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EDITORIAL

A Message - "Taking Stock".

When I assumed office as general secretary last fall there was a tremendous amount of organization and work to do. Now that I am leaving office I see that the same is still true. My satisfaction therefore comes from noting the progress that I attempted to mark throughout the year. There is much work left for my successors, for attempting to integrate a group of alumni scattered across the country and engaged in their own tasks can be neither a simple nor speedy task. Let us then look back at 1948-1949 and "take stock".

First of all there was this magazine. It has proved to be a practical method of intra-alumni communication; something for which the association has long had need. The suggestions and communications received in connection with this innovation was indeed gratifying. While in itself it cannot hope to unify the alumni, it can and has done a great deal of work toward that goal.

Also noteworthy was the first attempt at staging a homecoming celebration. Three hundred and fifty alumni saw Wilkes again defeat King's and then attended the crowded sport dance that followed. Saturday evening a large group attended the alumni banquet that terminated the celebration so successfully. Future Homecomings, if exploited properly, should prove to be increasingly greater successes.

Other social highlights of the year were the annual Christmas dance, a smoker, and various meetings of the central Wilkes-Barre Club. Over one hundred couples danced at the annual Yuletide Ball.

Here at the alumni office much work has been done. Besides the gathering of information for the magazine there was the work of answering correspondence and requests from alumni. Another job, of prime importance, was the compilation of an indexed file on all graduates and convocants. Coupled with this was the revision and compilation of an addressograph file of the same group for mailing purposes.

These then were our most important achievements. The job has merely begun. However, the value of an integrated alumni group cannot be overestimated and constant work towards such a goal is the only tool that can bring success.

Therefore, as my tenure of office comes to a close, I wish to thank President Williams and all members of the organization who have assisted me in trying to lay a groundwork for those who will follow. If the past has glimmered with the light of success, the future should shine even more brightly.

Reese E. Pelton,
General Secretary 1948-1949

Second class graduates

Two hundred and fifty-five students, comprising the second graduating class in the history of Wilkes, received degrees and certificates at the Second Annual Commencement Exercises. The ceremony was held Monday evening, June 13, at the Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mr. Adrian Pelt, Assistant Secretary-General in the Department of Conferences and General Services of the United Nations Secretariat, was principal speaker. Dr. Eugene Farley also addressed the graduates briefly, and introduced President Spencer of Bucknell University who conferred the degrees on the graduates for the second and last time. Beginning with next year's class, graduates will receive Wilkes College degrees instead of those of Bucknell University.

Concordia Singing Society, under the baton of Mr. Charles Davis, presented a group of two selections. This was in keeping with the dedication of a plaque to the late Professor Paul "Pop" Gies, first director of the Wilkes College School of Music and former director of this male chorus. Mr. Donald Cobleigh, present director of the music school, played the organ for the academic procession and recessional.

Two awards were given to graduates. The Engineering Award, given for outstanding work in that field went to Joseph Teno, and the Dobson Accounting Award for the best work in that field was earned by Jerome Mintzer.

Marjorie Tyler Green graduated summa cum laude. Five graduates graduated cum laude; they were Jean Hartman, Jerome Mintzer, Robert Riley, Charles Schneiderhan, James Spanos, Leonard Swicklick, Donald Vernall.

A breakdown of statistics shows that one hundred and ninety persons received bachelors degrees. This figure includes those students who completed their work in September and January but who did not at that time receive their diplomas. A closer inspection of statistics reveals the following figures on graduates:

A. B.	58
B. S. in Commerce & Finance	82
B. S. in Biology	27
B. S. in Education	10
B. S. in Chemistry	8
B. S. in Commercial Education	5

In addition to these graduates, sixty-five individuals received certificates for the completion of terminal courses or the first two years of engineering work. Two people received certificates as laboratory technicians, five finished the two-year secretarial course, and fifty-eight engineers completed two-years of work. Engineers must complete their junior and senior years of work at other institutions under present conditions.

(Cover Story) Magical Midnight.

Time: The magic hour of 12. Place: Rocky Glen Aquadium. Event: Placing of the glass slipper on Cinderella.

Johnny Long, nationally famous dance orchestra leader and featured band of the third Annual Cinderella Ball, places the specially constructed glass slipper on the 1949 Cinderella, Elaine Turner of Nanticoke, Pa. Miss Turner, a member of the freshman class was given the honor by a vote of the student body. Her Majesty received everything from a diamond ring to a tiny puppy as gifts.

On Campus . . .

Cinderella Dance - cold but successful

About 800 couples attended the most successful Cinderella Ball in the history of Wilkes. The new Rocky Glen Aquadium, a huge dance hall built out over a lake, presented pleasant surroundings, and Johnny Long and his Orchestra produced pleasant music to match. The cool evening prevented dancers from using the promenade walk around the Aquadium and even made the inside temperature a bit cool.

In keeping with tradition, the eleven elected candidates for "Cinderella" were presented at midnight in a colorful ceremony. A glass slipper, built to fit only the winner, was tried on the feet of each candidate by Johnny Long who proclaimed Elaine Turner, a member of the freshman class to be the 1949 winner. Miss Turner was then presented with a multitude of gifts donated by local merchants that included everything from a diamond ring to a tiny puppy. The evening will long last in the memory of those who attended.

Wilkes College on the air

Wilkes College took to the airways during the last semester when radio station WHWL in Nantuxo offered its equipment, and radio time for a program to be heard three times weekly as "Wilkes College On The Air".

At first it was doubted that Wilkes College had enough activity to keep a 15-minute program going three times a week but every member of the faculty and administration helped and the college produced 27 radio shows over WHWL.

To help produce the programs, which were written and directed by the Wilkes College Public Relations Department, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, college president, authorized workmen to sound-proof the small room next to the PRO on the third floor of Chase Hall as a radio room.

WHWL installed its equipment and each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings "Wilkes College On The Air" would take the radio audience into the heart of Wyoming Valley's only four-year independent educational institution.

The opening program was heard on April 4, when Dr. Eugene E. Farley presented the opening address and told about the growth of Wilkes College since it was founded in 1933 as Bucknell University Junior College.

Three people worked each show. Ned McGhee and Tom Moran alternated as announcers and Jay Rauscher was chief engineer.

Some of the programs heard included a one-act play by the Cue 'N' Curtain Club; music from the Wilkes College band, under the direction of Reese E. Pelton; musical selections by students of Wilkes College School of Music; meteorology lectures; United Nations forums; interviews; and Wilkes College news.

The programs are off the air for the summer months but will be resumed next year—possibly five times a week.

Band concert races rain - wins

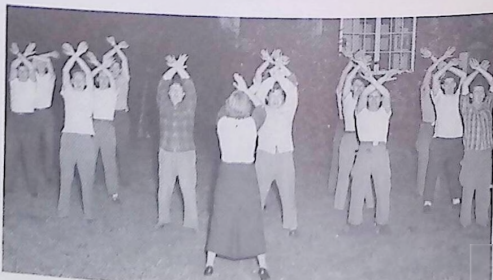
On May 22 the Wilkes College Concert Band raced the threatening storm that began to gather just previous to the 7:00 concert, and succeeded in completing its program before the torrential downpour started. Four-hundred and fifty people assembled on the campus behind Kirby and Chase Halls for the second annual program, undaunted by the darkening skies. Seats were provided for all in attendance.

The band, forty strong, played a light program of ten selections including Overture to the Operetta Student Prince by Romberg, In A Persian Market by Ketelby, and Introduction to the Third Act of Lohengrin by Wagner. Donald Follmer played a clarinet solo, accompanied by Director Reese E. Pelton, and The Holy City was played as a trumpet duet with band accompaniment by Carl Strye and John Badman.

This concert completed the band's third year of existence. It was organized in September, 1946, by its present director, Mr. Pelton, one week before the college's first gridiron contest, at which it appeared thirty strong. From that beginning it has evolved as a well-established campus organization with uniforms and equipment. This year the band has appeared at all football games, several local parades, and their second annual concert, which marked the last appearance of the band under the baton of Director Pelton.

Lettermen produce musical revue

May 25 and 26 were the production dates, the lettermen were the characters, Kingston High was the place, and the occasion was the first all-male revue of the club and college. The show was entitled, "All In Fun" and was a satire based on well-known events and people on the campus. Play director Al Groh and Dr. Reif were responsible for the book and Ted Warakowski, a student, wrote some original music for the show. The orchestra, dance routines, and clever dialogue made a big hit with audiences. Probably most outstanding was a "can-can" routine done by a fast-stepping chorus of twenty that included Coach Ralston. The success of this revue has practically assured its continuance in years to come.



Not limbering up for a scrimmage, but rather practicing dance routines, is this group of athletes. The picture was taken on campus as the Lettermen's Club went into final rehearsals for their successful show "All In Fun".

A Semester With Theta Delta Rho

The year 1948-1949, and especially the second semester of the year, proved to be the most outstanding in the recent history of the women's organizations of Wilkes, now known as Theta Delta Rho. A considerable schedule of activities was instituted by the officers of the organization, Dean of Women, Betty Harker, and Head Resident of Weckesser Hall, Mrs. Davis. Many of these activities are expected to become traditional affairs.

Among the most often-held, popular affairs were the teas given by the women. In February and March two teas were given to honor senior high school girls of Wyoming Valley schools. Each of these events attracted almost one hundred students. The guests were conducted on a tour of the campus and exposed to the life of Wilkes.

In April, by popular demand, the Theta's held an all-college tea. A program of musical numbers was featured and a portion of the affair was broadcast over a local station. This was followed in May by a Mothers' Day Tea held in Weckesser Dormitory. It is expected that this event will be a regular feature of each year's social calendar.

In April the girls deviated from their tea schedule long enough to sponsor a most successful card party to raise funds for the organization.

Senior dinner and trophy

The second annual Junior-Senior Dinner in honor of the graduating senior girls was held in the college cafeteria early in May. As is customary, members of the junior class served as hostesses for the affair. Mrs. Farley, Dean Harker, and Head Resident Davis were guests of the organization. Mrs. G. Williams, Assistant Professor of English, was principal speaker.



Among the affairs on the social calendar of Theta Delta Rho was a semi-formal dance. Pictured here are officers and committee members of for the affair. Front row, l. to r.: President Evelyn Penalligon, Joyce Nobel, Charlotte Davis. Standing, l. to r.: Virginia Moissner, Mary Porter, Marilyn Broadt, Francis Trembath and Norma Joan Persiani.

For the first time in the history of Wilkes College an award for overall scholarship was presented to the graduating girl with the highest average. Winner of this scholarship cup, known as the Deans Award, was Marjorie Tyler Green of Wilkes-Barre. This reward of outstanding academic achievement will be presented annually at the dinner.

New officers installed

Recently elected officers of the Thetas were installed during the past month. The new officers are: President, Marilyn Broadt; Vice-President, Peggy Anthony; Secretary, Jo Ann Davis; Treasurer, Virginia Bolen, and Social Chairman, Mary Porter. The social calendar for next fall has already been drawn up and will include a fashion show, a tea dance, a Halloween masquerade party, a Valentine dance, and a wiener roast.

Another innovation for the group is the new Committee on Orientation that will work with the faculty in trying to help freshmen adjust themselves to their new collegiate environment. It is hoped that this group will be the answer to many initial frosh problems.

Jackets and Songs

With the advent of spring the female collegians suddenly blossomed forth in smart white blazers. Questioning revealed that the attire was the new and official Theta Delta Rho blazer and would be seen in ever-increasing numbers. Each jacket has the emblem of the club sewed on its pocket. The blazers were purchased by individual club members after some discussion on color and style.

Not to be outdone in the field of music the Thetas recently came up with their own song. The selection was written by Norma Jean Persiani of the organization. Before long the soothing sound of female voices will be heard above those of even the deep-throated male campus crooners.

New building to campus

Wilkes College plant facilities were recently expanded by the addition of the property of the late Dr. S. P. Mengel at 181 South Franklin St. This is the twelfth building to be acquired by Wilkes. Beside the buildings two plots of land are owned; one is now used as a parking area and the other is to be the site of the proposed gymnasium.

Renovation of the new building is almost completed. When entirely converted it will house classrooms and offices. The purchase of this property means that the college may not need the facilities of the central city Baptist and Presbyterian Churches which have been graciously offered and used for the past two years.

A new, picturesque walk from Chase Hall, around the back of the Theatre Workshop, and through a newly erected opening in the old brick wall, will enable students to go from South River Street properties to the Mengel property. The spacious lawns of the property will mean potential area for parties. A garage in the rear of the hall will also be utilized for college purposes.

WHAT WE'RE DOING



This issue of the ALUMNUS will be devoted to a listing of all four year grads about whom we have information. Addresses of any alumni can be obtained by writing to the alumni office. All articles of interest are solicited.

Class News of '49

JUNE GRADUATES:

With 113 more students having just completed their work it seems advisable to begin news of this class by looking into the crystal ball for some facts. First let us consider those who are continuing their education; among these we find:

Engene Anderson to Bucknell for M. S. in Education.

Bernard Cuppenski to University of Pennsylvania for M. B. A.

Frank Evan to University of Pennsylvania for M. B. A.

Harold Lawrence to Rutgers for M. S.

S. George Maisel to George Washington for M. A. in Foreign Affairs.

Narcy Perkowski to University of Pennsylvania for M. A. in Governmental Affairs.

Leonard Swicklick to University of Pittsburgh for M. S. in Chemistry.

Donald Vernal to University of Michigan for M. S.

John Wisniewski to Hahnemann Medical College for M. D.

Stephen Wolf to Temple University School of Medicine for M. D.

A large number of students not listed above are planning on attending graduate or medical school but have not decided where at this writing.

Bill Apfelbaum will enter executive training under Sears, Roebuck & Co. in September, and Evelyn Penaligon will begin similar training with Pomeroy's Dept. Store. Also taking executive training is Don Honeywell who will be with Deemer & Co.

Clayton Karambelas expects to be associated with his father in the management of a restaurant. Bill Klopfer and Albert Williams will be associated with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of U. S. Thomas J. Miller is now employed as Head Coach and Assistant Dean of Men at National Agricultural College, Doylestown, Pa. Ralph Weaver will continue as sales representative and buyer for the West Brothers Automobile Co.

Class News of '48

By this time the 1948 grads have been literally strewn to the "four corners of the earth." Nevertheless, with the help of our "radar" communications we have the following information on graduates of the first class:

Norman Baum—George Washington Law School.

Arthur Berger—George Washington Law School.

Dorothy Biologowicz—Now married. (see Together)

John Boyce—Economics Instructor at Wilkes.

Muriel Bransdorf—Columbia University Graduate School.

Paul Callahan—Accountant for Plasticraft Co. of Wilkes-Barre.

Ralph Carey—Dickinson Law School.

Elmo Clemente—Accountant for C. L. Snyder Co. of Wilkes-Barre.

Albert Condosta—Accountant for Western Electric of Allentown, Pa.

Dick Conklin—Employed by Aluminum Co. of America, New Kensington.

John Cooney—Economics Instructor at Wilkes.

James Cross—Salesman.

Helen Davidson—Now married.

Mark Davidoff—Columbia University Graduate School.

Robert Dido—Employed by General Motors Acceptance Corp., Wilkes-Barre.

Tom Evans—Production Dept. of General Electric, Schenectady, N. Y.

Claire Fischer—Teaching.

George Fry—University of Pennsylvania.

Earl Fritzges—Representative for Girard Investment Co.

Tom Gilboy—Psychological Testing and Wholesale Plumbing Sales.

Miriam Golightly—English teacher at Boonton, New Jersey.

John Gooch—Accountant for Scranton-Springbrook Water Co., Wilkes-Barre.

Charles Hallstone—Columbia University Theological.

Frank Harkins—Bucknell Graduate School.

Margaret Hobbs—Teacher at Plymouth, Pa.
Tom Jenkins—English teacher at Womelsdorf, Pa.
Carolyn Jones—Teacher at Washington, N. J.
Lester Jones—Standards Engineer for Columbia Mills of Wilkes-Barre.

Wallace Jones—Assistant Manager for Dun & Bradstreet, Philadelphia.

Frank Kocher—Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.

Leonard Kovalski—University of Buffalo Medical School.

Stanley Kovalski—Bucknell Graduate School.

Joseph Litchman—Accountant for Ley Service of Wilkes-Barre.

Margaret McHale—Drexel Institute of Technology.
Bob Mikulewicz—University of Colorado Grad School.

Bob Miller—Columbia University Grad School.

Arnold Nachlis—Nachlis Furniture Co., Plains, Pa.

Tom Owens—Jefferson Medical College.

Clemens Pell—Major in U. S. Army.

Reese Pelton—Teacher at Dallas Township School.
Gene Repotski—Bank Clerk at First Federal Savings & Loan, Wilkes-Barre.

John Riley—Economics Instructor at Wilkes.

James Roberts—Hahnemann Medical College.

Stanley Rosolowski—Bucknell Grad School.

Edythe Rudolph—Now married. Secretary at Phillips H. Lord, Inc., N. Y. C.

Joe Savitz—University of Penn'a Law School.

Harry Scott—Employed by Woodlawn Dairies, Inc.

Joe Slamon—Accountant for Joseph Williams Agency, Wilkes-Barre.

Ray Smith—Salesman for Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.

Edward Stryak—Pennsylvania State College.

Charles Templeton—Adjuster for Commercial Credit Corp., Philadelphia.

Tom Teresinski—Dun & Bradstreet, Scranton, Pa.

Carl Tranell—Bucknell University Grad School.

Frances Wentzel—Bacteriologist for Ryder Dairy Products, Lemoyne, Pa.

Frank Wheeler—Accountant for General Electric Corp., Schenectady.

Nancy Williams—Employed by Merck Chemical Corp. of New Jersey.

Rhuea Williams—Mathematics teacher at Wilkes-Barre Day School, Forty Fort, Pa.

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SEPTEMBER CLASS:

Joseph Aleo—University of Penn'a Dental School.
Henry Anderson—University of Pennsylvania Grad School.

Bennie Antonchak—Chemical Corp in Rahway, N. J.

John Bellas—University of Chicago Grad School.
John Burak—Temple University Grad School.
Joseph Chupka—Accountant at Harry L. Naveen Agency, Wilkes-Barre.

Delbert Dare—Cost Accountant for S. Frieder & Sons, Wilkes-Barre.

Morris DeHaven—Teacher in Hanover Twp., Pa.
Carl Dudeck—Jefferson Medical College.

Harry Fierverker—Bucknell Grad School.

John Glowacki—Georgetown Univ. Law School.

Jean Hartman—Western Reserve University Grad School.

Edward Hendler—Bucknell Univ. Grad School.

James Hafford—Jefferson Medical College.

William Kelly—Psychometrician at Wilkes College Guidance Center.

Julius Likowski—Univ. of Chicago Grad School.

Doug MacNeal—Univ. of Penn'a Dental School.

Eugene Marshall—Agent for Reliance Life Insurance Co., Wilkes-Barre.

Howard Marville—Univ. of Penn'a Grad School.

Gene Maylock—Bucknell University Grad School.

Ray Mechak—Service Manager for Pomeroy's Dept. Store, Wilkes-Barre.

John Moss—Accountant for Pogson, Peloubet & Co., New York City.

Eugene Moyer—Univ. of California Grad. School.

Nelson Nelson—Dickinson Law School.

Ed Plesnar—University of Kentucky Law School.

Nan Richards—Now married. University of Colorado Grad School.

Robert Riley—Western Reserve University Grad School.

James Shepherd—Univ. of Penn'a Grad School.

Stanley Siberski—Temple Univ. Medical School.

Horace Smith—Standards Engineer for Roebblings Sons, Trenton, N. J.

Joe Sooby—University of Michigan Grad School.

John Sott—U. S. Army in Germany.

Albert Stratton—Western Reserve University Grad School.

Bill Tomusko—Graduate School.

John Verbyla—Fillmore College Grad School.

FEBRUARY CLASS:

Clayton Bloomburg—Insurance Agent.

Bill Davies—Unit Control Work for Isaacs Long Co., Wilkes-Barre.

Donald Evans—Sales Dept. of Palmolive-Peet Co.

Joe Hiznay—Technical writer for Engineering Dept. of International Correspondence Schools.

Joseph Kanner—Psychometrician at Wilkes College Guidance Center.

John Martin—Sales work for National Biscuit Co.

Tom Moran—Director of Public Relations at Wilkes.

Joe Olesky—Teacher in Wyoming Borough, Pa.

David Walters—Second Lieut. in U. S. Army.

Anthony Zabiegalski—George Washington Univ. Grad School.

The FACULTY

Summer is here and a metamorphosis takes place. The faculty become students and hurry away to obtain their Masters Degree or Doctorate. This is in keeping with college policy which allows each faculty member, under a rotation system, to have time free for graduate work at regular intervals.

Joe Markowitz '41, who is an instructor in Chemistry, will study at Bucknell University this summer where he is working for his M. S. Joe recently married (see Together) and has been serving as an officer with the local Naval Reserve unit.

Robert W. Partridge, Instructor of History, will attend either Harvard or Boston University, where he will be working for his Ph.D. Mr. Partridge is also coach of the college's newest athletic team—soccer. With the first scheduled games coming up soon he'll be a busy man.

Dean of Men George Ralston will spend the summer at Columbia University, studying for his Masters degree. Also at Columbia will be John Chwalek, Instructor of Sociology and head of the new college Placement Bureau. He also will study for his Masters, as will John Boyce '48, and John Cooney '48, Economics Instructors, who will join them at the institution.

John Riley '48 will attend the University of Pennsylvania again this year where he is doing work on his M. A. John has been quoted as saying that he "hopes it's not as hot as last summer". James Laggan, another Economics Instructor, will also study this summer at the U. of P.

Mr. John Hall, Director of Guidance and Supervisor of Education will continue his week-end treks to Columbia University Teachers College. He will receive an Ed.D. in Philosophical Foundations. Mr. Hall has been making his week-end journeys throughout the college year, in addition to his multiple duties of the week.

Edith Namisniak will travel to Ann Arbor to work towards her Doctorate. The Instructor of Biology will be at the University of Michigan during the summer.

The University of Connecticut will claim Madeline Dague for a few months. Miss Dague is an instructor in Physiology and will be taking work on her Ph.D.

Economics and Political Science will still be foremost in Welton Farrar's mind this summer. Mr. Farrar will be at Cambridge where he will attend Harvard University to work for his Doctorate.

FACULTY WIVES ORGANIZE

During the second semester an organization of faculty wives, known to date as the Women of Wilkes, was formed. The group sponsored regular "coffee hours" in the college cafeteria. The affairs, unique in the history of Wilkes, were held every other week on Thursday afternoons and proved to be tremendous successes. Members of the organization poured. The affairs were open to the student body who immediately became enthusiastic about them.

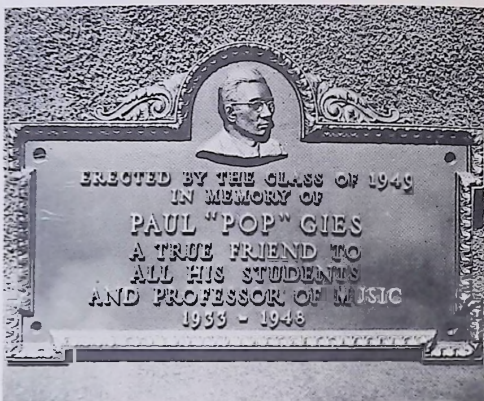
Mrs. Samuel A. Rosenberg served as president for this year. Mrs. Harold Thatcher has been elected president of the group for the coming year.

Mr. John McKee, Instructor in Math, has resigned from the faculty to accept a position on the faculty of Beaver College. Mr. McKee will be the entire mathematics department at the women's college. Mr. and Mrs. McKee will spend the summer at their summer home, Laurel Run, Pa.

Mr. John McKee will assume his duties as newly appointed Associate Professor of Mathematics at Beaver College in September. Before they prepare to enter Beaver's life, Mr. and Mrs. McKee will spend the summer at their new summer home in Laurel Run, Pa.

Hugo V. Mailey, Associate Professor of Political Science plans on spending the summer months working on his thesis which he will complete for his Ph.D. Although it is not generally known, Mr. Mailey is a talented musician also.

Mr. James Moran of Rochester, N. Y., will begin his duties as Instructor of Instrumental Music and Band Director at Wilkes in September. Mr. Moran has had over ten years experience in band and orchestra work of all types. Reese E. Pelton, organizer and director of the band for the past three years, has left to assume a teaching position.



This beautiful metal plaque honoring the late Professor Paul "Pop" Gies will be placed on Gies Hall, which now houses the School of Music. The plaque was presented by the class of '49, the last group to have known "Pop".

Dorms score social triumphs

Not to be outdone by other groups, the dormitory residents of Wilkes sponsored several highly successful affairs this year. Both Weckesser Hall (women) and Payne Hall (men) received allotments from the student council and were established as organizations, even writing their own constitutions.

The most often postponed affair of the year was Weckesser's well-publicized pajama party. Measles in the dorm forced two postponements but the event was finally held and was a tremendous success. Other Weckesser-sponsored events were the annual Christmas Party and a tea held for college department heads and the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Davis, for three years Head Resident at Cornell, is sponsor of the group.

The men of Payne had their affairs also. The year commenced with a Halloween party. From that date on no special holiday was needed as an excuse. Parties for Weck and parties for the whole college were held quite often. Dancing, billiards, cards, and 'tons' of food were features of all the affairs. Dean Ralston is advisor to Payne Hall.

SPORTSCOPE...

By TOM MORAN
Public Relations Director

A year in sports

The 1948-49 sports season at Wilkes College revealed one thing. Wilkes College is now among the leading sports colleges in its class in Pennsylvania.

The record books reveal that the Colonel institution participated intercollegiately in five sports—football, basketball, baseball, wrestling and swimming. Besides the five key sports, the college had soccer on an intramural trial basis during the 1948-49 season and plans to enter the intercollegiate competition next year. A well-balanced intramural program of football, basketball, softball and bowling rounded out a year's schedule of athletics at the institution.

Looking at the sports individually and viewing the past season and the prospects for next year, football seems to be the big man on the horse for next year.

Like basketball and baseball, football is coached by the director of athletics, George F. Ralston, a man with a never-ending amount of energy and drive. Ralston has hopes of fielding his finest eleven in 1949.

The next grid season will be the last time that most of the men who were on the first team—in 1946—will be playing in a blue and gold uniform. The experience gained by them in their past seasons of ball will undoubtedly serve them and the college well next season.

The over-all record for Wilkes football is fine. The books reveal that the college has run up 18 wins, three losses, and two ties. That record will stand among the best ever produced in the country. One of the odd things is the fact that the first year the institution entered the ranks of the football elevens in the country, Wilkes was undefeated with six wins and no losses.

The schedule for next season includes such new opponents as the University of Bridgeport, Ithaca College, and Upsala College. Returning as foes for the Colonels will be Bloomsburg STC, St. Francis College, Lycoming College, Rider College, National Agricultural College, and King's College.

Jumping back to the 1948-49 sports seasons, basketball was another of the thrilling activities in the athletic program for the past year. The Colonels produced one of their best teams and had a nice record of 13 wins and five losses. The only bad part of the five losses was in the fact that two of the smudges were inflicted by the city rival King's College. One of these years the tide will change and Wilkes will lose a football game and win both basketball contests. Ever since the sports relations were started between

the two schools it has been the other way around. Wilkes has three wins in football to King's zero, while the Monarchs hold six wins in basketball for three seasons to a big "goose-egg" for the Colonels in the cage sport.

During the wrestling season, which was under the leadership of Cromwell Thomas, Wilkes had five wins and one loss. However, the grapplers were not too strong and one of the big reasons was due to the number of experienced ex-high school matmen who did not come out for the team.

Baseball was first-rate on paper, but a flurry of errors by the team during each game usually spelled doom for the club in most of the contests. Everything looked fine for a swell season before the activity actually got underway against other competition. But the sprag in the wheels of the team's progress was not long in making itself known when the Colonels began to meet their 1949 opponents.

As for swimming—and last season was the first for Wilkes—there seems to be a great possibility of this sport becoming one of the chief ones at the local college. Last season it was brought about through the initiative of two students, Clayton Karambelas and Charlie Flack. The two men worked as student-coaches and also participated in the meets. The season, like most first-seasons, was not one that listed Wilkes as the all-time winner. Instead, the meets were entered in the record books as simply experience for the members, all of whom are freshmen and sophomores.

Soccer was introduced at the college last year for the first time. Bob Partridge, member of the faculty and one-time All-American soccer player from the University of Pennsylvania was at the head of the new sport.

The sport was played intramurally during the first season as sort of an introductory activity for those interested. Soccer caught on immediately and next year Wilkes will compete intercollegiately in the sport—reputed to be one of the oldest in the world.

The intramural program of touchfootball, basketball, and softball was again a huge success. Those who could not take part in the sport in a major way, spent after class hours several times a week participating in the sport in one of the intramural leagues.

The latest addition to the intramural program was bowling. Many fine kegglers were found among the student body. The alleys at the Hampton were used and the CPA pinners were crowned champions at the end of the season.

Many new horizons seem to be opening to Wilkes in the future. The new gymnasium may soon become more than a hope and athletics at the Colonel plantation will blossom even faster than has been the case during the past three years.

TOGETHER

St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, Pa., was the setting of the recent marriage of Jeanne Barbara Klienkauf '44, to Thomas Paul Roan, also of Kingston. Mr. Roan is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and is associated with the Prudential Insurance Co.

Joe Markowitz '41, a member of the college faculty, was recently married to Jane Sare of Scranton, Pa. Older alumni will remember Joe as an avid record collector; newer ones will remember his classes. Joe's sister, Frances, is now a dormitory student at Wilkes.

Irene M. Sieminski '45, became Mrs. Hugh Robert Williams on June 4th. Irene has been residing in New York City. Mr. Williams is a medical doctor.

Christine Whiteman '46 was married to Mr. George Bird last month in First Methodist Church of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Bird is at present employed at Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Bird is employed by Bell Telephone Company in Wilkes-Barre.

Shirley Mascen '46 and Bob Moser '46 were recently married in the First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Moser is employed in Lancaster, Pa. Betty James '47 was maid of honor for Mrs. Moser.

Alumni Meeting Notes

On April 18 the Wilkes-Barre Alumni Club held a business and social meeting in the college Lecture Hall. Despite a heavy thunderstorm a large group of alumni were present. Daniel Williams, president, presided.

The evening opened with the showing of a film entitled "Campus Capers", which is a college-owned technicolor film on campus activities during the past two years.

After some opening remarks concerning the purpose of the meeting, Danny introduced Reese Pelton who spoke on the necessity of a constitution if the Alumni Association is to function on a national scale.

Mr. Williams then read the proposed constitution, as patterned generally after that of the Gettysburg College Alumni Association. (For copy of constitution see the last issue of the *Alumnus*.)

A discussion of the constitution, point by point, followed this introduction. Several points were clarified and several others were modified. A great deal of interest in the constitution was exhibited by the group.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed to study the changes proposed. This committee includes: Donald Kersteen '42, Sallyanne Rosenn '42, June Owens '42, Katherine Freund '42, Al Eisenpreis '42, Bob Sloan '42, John Goobic '43, Martin Berger '43, Ruth Tischler '44, Irene Koniecko '44, Doug MacNeal '48, J. Glenn Gooch '48, Trudy Johnson '48, Gene Maylock '48, Ray Mechak '48, Allen Miller '49, Jack Karnofsky '45, and Joe Kanner '49.

To close the meeting two additional films were shown. They were "Fact and Fancy" and "Holiday in Havana", another school film covering the Spanish Club's trip to Cuba. Refreshments were served.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on May 2.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE KONIECKO, secretary

Career Info Available To Grads

The Wilkes College Careers Library, under the direction of Mr. Paul Mehm, is a department that is never completed. This is because new literature about job opportunities and training facilities arrives each day at the library, is catalogued, and put on the shelves for the use of students and alumni.

Mr. Mehm recently announced that 299 new registrations for the Careers Consulting Service were made between November 1, 1948 and May 24, 1949. This means that an average of two new registrations is made each day. During the same period twelve alumni and fourteen students of other colleges also used the career service.

In a recent interview Mr. Mehm explained that the facilities of the library are open to all alumni and that he would be most happy to consult with any alumnus who desires to use the services. A personal call at the college Guidance Center, 164 South River Street, or a letter in care of the college may start you on the way towards gathering valuable information and guidance.

The Careers Consulting Service has received national recognition and the following are typical of comments received by Mr. Mehm:

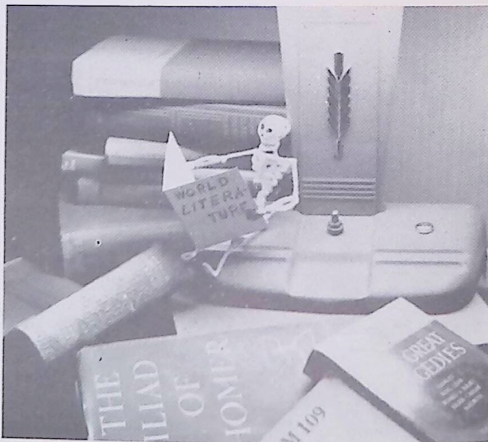
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