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CHRISTMAS DANCE SET FOR DECEMBER 26

Christmas week will end in mirrored glitter for the Alumni Association, with the annual semi-formal dance which will be held Saturday evening, December 26 in the Manfield Ballroom.

Dancing to the music of Frankie Reynolds' orchestra will be from 9 to 12. Admission is set at \$3.00 for this festive occasion which has proved to be one of the most popular events on the Alumni social calendar.

Lloyd Davies and Eleanor Kryger are in charge, assisted by worthies whose names are not available to us at this time.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Everybody who receives the Bulletin is quite aware of the projected Alumni musical show, "Here's to Ya," which was to help raise money for a scholarship fund. It was by far the most ambitious project ever to be taken up by Wilkes Old Grads. A lot of work and planning went into its development during the past months.

Recently, however, the people actively concerned with production came to the startling realization that "Here's to Ya" was bigger and more promising than originally anticipated. It has grown from a rather informal series of sketches with music to a full-scale musical review. It was quite apparent that "Here's to Ya" just wouldn't be ready in time for the original November 28 date.

A series of meetings of the "top brass" followed. It came as a big let-down, to be sure, to realize that one of the nicest things ever to hit Wilkes College had to be pushed back to an indefinite date.

One fact alone seems to brighten the whole dark situation. "Here's to Ya" is worth waiting for.

It takes a long time to put a good show together. "Here's to Ya" was not a tested production that could be bought from a publishing house. Al Groh, Bill Crowder, Ted Warkomski, Ray Kay and others had to build this one from the ground up. Participants had to be trained and rehearsed, and all portions of the review tested and strengthened. We might add that it takes a long time to put a Broadway show together, and that sort of work is done by professionals who devote all their time to it. We are just a bunch of happy amateurs.

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Work is still going forward, but at this moment it is hard to say just when the show will go on the boards. When it is produced, it should be a show of which we can be rightly proud.

One more loose end must be tied up. A lot of money from the Alumni Patrons has come in to the office. Results, still not tabulated, due to the stress of other matters, have been fine. Unless we hear otherwise, from contributors who may want to contribute the money to the Loyalty Fund, we have decided it would be better to return the checks, which will be on their way as soon as it is possible for our Mrs. Roberts to see her way over the pile of work we've already dumped on her desk.

ELECTION TIME

Your officers for next year will be announced in all probability at the Christmas Dance mentioned in the lead article. The new panel will take over Alumni reins at the beginning of 1954.

Nominees, picked sometime ago by the regular nominating committee, are as follows: For president--Jeanne Kocyan and Daniel E. Williams. For vice-president--William Luetzel and Eugene Maylock. For treasurer--Joseph Gudaitis and Ray Kaye (to whom we owe apologies for dropping the "e" on page one.) For secretary--Mary T. Sleva and Beverly Graham Myers.

For Alumni Council, four of whom are elected by ballot, the following were nominated: William Griffith, Loretta Farris, Thomas E. Brislin, Lloyd Davies, Jane Reese, Dr. Robert Kerr, Dolores Grabko, Joseph B. Farrell, and Bartel E. Ecker.

A postal card ballot is included in this issue of the Bulletin. We feel rather ill-at-ease when we ask you to speed the ballots back, since we haven't been able to speed them out to you. But if results are to be made known December 26, you'll do us a favor by returning them in the next mail. Perhaps you'll even shame us into getting things moving in better order the next time.

Cookie Kocyan, nominated for president of the Association, has announced that she wishes to withdraw from the election. Her decision came too late for removing her name from the ballot, so you are requested to act according to her wishes.

LATE AGAIN

We are sorry, profusely so, for not getting the Bulletin out in the month of November, according to schedule, especially since "Here's to Ya" was postponed and it was only fair to advise Alumni of the change in plans.

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'53 CLASS AGENTS

The Loyalty Fund Committee, headed by selection of agents for the class of 1953. Class agents listed in the last Bulletin were Morgan, Isabel Ecker, and Lucille Reese.

FALL SPORTS REVIEW

On December 8, the Wilkes College team from a steak dinner given in its honor was the booters' first winning season in athletic program.

The inspired Partridgemen, who previously snapped a losing streak at 29 games, over Rider College 2-1. They went on to scores: Rider 2-1; East Stroudsburg 0-1 and 5-1; Lafayette 1-2; and Trenton 4-

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The 155-lb. Nanticoke native snatched high in state scoring. He was made an American Team and was picked for a spot on the All-State Team.

George Ralston's charges found it hard to win. Tremendously handicapped by lack of speed, they lost to Bloomsburg 27-6; Lebanon Valley 14; and Moravian 14-6. They beat Ithaca 14-13.

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'53 CLASS AGENTS

The Loyalty Fund Committee, headed by Joe Savitz, has announced the selection of agents for the class of 1953. These are to be added to the class agents listed in the last Bulletin. For the '53s are: William Morgan, Isabel Ecker, and Lucille Reese Pierce.

FALL SPORTS REVIEW

On December 8, the Wilkes College soccer team emerged stuffed and smiling from a steak dinner given in its honor by Dr. Farley. Reason for the event was the booters' first winning season since the game was added to the Wilkes athletic program.

The inspired Partridgemen, who performed magnificently all season, snapped a losing streak at 29 games, opening the 1953 schedule with a victory over Rider College 2-1. They went on to a 4-3 record, posting the following scores: Rider 2-1; East Stroudsburg 0-2; Lock Haven 6-1; Elizabethtown 1-5 and 5-1; Lafayette 1-2; and Trenton 4-0.

After the Trenton tilt, Bob Partridge was carried off the field on the shoulders of his jubilant players. The game was the first Wilkes shut-out, and Flip Jones became the first Colonel to rack up three goals in one game.

Promise of the steak dinner came from Dr. Farley some years ago at the annual athletic banquet.

The football team ended up on the losing side of the ledger this fall, but end Paul Gronka proved that the Colonels fought every inch of the way.

The 155-lb. Nanticoke native snagged seven touchdown passes to rank high in state scoring. He was made an Honorable Mention on the Little All-American Team and was picked for a spot on the Associated Press second All-State Team.

George Ralston's charges found it rough going throughout the entire season. Tremendously handicapped by lack of weight and injuries, the Colonels lost to Bloomsburg 27-6; Lebanon Valley 15-6; Hofstra 39-20; Bridgeport 25-14; and Moravian 14-6. They beat Ithaca 26-7; Trenton 31-7; and Adelphi 14-13.

IF YOU PAID YOUR DUES AND HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD, PLEASE LET US KNOW AT ONCE.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

We wish to thank the Philadelphia Chapter of the Alumni Association and its president, Dr. Sheldon Morrison, for inviting us to the October meeting in the Hotel Normandie. Also present was Dr. Virginia Neel, the new Dean of Women, who was mentioned in the last issue.

It was pleasing to note how very interested in promoting the College the Quaker City Alums are. Especially valuable as scouts for Wilkes in that area have been Jerry Yakstis, salesman for Bausch and Lomb, and Bill Griffith, International Business Machines. Their work among the high schools in a large area brings them into constant contact with prospects.

When the pace in Chase Hall 309 is less hectic, if that ever comes to pass, we'd like to go down and see how things are with the New York Chapter.

TWO REUNIONS SUCCESSFUL

Homecoming on October 16 and 17 was a time for warmth and conviviality, enjoyed to the fullest by all who could make it back to Wyoming Valley. Nobody stopped to count the house at any time, so statistics are lacking. At any rate, it was a pleasant week-end from Friday afternoon's coffee hour in McClintock Hall through the Hofstra game next evening—via the Kingston House where all joined in a cocktail hour and buffet supper.

Homecoming decorations were sprightly and original. The trophy this year went to the Engineering Club and Chemistry Club who pooled their talents at Conyngham Hall, painting the windows with Flying Dutchmen, Colonels and crucibles and erecting a pair of life-like dummies, complete with surveying equipment, on the roof.

Thanksgiving weekend was the time for another gathering, this one informal and under the leadership of Dan Sherman and Hilda Jones. Alums met at Gurnari's Rathskeller, Luzerne, a haunt not unfamiliar to Wilkesmen. Though the event was made up on rather short notice, a good turnout was on hand and a profit realized.

DAVID GABLE JONES

David Gable Jones, class of 1949, of Cape May Court House, N.J., died in Philadelphia on October 1. Formerly of Nanticoke, he received his A. B. degree in English and taught for a while in Philadelphia public schools. At the time of his death he was employed by the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company in that city. He had served with the Army in Berlin until February.

Among pallbearers were classmate Ross Leonardi and Daniel E. Williams. Wilkes friends sent a beautiful blue and gold wreath.