasons of all time—especially since gridiron material looks to be plentiful next fall.

Soccermen Face Tough Eight-Game Test in Try for Repeat of Last Year; Bucknell, Phila. Textile Added

Two new opponents feature a tough eight-game soccer schedule released by Director of Athletics George Ralston yesterday. Bucknell University, mother institution of Wilkes, and Philadelphia Textile Institute are the newcomers that will be faced as the Colonel booters try to duplicate last fall's first winning season in history.

According to the schedule released, the booters will beat the grid-ders to the punch for the first time in several years by opening a week before football gets underway.

Elizabethtown First

Elizabethtown College, Harrisburg area school and a traditional soccer rival for Wilkes, is listed as the first team to be played. The game will be played at dikeside soccer field in Kirby Park on September 25.

Bucknell and Philadelphia Textile will both be faced at home, on successive dates. The Bison booters come to Wilkes-Barre on October 12 and the Textile Institute team follows on October 16.

Others on the slate include Rider, Lafayette, East Stroudsburg, Trenton Teachers College and a return game with the E-towners at Elizabethtown.

At Easton Again

An oddity is the fact that Lafayette will be met at Easton for the second straight year. Wilkes lost a hotly disputed game last year on the Leopards home field, 2-1, in the last six seconds.

SOCCER SCHEDULE 1954

September:

25—Elizabethtown at Wilkes-Barre

October:

2—Rider at Wilkes-Barre
9—Lafayette at Easton
12—Bucknell at Wilkes-Barre
16—Phila. Text. at Wilkes-Barre
30—E. Str'dsburg at Wilkes-Barre

November:

6—Trenton at Trenton, N. J.
9—Elizabethtown at Elizabeth'tn
The eight-game slate looms as the toughest and most exciting in history. October will be a month of heavy duty for Coach Bob Partridge's footers, with five games listed.

Not only will Partridge's team open with long-time rival Elizabethtown, but it will also close the season with the Lizzies. Last year, after taking a 5-1 defeat here from E-town, the Wilkesmen paid a return visit and exactly reversed the score. The rivalry has grown over the years.

The addition of Bucknell certainly adds emphasis to the fact that the booters play a "major" or big college schedule in soccer and according to the NCAA, the booters are the only Wilkes team to play such a slate.

BRAINWORK?

Idiots Really Not "Dumb" At All; Take Intra-Mural Cage Title

By AUSTIN SHERMAN

The Idiot's Row cagers proved pretty smart in spite of their tagline and won the 1953-54 Intra-mural basketball champion-

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DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS

A REAL PROBLEM

Maybe it's just the season, and maybe, too, it's none of our business, but at least in this space — this being a sports column. But the esprit de corps of Wilkes College has hit a new low recently and one of the main reasons is the lack of school sponsored events.

As to just why there is such a lack, we haven't had time to find out. But in the words of one fellow who was sitting disgustedly in the cafeteria, "There's just nothing doing."

It seems that there is a tremendous lull between the Christmas Formal and the April Showers Ball, with the possible exception of the Valentine Dance. The Beacon Cabaret Party used to be a well attended affair, but this year, the college rag went in the hole on the affair.

Which makes us wonder. Even if there were enough activities to please everybody, would the students back them by attending? It seems not. What you're up against here at Wilkes is trying to stage events for the few loyal and having them flop because of a general disinterested student body.

Maybe that's the answer to the lack of activities, disinterest. It seems a shame though, that there isn't a feeling of "belonging" here, and there really isn't. To most people, Wilkes is just someplace you go in the daytime to get educated.

As spring grows older, things will pick up and some events will probably be sponsored by brave campus organizations. There is a real need, however, if spirit is to be instilled into Wilkes students. The students should have a place to call their own—nothing too elaborate, but a place where letting your hair down is the order of business.

TWO SIDES TO "EDUCATION"

We believe in education as does the administration, and it is doing a fine job of supplying it. But a well rounded college education consists of more than just book learnin'. With the lack of a place to call their own, day students just aren't interested in looking for that other side of a college education at Wilkes.

Many students have echoed similar and serious sentiments when they stated, "but, boy, we used to have fun in high school." We realize the administration is working hard toward obtaining a student union

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CURTIS

Wilkes BEACON College
SPORTS SECTION
Friday, March 26, 1954

HOMER'S HODGEPODGE

Spring has descended upon Wilkes and colorful spring outfits blossom everywhere. With the event of the income tax returns, Homer noticed the blue and yellow Wilkes jackets on the males and wondered if there is a Mr. Lindy contest instead of nominations for Cindy queen.

An example of democratic principles was shown by the referendum concerning the budget amendment. The triumph of the revote by a narrow margin has created a positive attitude that Wilkes' student affairs are controlled by students and that higher authorities are not necessary in a democratic student body.

One cause for the amendment's defeat was the inclusion of the debating team in the preferred group. The debating team's fame has been well-known, and the magnitude of its prowess necessitates a separate fund by the administration.

Until this separate fund for the debating squad is instituted by Wilkes College, the student council is handicapped and overwhelming

disaster is forecast for the new budget.

Many students were amazed by the appearance of Mr. Vice on the Wilkes campus. This unwelcomed individual is reminiscence of the horse opera era and with the arrival of Mr. Virtue, Mr. Vice is completely destroyed. Burial services are at 5:00 p. m. today.

The co-eds are fascinated by the tryouts of three boys for the cheering squad. The present squad has completed a splendid season and new additions to the squad should make '54 the best in Wilkes' history.

A parting note to all critics of this unread column. The New Yorker has been replaced at the circulation desk for your reading pleasure and repair work has been completed on the library's water fountain.

IDIOTS REALLY NOT

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ship last Thursday night at the WC gym. They beat the But-Weeks quintet, 51-43, to cop the title.

The championship game saw the

But-Weeks and the Idiots in a real test. After the dust of the battle cleared, Idiots Row walked off the floor with the championship. Mel Dinner paced the But-Weeks with 19 points while Tom Nemchick added nine for the losers. The big gun for the champions were Weaver and Greene. Weaver threw 14 thru the hoop while Green contributed 13.

Idiot's Row won the title only after a hectic week of playoff tilts. Of seven playoff games played during the "Championship" week, five were won by not more than two points. That shows how keen the competition.

In the semi-finals, the But-Weeks, dorm dwellers of Butler, Ashley and Weckesser Halls, downed the Missing Links, 57-56. The Links, last year's champions, led throughout most of the game until the last few minutes when it really counted. In the second semi-final the Engineers lost to Idiot's Row in a low scoring game, 32-30. The Engineers, who left their books home for the night, gave the champions a good battle. They weren't behind by more than two points the entire game.

DIKE DIVOTS

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building. You can't get blood out of a stone and Wilkes, too, has bills to pay. We just wanted to point out the importance of such a project for the near future.

In the meantime, the students could make things a lot more enjoyable here on campus by just trying to get interested in school sponsored affairs. And how about more activities?

A number of students have raised objections to what they termed, "too much sports" in the Beacon this year. Obviously these objections were raised by persons disinterested in athletics. But when you come right down to it, the various sports activities here at Wilkes are a good 75 per cent of all the activities. No wonder they eat up so much space.

Three cheers for athletics. We'd really be in a fix without 'em.

OPERATIONS "FACELIFT" — HELP WANTED

The annual operations "face-lift" has begun at Kirby Park practice field of the Wilkes baseballers. Last week at least two students not on the baseball team joined Athletics Director George Ralston in digging into the diamond in an effort to get it in shape for play. The baseball team of necessity moved into centerfield for batting practice, made up the main contingent of rake toters, however.

Ralston asked us to hint casually this week that a little help is needed in getting the field in shape. Any students with an hour or so of free time on their hands at, say, around 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, are urged to go over and lend a hand.

Since the Wilkes-Barre Barons do not open their schedule until the 23rd of April, Wilkes will have to use the Kirby Park diamond for three games, before moving into Artillery Park.

It would be nice to be able to field a grounder in the infield by that time, don't you think? There's a lot of work to be done — and the baseball team doesn't even have time to get ready to play, no less be its own groundskeeper.

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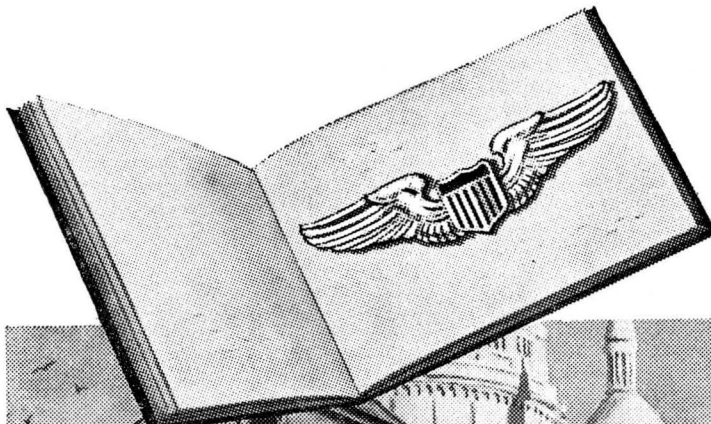
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