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# Wilkes College BEACON

"A big man is a big man whether he's a president or a prizefighter."

John L. Sullivan to Teddy Roosevelt

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## Debaters In All-Penna. Tournament

### STATE CONVENTION IRC HERE NEXT WEEK; 4 NATIONS REPRESENTED; TO BE ON TV

by Mike Lewis

The fourth annual state convention of the Pennsylvania Association of International Relations Clubs will be held on the Wilkes campus February 27 and 28, and March 1. Meeting under the direction of Ted Krohn of Wilkes, state president of the PIARC, delegates to the convention will hold discussion forums concerning "the role of the Near East in the present crisis."

The convention, which will include delegates from most of Pennsylvania's colleges and universities which belong to the PAIRC, will be addressed by an array of distinguished speakers, including Richard Sanger, author and Near East expert, who will represent the United States Department of State, Avraham Harman, representing the State of Israel, M. Samir Ahmed, Press Attache of the Egyptian Embassy, and Javad Mansoor, representing the Iranian Embassy. The key-note speaker at the convention will be Daniel J. Flood, three-time member of Congress from the eleventh congressional district in Pennsylvania. Dr. Eugene S. Farley will welcome the delegates on behalf of Wilkes.

Indicative of the importance of the proceedings of the convention, which will give particular attention to the current situation in Iran, Israel, and Egypt — three "hot spots" in present day world politics

—is the fact that important parts of the meetings will be broadcast over WILK and televised over WBRE TV. Wilkes will be officially represented at the convention by Jim Neveras, Mike Lewis, Lou Steck and Leo Lesnick of the Wilkes IRC.

Invitations have been extended to the local high schools to send observers and it is hoped that interested Wilkes students will attend the proceedings of the conclave. Meetings are open to the public insofar as space will permit.

Arrangements for the convention are being made by the Wilkes International Relations Club, under the leadership of President John Luckiewicz and faculty adviser, Dr. Hugo V. Mailey. Committees for the convention are as follows:

Publicity, Mike Lewis; meals, Art Hoover; house, Connie Smith and Peg Williams; radio, Jim Dull. Rod Russin is in charge of the welcoming committee for the out-of-town speakers.

### MANSFIELD HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

On Saturday night Wilkes will play host to Mansfield STC. In the beginning of the year the Colonels lost a tough one to them. Tomorrow night's game should prove to be very interesting, because Wilkes is a much improved ball club. The Colonels are having their best season ever, but they need the support of the home forces. There haven't been enough people going to the games. Wilkes has won some pretty exciting and important games this year. They deserve credit, so show them we're behind them all the way and get out and cheer.

Last Monday night the Wilkes Colonels traveled to East Stroudsburg to take the measure of ESSTC 86-70. Len Batronev was again the top point maker with 25, Eddie Davis was second in line with 24. The first five men that Coach Ralston put on the court hit the double figures. In previous games it appeared that Wilkes had the habit of getting off to a slow start, but the Colonels had none of that trouble last Monday. They scored 26 points in the first quarter to their opponents 14.

### HARVEY, ONACKO, NEVERAS, LEWIS REPRESENT WILKES AT LEHIGH U.

The Wilkes College Varsity debating squad with coach Dr. Arthur N. Kruger left yesterday for Lehigh University where they have been entered in the sixth annual intercollegiate debate tournament sponsored by the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges. Last year at the DAPC Tournament our team (Fred Davis, John Murtha, Roxy Reynolds, Jim Neveras) compiled a record of six wins and no losses, but a snowstorm prevented their returning for the last day's debates to win the Talon Trophy which was taken instead by the University of Pennsylvania.

Representing Wilkes at this year's tournament in Bethlehem will be Jim Neveras and Mike Lewis on the negative, with Sally Harvey and Pearl Onacko upholding the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That the Congress of the United States should enact a national compulsory Fair Employment Practices Law."

In the Hall of Fame Tournament at New York University earlier this year our team of Harvey, Reynolds, Neveras, and Lewis placed second with a record of six wins and two losses. Harvard, Rhode Island University, City College of New York, Columbia, Hofstra, and Fordham were the schools beaten by the debaters from Wilkes. Since then our team has appeared before the Wilkes-Barre Rotary

Club, the student assembly, and the Wilkes faculty women.

Besides participating in the regular rounds of debate, Jim and Mike will take part in the oratorical and extemporaneous contests, respectively. The president of the sophomore class, no novice on the platform, will deliver a 2,000 word speech on the subject "What Does Russia Want?" The subject of the extemporaneous contest will be chosen from recent issues of TIME magazine one hour before the contest. Campus-leader Mike with his keen knowledge of national and international affairs should not be at a loss for words. Winners of both contests will represent Pennsylvania in the Oratorical Interstate Tournament.

According to Dr. Kruger, forty-five schools are members of the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges. Thirty-five schools are expected to enter teams in the tournament.

Friday evening the participating teams will attend an All Tournament Dinner at Hotel Bethlehem. A concert by the New York Little Symphony under the direction of Thomas Scherman is also on the agenda.

As the BEACON comes off the press, we of the debating squad will be at Lehigh doing our best to chalk up some more victories to our credit. We'll be homeward bound Saturday.

### PEASANTS' BALL TO BE LIVELY AFFAIR; HARMONEERS, FLIP JONES TO ENTERTAIN

Has the new semester got you down? Is the weather too cold? Are you behind in your collateral reading? Do the pictures in the library frighten you? If so, to get away from it all get down to the Peasant's Ball tonight at the gym. The Peasant's Ball has all the earmarks for providing an evening of fun and relaxation.

First of all there will be plenty of square dancing. For the city slickers there will be some modern dancing. A gne hillbilly caller and band have been hired.

The second feature is that old clothes will be the order of the day. Blue jeans, overalls and any other forms of motley clothing are acceptable.

The entertainment provides the third feature. Flip Jones, the boy who really can sing, will entertain with a few selections. Flip has sung at assembly programs and at other school affairs. In addition to singing solos, Flip will lead

the entire audience in group singing. The Harmoneers, Wilkes College's pride and joy, will round out the entertainment. The Harmoneers, through appearances on TV and by singing dates throughout the valley have become one of the better known singing organizations in this area.

So for an evening of lively dancing, great entertainment, and an all around swell time, the junior Class invites you to the Peasant's Ball. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 12:00. Tickets are 50 cents each.

### Colonelettes Open At Home Saturday, 3:30; Look To Beat Dupont With New-Found Speed

by Helen Krachenfels

On Saturday afternoon at 3:30, the Wilkes Colonelettes will play their first home game. The contest will be a return engagement with the female squad from the Dupont Community House. Having lost their opener to the Dupont cagers, the Colonelettes will be shooting their straightest for a big comeback on Saturday.

Since last week's game the Wilkes galls have been working out in the gym and have been getting considerably more practice than in previous seasons due to the generosity of Coach Ralston and the Colonels, who have conceded part of the court for female practice.

The probable starting line-up for Saturday will include forwards, Ann Azat, Alice Green, and Nancy Schooley, and guards, Carol Jones, Gail Jones, and Georgia Tomasetti. Substituting forwards, Ruth Dilley, Carol Huey, and Eleanor Stashick, and guards, Barbara Biagowicz, Lois Jones, Naomi Kivler, and Helen Krachenfels.

Mr. Reese, director of activities

at the Dupont Community House is the girls' coach, and they showed considerable skill in handling the ball on their own floor, but we hope to outdistance them in what our editor fondly terms the "drill-shed."

It seems that last week's Beacon came out pretty strongy in criticizing the lack of spirit shown around the Wilkes sports scene, but as they say, the truth really hurts, doesn't it? The Colonelettes have no objection to playing to an audience, so, even though you may not understand the intricacies of girls' basketball, drop in on the game Saturday afternoon — you'll learn!

### SAM GITTENS

The other evening Flip Jones and I went over to see Sam Gittens in the Nesbitt Hospital. The 70-year-old gentleman though hit by a truck, is definitely not feeling run-down and is recovering very comfortably in Room 218.

We were all shocked to learn two days after the Inauguration that Sam had been badly bruised, almost killed, by a truck as he was crossing one of Kingston's streets in the evening. He received a broken pelvis, four cracked ribs, a slight leg injury, and a cut on a forehead. For a while things weren't looking good for bookstore Millie Gitten's father, as such damages are serious when one gets to be three score and ten, but old Sam has come through in such splendid style that he now expects to leave the hospital any day.

When we walked in on Sam about 8:30 he was quite contentedly busying himself by chatting with his two roommates. Beside him was a copy of 'True Confessions', a detective magazine, the morning and evening papers, and a great big stack of hope-you-get-wells, ranging all the way from the serious ones with flowers to Bob Moran's work of poetry, and Dr. Farley's grandchildren's piece of art. Sam said he couldn't thank the school-folks enough for all their kindness.

Sam Gittens is an institution at Wilkes, a man that a person ought to know. His job for ten years has been painter, where he and his brother Jack form an unbeatable comedy team. They carry their paint, move boards in and out windows, and yap at each other in delightful vaudeville style. Though a painter by trade—Flip Jones calls him "Rembrandt"—, Sam is also known as a politician, a philosopher, and a 22-carat jokester.

Sam could never appreciate Harry Truman. He used to always like to tell about the time he took his wife out driving by Dallas. Going along he saw a cow in the field. Sam stopped the car, hopped out, and doggone if he didn't run over and kiss the beast. When he came back to the car, Mrs. Gittens asked for the explanation. "I haven't been so near a piece of beef," Sam cracked, "in four years." That was blamed on Harry. It is ironical that Sam's accident happened only two days after Truman had gone home.

We asked Sam about his accident. He said he was glad about one thing—he was hit by a '53 truck. Nothing is too good for Sam Gittens, he kidded, and they don't build trucks like they used to. He laughed. The driver said he saw only a little light flying through the air. Sam said that that was his diamond and that he was hanging on to it. And then Sam, holding a small book that Mr. Symonolewicz sent him, 'The Story of Wales', smiled, "The driver was an Irishman." Huh, no Irishman can put an Englishman down very long.

We won't dispute whether an Irishman can put an Englishman down very long or not, but we will say that the Irishman strong enough to put a guy like Sam Gittens down very long hasn't been chisled yet. We expect to see Rembrandt stumping along any day now, carrying his paint, and musing on this thing or that.

Until then, why don't you drop over to Room 218 of the Nesbitt Hospital and see how Sam is getting along?

BEERS, editor

### MALE CHORUS AT KINGSTON TODAY

Kingston High School students and faculty will play hosts to the Wilkes College male chorus this afternoon at 1:15 in the high school auditorium.

The Collegians, capably directed by William Crowder and the Harmoneers, a popular quartet composed of Wilkes men students, will present a program of songs especially adapted to male voices. Among the numbers on the program will be "Deep River", "Stein Song", "Oklahoma", and "Nothin' Like a Dame". As an addition to the regular program the male chorus will sing a special number for the occasion.

The Collegians and Harmoneers are entirely student-organized and student-controlled. President of the group is Philip Jones. Accompanists are Marianne Salva and Ruth Remley.

### EX-EDITOR OF AMNICOLA ENGAGED

Home on leave from the Army this past week, last year's Amnicola editor-in-chief, Bob Evans, took the opportunity to get himself engaged. Senior co-ed Helen Scherff, a dorm student from Mammeeck, N. Y., is now sporting Bob's ring.

Miss Scherff served as typist and secretary for the Amnicola last year.



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## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

### NOT WORTH THE CANDLE, HARDLY

Last week's story on Ace Wengyn caused quite a stir here and abouts on campus. Most parties considered it downright nasty. I wouldn't make fun of a guy who's trying his hardest they told me.

We didn't expect it to go off that way. If that little story was considered to be a knock against anyone, it was a pretty poor job, as knocks—the good, solid knocks, and our little paper has many they tell me—contain subtleties that hurt like the very old dickens. There was nothing subtle about the Ace Wengyn story.

In a round and about way we were trying to instill into the paper the same spark that goes up in the stands when Ace goes lumbering into the game. There are fellows on the team out-scoring Ace by multitudes, but nobody has the color, the fan-appeal, and the out-right determination of the Plymouth guy. Perhaps if we would have been uncolorfully dull, as Ace isn't, and wrote up the story in the Victorian style, carefully explaining that nobody fights harder, nobody wants to win more, and nobody practices and gives his all more than Ace the story would have gone over. That type of sports journalism, all too sickly prevalent nowadays, goes over with the deadbeat sports herd, the real lowbrows of athletics, but to the intelligent sports fan who knows a little about human nature it is strictly bunk. The same may be said about any of the other willy-nilly stuff that draws tears or sighs of awe on the front page, the inside pages, or even the editorial page. Sadly enough that bunk is even liked here in the collegiate circles.

So, we now express our sorrow to you on two factors. First, we seriously beg the forgiveness of those of you, and there were many, who nobly took Ace's part. Second, we humbly bow low to those of you who sadly believed that to be the best of our satire.

### OBSERVATION

Chocolate cake is preferred over white cake 2 to 1 by Wilkes scholars at coffee hours.

BEERS, editor

## MEET PERCIVAL, THE LIBRARY MOUSE

The library staff was both shocked and pleased the other day when Mrs. Vujica received a chewed up note. The note contained information about a phone call received the night before when no one was in the library. Fantastic as it may seem, the signature on the note was "Percival, the Library Mouse." It is rumored that Mr. French is responsible for Percival's learning to write. Proof of this is found in the 'Mouse' almost illegible handwriting.

Percival, who is a very affectionate mouse (he signs his notes with "Love") spends his time watching students. His appearance changes from day to day. Some days when the baskets are filled with crumbs, he appears fat. Occasionally he has a lean day. However, he doesn't appreciate cigarette butts. They give him indigestion.

Judy, who has taught him to dance with her rhythmic typing, says that Percival has confessed many strange tales to her. The love scenes which take place on the 3rd floor, and are sometimes halted unexpectedly by Terry or Mr. Ermel, seem to amuse the mouse most. Of course he enjoyed

being chased by Bill Saba during the summer too.

Yes, Percival has a very interesting life watching people take books without checking them out (he takes down names now). But the library staff is now concerned about his surviving. So, when you have finished that coke (which is forbidden in the library) don't heave it nonchalantly into the basket. You might hit our Percival!

## JAKE AND JOHN SEEK CAREERS IN N. Y.

John L. Moore, Jacob S. Kovalchek and Professor Verne A. Bunn will attend the Fifth Annual Conference on Careers in Retailing at New York University's School of Retailing on Friday, February 27.

Representatives of 60 colleges and universities will participate in the all-day meeting. The program will include visits to New York fashion showrooms for spring style previews, a tour "behind the scenes" at Abraham & Strauss department store in Brooklyn, a lecture and discussion session, a sight seeing bus trip, and a luncheon sponsored by the Allied Purchasing Corporation at the McAlpin Hotel.

## THIS 'N' THAT...

by ludwig

Hi,

Once again we are approaching that time of year when usually quiet people wake in the middle of the night shouting, "No, the result of clause 8 does not balance with the difference between clauses 6 and 5." Of course, it is the ides of March and in the words of Shakey, 'Beware'.

This week I haven't got anything special to write about so I shall just ramble along for a bit. Does anyone else have a cold? I've had several remedies offered me. I can't repeat them here but if you're sober when you're done taking your medicine you're a better man than I.

Suggestions are always better than criticisms, you may not think I believe it after reading this column but I do. I am driving at the Cinderella Ball. It's still a long way off but I was just wondering whether some of you upper-classmen might not have some suggestions about it. If you do send them to me or the student council's baby but, after all they're our representatives and they can hardly know what we want if we don't tell them. If you're thinking of a big name band you had better be able to foot the bill yourself.

A couple of teachers have been telling their classes that they're making their courses easier than they used to be. Well, they said it, I'm just repeating what they said.

That inspiring display that has been around the Library for the past few weeks was probably very interesting. It must have been put there for some reason or other.

I hope that no one gives the school any more landscaping, pretty soon, you won't be able to see the forest for the trees.

It is my firm belief that most students know more about the curriculum of Wilkes College than nine tenths of the advisers. Yes, there are a few who know what they are talking about.

Isn't it nice that some people to go with any outfit that they can change the color of their hair want to wear.

So long.

## Jeeter and Batcheler King And Queen

"Oh, it was beautiful!" is the almost universal reaction when anyone mentions the Theta Delta Rho Valentine Dance. If no one was wearing their heart on their sleeve that night, this was one of the few places where hearts were not found. Behind the bandstand there was a backdrop of pink and red streamers with pink hearts with red roses in their centers superimposed on them. The ceiling was camouflaged by low-hanging red pink streamers. The piano was decorated with many red hearts; tables had vari-sized hearts sprinkled casually over the white table-tops.

In this romantic climate the wide-skirted net gowns set their beautiful wearers off so that each girl looked lovelier than the loveliest storybook princess. It was interesting to note that whereas last year there were comparatively few of the cocktail length dresses, this year they were the predominating

## SOME SHARP; SOME OTHERWISE

Mother: "Sonny, don't use such bad words."  
Sonny: "Shakespeare used them."  
Mother: "Well, don't play with him anymore."

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She was only a photographer's daughter, but she was well developed.

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Grandpappy Morgan, a grizzled old veteran, had wandered off into the woods and failed to return to supper, so young Epaminondas was sent to look for him. He found him standing in some bushes.

"Getting dark," the tot ventured.

"Yep."

"Suppertime, Grandpap."

"Yep."

"Ain't ye hongry?"

"Yep."

"Well, air ye comin' home?"

"Nope."

"Why ain't ye?"

"Standin' in a b'ar trap."

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Junkman: "Any rags, papers, old iron?"

Man of the house angrily: "No. My wife's away."

Junkman: "Any bottles?"

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"Waiter," said the irate patron, "I must say I don't like all the flies in this dining room."

"Tell me which ones you don't like, madam, and I'll chase them out for you."

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Robert Benchley: "I do most of my work sitting down. That's where I shine."

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"Let's make a date for Saturday."

"I have a date for Saturday."

"Then let's make it Sunday."

"I'm going out of town Sunday."

"How about Monday?"

"Oh, damn it, I'll go Saturday."

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"Did you get home all right after the party last night?"

"Fine, thanks; except that just as I was turning into my street some idiot stepped on my fingers."

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"All right, Columbus, you've discovered enough for tonight."

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"Say, you can't open your door with that cigarette butt."

"My Gawd, I've smoked my key."

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A man at the insane asylum sat fishing in a flower bed. A visitor approached and asked, "How many have you caught?" "You're the ninth," was the reply.

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## A WISE-GUY'S WEBSTER'S

Rains—something that, when you forget to bring an umbrella to classes, it always.

Resort—a place where a lot of girls are looking for husbands and a lot of husbands are looking for girls.—Herb Shriner

Santa Claus—the only guy who can go around with a bag and not get talked about.

Statesman—a dead politician.

Skeleton—just a bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

Shot—that which if some people have had more than one they're half.

Sob—a sound made by women, babies, tenors, clergymen, actors, and drunken men . . . H. L. Mencken.

Sympathy—what one girl gives another in exchange for details.

Specialist—a doctor whose patients are expected to confine their ailments to office hours.

Common sense—the most uncommon thing in the world.

Sweater—a garment worn by a child when his mother feels chilly.

Horse sense—just stable thinking.

Street—something torn up by fast drivers and slow contractors.

Saint—a dead sinner revised and edited . . . Ambrose Bierce.

Songwriter—a guy who earns \$2000 a week, drives around in a new car, has a gorgeous wife, and writes songs like "It Isn't Fair."

Sarong—a dishtowel that made good.

Shoulder strap—a device for keeping an attraction from becoming a sensation.

fashion. A not predominating, but certainly noticeable, "fashion" among the men was the uniforms of branches of the service. The Navy and the Air Force were represented by at least three persons.

The music of Frankie Reynolds was dreamy and soft, and the soloist's pleasantly smooth voice added much to the charm of the occasion.

During the intermission the Queen of Hearts was chosen by a drawing of ticket stubs, a practice originated last year. Nancy Ellen Batcheler, a Freshman, became Queen, and she and her escort, Al Jeeter, received their gifts. A

sweater, two pairs of stockings, a bracelet, a box of writing paper, a box of candy, and lovely pink carnations were presented Miss Batcheler, and her escort received two ties, a belt, a wallet, and a pen. The couple led the first dance after the Coronation.

The girls of Theta Delta Rho are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Partridge and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rock for graciously acting as chaperons for the occasion.

Ruth Dilley, chairman of tickets, reports that approximately \$100 over expenses has been realized by this dance. The money will become part of the scholarship fund which Theta Delta Rho is hoping to establish.

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## DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS, Sports Editor

### A SHOT IN THE DARK

A NEW SEMESTER, a refreshed mind, and fresh ideas, are factors that we had hoped would give us a fresh approach in sports scribbling, but too many things of the past semester linger on in the mind and shouldn't be allowed to pass without mention. First in the mind of this scribe is the wrestling situation.

IN SHORT, it is a disgrace to Wilkes College. Never before in the short history of Wilkes has a team been so badly stepped on and treated so shabbily. We were certainly glad to see that Lou Blockus' matment won their first decision of the season last Saturday, a 20-15 win over East Stroudsburg STC, a school which must really be in the dumps when it comes around to wrestling talent.

WE'RE NOT BLAMING Coach Blockus because, we feel he has done his best to make something out of what little material he has had to work with. In that respect, he is to be commended. What gripes us is the fact that there is so darn much really good wrestling talent on this campus and yet can't put a decent team on the intercollegiate mats. In the words of oft-quoted Director of Athletics George Ralston, "It's downright embarrassin'." That's for dang sure.

### QUESTION OF DESIRE

The trouble is, the guys who could give Wilkes a good wrestling team can't seem to find time to get out there and grapple. Ya can't beg 'em. What is it, don't we have even a shred of school spirit left? It appears not. There have been several cases in which studies interfered with wrestlers' participation, but the biggest part of the problem is a lack of desire. A fine example Wilkes is setting in the one sport that has brought it to national prominence! The Open Wrestling Championships at Wilkes College are considered one of the top three meets in the East every year, especially after the tremendous success this Christmas time.

YET, WITH OVER 160 WRESTLERS here at Wilkes from over 45 colleges and universities East of the Mississippi, Wilkes had only three entries. Get that, three entries and we're the host school. To say it was discouraging would be a gross understatement. To make things look even worse, only one of those entrants, Bill Foote, was a member of the Wilkes team, the others were independents.

Starting with Foote's injury, which sidelined him for the rest of the season, there was a mass exodus from the already weak team. Some of the fellows may have had good reason for quitting, but it looked like the rest were just a little too proud to wrestle with a mediocre team. What do we have here, quitters. We never have had such a situation in any of the other sports. Then too, the guys who now compose what's left of the wrestling team haven't shown too much interest in winning, with the obvious exception of those loyal few.

WHAT IS WRESTLING AT WILKES anyway, a joke? It would seem so from the number of team members that turn out daily for practices. Then, many of those who happen to be passing by and stop for a workout at the gym, spend a gay afternoon of tossing a basketball around. Wish they'd choose the sport they're going to participate in. In other sports if a guy has to smoke during the season, at least he does it on the sly, in fear of being caught. The height of it all is a few of the glory boys, who probably will earn their letters, parading around campus, in full view of anyone who can stomach them, puffing away like mad. Not a care in the world.

And yet these guys, some of whom have never come out of a match unpinning, will be Wilkes Lettermen at the end of the season unless something is done to prevent it. Has it become that easy to crash the heretofore select group of Wilkes males? Exactly who is to blame, we're not prepared to say, because frankly we're not sure if the blame for the wrestling status quo can be pinned down. We'll say this. The sparse crowds that have meandered into the sweat mill on South Franklin Street have certainly not been inspirational.

### LET'S HAVE ACTION

Let's hope that the situation can be corrected before it's too late and wrestling has been ruined for good at Wilkes.

The crowds at Colonel basketball games haven't been any world shakers either. This year, Wilkes has one of its best basketball teams in years. They put on a good show and are winning their share of games, too. But whatya hafta do to lure a crowd, give away television sets? We even have sport dances after Saturday night games now. The fact is that there is a pathetic lack of school spirit here at Wilkes. If we are going to continue to have intercollegiate sports, and there are those who really benefit by them and enjoy them, the student body had better wake up and get behind them. That's no "College Joe" rah-rah stuff either.

BASEBALL SEASON is just around the corner and from all indications, Wilkes should have a fine team. Coach Bob Partridge has started to take inventory already and many of the diamondmen, are beginning to yearn for the wide open spaces of the Kirby Park greensward. The word is that Wilkes will have one of the best schedules it has ever had in the national pastime. Newcomers to the yet incomplete slate are former mother school Bucknell, and Albright, very formidable foes.

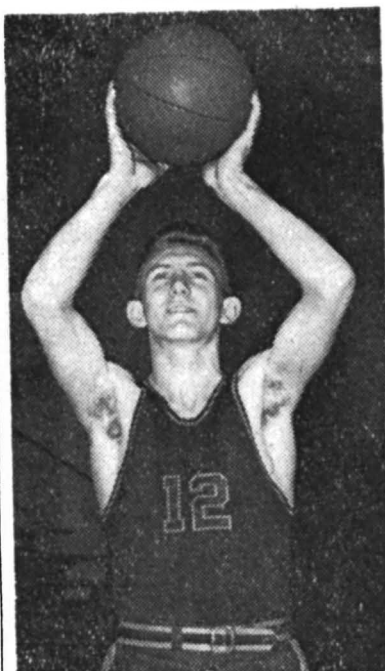
There is a strong possibility that the Colonel nine will be playing its home games at Artillery Park this season too. That should provide a greater interest than ever before for baseball. The return of professional baseball to Wyoming Valley has brought about the talk that Wilkes will have use of the ball park. Wow! Wilkes baseball with seats.

### WILKES-BARRE BASEBALL UNIQUE

Mentioning that Wilkes-Barre is back in the Eastern League, brings us to a very important item. With the Barons to be operated as a community project this year, they will need all the support the people of the Valley can give them. Coach Danny Litwhiler has lined up some very promising talent and club officials promise a "strong team". It will be nice to have baseball back with us. The community sponsorship idea is unique in baseball today, and leave it to Wyoming Valley to come up with it. The club's board of directors consists of people with different interests from all over the valley, with but one main purpose, to give sports lovers baseball. Director of Athletics George Ralston is one of the members of the board.

IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN to give Wyoming Valley a

### POINT PIRATE



LEN BATRONEY

## King's Tops Colonels, 79-71; Davis Starred

During the break between semesters Wilkes and King's met in their first of the annual two-game basketball series. The Monarchs pulled out of a 34-33 half-time lead to win 79-71.

The game was one marked by sudden spurts. King's got off to a big lead, but in the second quarter Wilkes ran wild. The Monarchs got real tough in the third quarter and sewed the game up with 28 points, though the Colonels finished strong.

Starring for the home troops was Burrhead Davis. Eddie made 19 points, held his opponent to 5, and played a stellar floor game. High scorer for the contest was Lenny Batroney with 24 points. Bernie Panzak of King's was second with an even 20.

The game, appropriately enough marked the return of the old favorite Parker Petrillak from the Army. Parker's first shot was a blind hook that had no sense of going in but it did. He didn't score afterwards, but his play showed that he hadn't lost his old-time coarseness and vulgarity that has made him such a valuable man.

When Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland by the score of 222-0 in 1916, the Yellowjackets scored 18 touchdowns in the first half and Jim Preas kicked all 18 extra points.

## COLONELETES DROP FIRST ONE, 48-47; AZAT, GREEN AND SCHOOLEY TERRORS

By HELEN KRACKENFELS

The Wilkes coeds dropped a close game, 48-47, on Tuesday night to the girls' team of the Dupont Community House. This was the first game of the season for the Wilkes female cagers, and it was also their first time to meet the Dupont team. Being used to plenty of elbow room, the Wilkes girls were cramped by the match-box floor of the Community House.

Play was fast throughout the game, and the score nip and tuck almost constantly. Forwards Ann Azat, Alice Green and Nancy Schooley paced the "Colonelettes" or (Kernelettes) in scoring. Azat led with 16 points, Green had 14, and Schooley, a freshman newcomer to the team, followed with 13 points. Another freshman, Carol Huer, and veteran forward Ruth Dilley, also saw action in the game. Doing a good job at keeping the ball away from the Dupont daisies, were guards Carol Jones,

Gail Jones and Georgia Tomasetti. Other guards in the Wilkes line-up were Barbara Bialogowicz, Lois Jones and Helen Krackenfels.

Forwards Bancroft and Reaves were high scorers for the Dupont girls. Referee was Mrs. Bubeck.

The next game for the Wilkes coeds will be on Thursday, February 19, when they will meet the Misericordia team at Dallas. Their first home game will be played on Saturday afternoon, February 21, which will be a return game with the Dupont team.

"comeback" industrially, every bit of publicity helps. Then too, industrialists who might settle here are sure to take an enthused view of a community that can work as a unit toward a common goal. Wilkes College has long been a leader in improving the economic, cultural, and intellectual health of this area and it has been supported by many of the same people who are so interested in bringing back baseball. Let's show them our support this summer. Turn about is fair play.

## OLD WILKES RECORD OF 783 POINTS GONE AS LENNY MAKES 982 IN 3 YEARS

By PAUL B. BEERS

Making a one-man assault on the Wilkes basketball record book, Lenny Batroney has successfully captured the biggest prize of all this year, the all-time highest scorer. The rest of this year and all of next will just be gravy for the blond flash.

The all-time high score was 783 points. Popular Bobby Benson in three seasons of play established that mark, capturing the honor from old Charlie Jackson. Bobby held the record for two years, but when sophomore Batroney tallied a new season mark of 439 points Bob saw the record going fast. This year's basketball campaign opened with Lenny at 712 points, or just 71 points behind the graduated Benson. In the East Stroudsburg game Bart roared past Benson.

Len Batroney has had the amazing success at making the record book a mess. Phil Sekerchak comfortably held the best season mark at 343 points and he figured to hold for quite some time. Batroney gave no indication of being any wonder in his freshman year, when he tallied only 273 points for an average of 11.33 a game. But in his sophomore year Bart started to hit. His 439 points swamped the old record. His average of 19.09 points a game was just a bit off of Sekerchak's record of 19.61.

Having ruined Phil in one spot Bart is going after the other. This year currently, after the Lycoming game that is, Lenny is averaging an all-time 20.8 point per game. Once Batroney gets the highest average he will have everything but Sekerchak's last remaining laurel. Phil's top of 43 points in a game looks safe for a long time. Bart already holds the only other two marks in the book, both of which he looks sure to break this season, the most field goals and the most foul points.

Lenny has improved vastly each year. He is now roaring at a pace unheard of by any other Colonel. In the last six games he has gone over the twenty figure. In the Lycoming game he whipped in 30 points, which is the highest figure for a Colonel in the last four years. Bart has been in 13 games so far this year. In nine of them he has gone by the twenty mark. His only poor game was the Ithaca one, where he could get only 8 points. Batroney has been the most consistent scorer in the Valley this year, high school wise, collegiate, or pro.

Not particularly a dead-eye, his success lies in his quickness and speed. Nobody is as awake on a basketball floor as Lenny. It is quite possible that two or three of his own teammates are faster afoot than Len, but in those first couple yards of acceleration nobody can match the boy. In this respect he is a lot like footballer Al Nicholas. Once zipping down the floor Bart is able to make use of his unusual coordination. He can twist in mid-air for a shot and still remain balanced, a trick which only the best can perform. There hasn't been a man in the Wilkes Gym this year who could drive and lay them up like all-time high scorer Len Batroney.

It might be pleasing for Batroney to note that his new record is good for at least five years. Nobody on the club now can catch him. Davis, a three-year man too, is second in scoring, but far behind at 628 points. The only possible man to beat Bart's record in the near future would be a hot-shot freshman enrolled sometime in 1955 or later. That ought to be comforting.

The nicest catch of the 1952 Wilkes football season, like the nicest run, was turned in in the first game, the Bloomsburg game. Little Billy Morgan snagged a Picton pass after tip-toeing five yards and having the pigskin bounce up and down on his fingers. The picture taken has Billy finally piling it in, a dead-ringer for Don Hutson.

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## THE GREAT ACE WENGYN SCORES

It has been the fright of some that perhaps the great Ace Wengyn had forgotten how to score. No, it wasn't true. In the Harpur game, Ace put one in finally, his first basketball point for the team this year. Nobody has counted how many points the opponents have made on his personal fouls, of which he has many.

Ace, who gets his name from his ability to score one point and not many as the name commonly indicates, has been in three games, his average per game now standing at 0.7. Last year Ace got in 11 games and scored 12 points. He's in a slump now.

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167—Danny—lost by a pin  
177—Raskin—lost by a pin  
Unlimited—Javer—won on a decision

## MARINES HERE FOR MEN, FEBRUARY 17

Students who wish to apply for the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class are urged to get their applications in as soon as possible if they want to be assured of attending the training session of their choice next summer. The Marine Corps will conduct two Platoon Leaders Class training sessions this summer, one from June 15th to July 25th, the second from July 27th to September 5th. However, it is anticipated that the quota for the first session will be filled around March 1st and enrollees after that date will probably be assigned to the second session.

The Platoon Leaders Class has been the main source of Marine

Reserve officers since 1935, and officers from the first Platoon Leaders Class are now Marine Corps colonels. A student enrolled in the Platoon Leaders Class qualifies for a commission by attending two summer training sessions of six weeks each while in college. Upon graduation from college, the enrollee receives the rank of second lieutenant in the Marines. No drills or studies are required during the academic term, and Selective Service Regulations grant the enrollee a 1-D deferment. The Platoon Leaders Class is open to college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

College seniors and graduates may apply for the Officer Candidate Course and qualify for their Marine commissions by completing a ten week long Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. Se-

nior may apply at any time during their senior year, but must complete the requirements for their degree before they may be called to active duty.

After completing Officer training, all officers commissioned in the Marine Corps are assigned to a five month long Officers Special Basic School as their first assignment. In addition, a large percentage of new officers are given additional schooling in one of the many specialties required by the triphibious Marine Corps.

Information and applications for both the Platoon Leaders Class and Officer Candidate Course may be obtained from the Office of Officer Procurement, Room, 605, New Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia or from the office of Mr. George Ralston, Dean of Men.

The Marine Officer Procurement team will be in the Wilkes College Gymnasium on Tuesday, February 17th to discuss the programs with students and to administer physical examinations to applicants.

The outfield of the Philadelphia Phillies of 1894—Billy Hamilton, Ed Delahanty and Sam Thompson—had a combined batting average of .400.

## GEORGE ERMEL NEW LIBRARIAN

The library has added a new member to its staff in the person of Mr. George Ermel. Mr. Ermel, a resident of Plains, is in charge of the Reference and Circulation Departments. He graduated from Wilkes in '50 and later received his Masters Degree in Library Science at Syracuse University. While at Wilkes, he was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". At Syracuse he attained high scholastic standards and was elected to Pi Lambda Sigma. He also served in the Navy in the periods '44 to '46 and '50 to '51.

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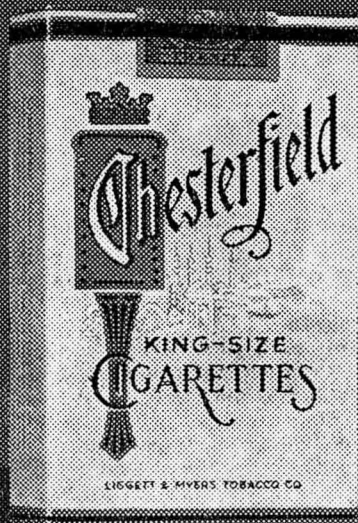
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