

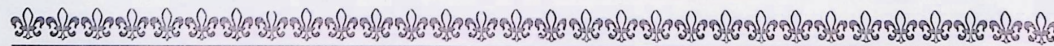
The
WILKES ALUMNUS

VOLUME 1

NUMBER 3



Spring
..1949



The WILKES ALUMNUS

Official Publication of the Wilkes College Alumni Association

EDITOR — REESE E. PELTON
SPORTS EDITOR — THOMAS J. MORAN
TYPIST — JANE W. SALWOSKI

IN THIS ISSUE

EDITORIAL

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Why Reorganize? | Page 3 |
| Return Visit (Cover Story) | 3 |

ON CAMPUS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Johnny Long To Play | 4 |
| Debating Team | 4 |
| College Band Concerts | 4 |

WHAT WE'RE DOING

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Class News of '48 | 5 |
| Class News of '49 | 5 |
| Milestones | 5 |

CONSTITUTION

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| New Alumni Constitution | 6 |
|-------------------------------|---|

SPORTSCOPE

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Exit Winter Sports | 9 |
|--------------------------|---|

TOGETHER

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Theatre Conference | 10 |
| Another Success | 10 |

Published Quarterly at
WILKES COLLEGE ALUMNI OFFICE

Chase Hall
184 South River Street,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

VOLUME 1

NUMBER 3

EDITORIAL

Why Reorganize?

Dear Alumni:

It has been several months since my last letter on alumni affairs appeared in the "Alumnus". During these months a number of events have been added to the History of the Wilkes College Alumni Association.

Outstanding were: our first Homecoming Day and the annual Christmas Dance. However, as my term of office draws to a close I do not feel that I have accomplished all I had hoped. If my successor is to complete any program that he may undertake and if this association is to grow and be of outstanding value to Wilkes, a constitutional reorganization is necessary at this time.

It was with this thought in mind that some of us got together to draw up a constitution that would enable the Association to keep pace with the growth of the College.

This year has seen our Alma Mater take a greater interest in alumni affairs. This is exactly what most of us have looked forward to for some time, but when the time arrived we found ourselves and our constitution unprepared for it.

The college has seen to it that we have a paid Alumni Secretary in charge of an office where all alumni affairs and records have been centralized. The college was largely responsible for the inception of this magazine and has been solely responsible for the financial support of the same. Those of you who were at all familiar with affairs of the alumni know what a terrific undertaking this has been.

The officers of your association realize that previous to this year our activities have been almost entirely restricted to the Wilkes-Barre area. The wide dispersal of the alumni and inability of your officers to give their undivided attention to alumni affairs, the financial inability of the association to keep in touch with all the members and the wide gap between affairs at the college and alumni affairs were among the primary causes of this restriction. In fact for a number of years we have existed almost as a community club with only nominal recognition by the college. This year when the College Administration volunteered the desired assistance we found ourselves totally unprepared for the sudden change and if it had not been the constant reviewing and amending of our set-up there would have been two organizations working toward the same goal.

Recognition of these factors led to the formulation of a new constitution which would recognize these changes and provide for an association on a nation-wide basis. The result of our labor appears in this issue of the "Alumnus".

I don't believe it is necessary for me to review each section of the constitution paragraph by paragraph. However, as you read the constitution you will discover it includes remedies for the major difficulties that I have outlined above. We have compared the constitution with those of other college alumni groups and believe it to be a worthy equal.

Wilkes is fast becoming the college we all wanted back in the early years and an institution of which we can rightly be proud. If we as alumni are to add to and share in this reputation, we must provide for a working Alumni Association. Therefore, in the minds of your officers, it is imperative that we begin our new year under this revised constitution and we would appreciate and welcome any and all suggestions on your part for its improvement.

Now that I bring this letter to a close I feel confident that this necessary change will meet with your approval. In making a summary, it is only through a well organized, larger and more active Alumni Association, that we can aid in the growth of Wilkes or share in the benefits that Alumni receive as a result of the growth of their Alma Mater.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL E. WILLIAMS,

President Wilkes College Alumni Association

★ ★ ★

(Cover Story)

Return Visit

This issue's cover photo, taken in front of Chase Hall, pictures Tommy Coburn and his dog Hap as they returned to visit their Alma Mater. Tommy, first Wyoming Valley serviceman to be totally blinded during World War II, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in February, 1949, with the second group of four-year students to be graduated from Wilkes. Tommy, accompanied by his faithful canine friend have been familiar campus figures for the past several years.

Behind Tommy is the recently erected college signpost. The attractive sign, which is constructed of sturdy wood, includes a large replica of the college seal and designates the dates when the college was founded and chartered.

On Campus . . .

Debating Team Is Impressive

Wilkes College made an impressive showing at the Second Annual Invitation Debate Tournament sponsored by Brooklyn College on March 11 and 12. Vying for honors, were such outstanding universities as: Columbia, Dartmouth, Tufts, Vassar, M. I. T., Holy Cross, Boston University, Penn State, Annapolis, Temple, and Fordham.

Jack Faneck and Tom Morgan, Wilkes' affirmative team, won victories over Stephen's Institute of Technology, and N. Y. U. Faneck and Morgan were defeated only by Annapolis and Champlain, co-winners of the tournament, in very close decisions.

Don Kemmerer and George Maisel, upholding the negative end of the argument, inflicted defeats on Boston University and St. John's whose affirmative team had been previously unbeaten. Tufts, with an especially aggressive affirmative group, defeated Kemmerer and Maisel and remained victorious throughout the remainder of the contest. Rutgers, the defending national champions, scored against Wilkes in one of the most closely matched encounters in the entire tournament.

» * «

College Band Prepares Programs

The Wilkes College Band, under the direction of Reese Pelton, concluded a very successful football season and is at present rehearsing for two concerts scheduled for late spring.

During the days of gridiron glories, the bandsmen were present at almost every contest; trips were made to Mansfield, Williamsport, and Bloomsburg for games with those institutions. In addition the band made a striking appearance in the annual Armistice Day Parade. Navy blue uniforms trimmed in gold made the group an organization of which Wilkes may well be proud.

A distinct honor was given the organization when it received a request to send representatives to the annual Intercollegiate Band Festival at Indiana State Teachers College, Pa. Three members of the band—Carl Styre, trumpet; Vester Vercoe, flute; and Don Follmer, clarinet—were selected in competition to play with the 125 piece all-state band under the direction of noted arranger-director Morton Gould. Three days of rehearsals, concerts, and a radio broadcast kept the musicians very busy.

The band is now rehearsing in preparation for its annual outdoor concert to be presented on the campus in May. Selections in many different veins will be included on the program, as well as solos and ensembles. Another program will be given by the group in conjunction with the graduation exercises in June.

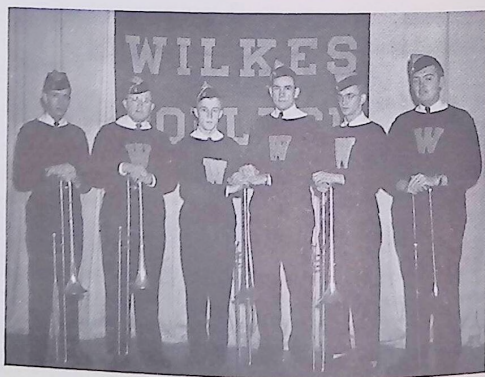
Johnny Long

Johnny Long's fine musical aggregation of "Shanty Town" fame has been selected to provide the music for the third annual Cinderella Ball, it was announced recently by Art Spengler, council president. The choice of Long and his crew of eighteen musicians and vocalists was made by the student representatives after much debate about prices of "name" bands and the cost of tickets to students. Since there is not as much money to work with as in previous years, the group decided to cut expenses to a minimum and to price tickets as reasonably as possible.

Ben Sterling's new \$100,000 dance pavilion at Rocky Glen Park has been chosen as the site of the dance. Spengler stated that the hall was still in the process of being constructed, but probably would be completed by Easter. The building is 100 by 225 feet and will accommodate several thousands of people. It is located near the Swiss Cottage and extends over the lake.

Spengler also disclosed that the rental price of the hall includes seating arrangements and five huge amplifiers, so the music will be heard clearly in all parts of the hall. The parking area at Rocky Glen is large enough to accommodate the cars of all the people who are expected to attend.

Up to the present time no mention has been made of the selection of Cinderella candidates for 1949. In the past the student body first cast preliminary votes for any of the Wilkes co-eds. The eleven girls receiving the highest number of votes were then declared Cinderella candidates. Last year post cards bearing the names of the eleven candidates, were mailed to each student, and votes were counted by a special committee. Most of the student body was unaware of Cinderella's identity until just before the orchestra leader fitted a specially constructed glass shoe on her foot.



Above is a portion of the trombone section of the college band. Left to right are: Delbert McGuire, Willard Prater, Bill Beck, Fred Ingold, Leon Gilbert and Dick Shuifer.

This section formed the front ranks of the marching band and will be an outstanding part of the concert band.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

Beginning with this issue, the "Wilkes Alumnus" will publish news of interest about members of the different four-year graduating classes. In addition the column Milestones will cover articles of particular interest.

» * «

CLASS NEWS OF '48

John A. Sott has reenlisted in the Army, as has Clemens Pell. Miriam DeRuth Golightly is an English instructor in the schools of Boonton, New Jersey. John A. Moss is employed as an accountant by Pogson, Peloubet & Co. of New York City. If you want to purchase an Encyclopedia Britannica, better see Ray B. Smith, who is at present a salesman for the firm and works out of Birmingham, Alabama. Margaret McHale is preparing to receive a B. S. in Library Science at Drexel Institute of Technology. John Burak is at Temple; John Verbyla is at Fillmore College; Tom Jenkins is an English teacher at Womelsdorf, Pa. Norman Baum is attending George Washington Law School, as is Joe Berger. Among those grads now working as accountants are Paul Callahan, at Plasticraft Co., Wilkes-Barre; Albert Condosta, with Western Electric at Allentown, Pa.; Elmo Clemente, working for C. L. Snyder & Co. of Wilkes-Barre; Joseph Slamon, with the Joseph Williams Agency of Wilkes-Barre. Robert Dido is working as a credit correspondent for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, under the field representative training program. Thomas A. P. Gilboy has been doing testing work for Wyoming Seminary, as well as sales promotion for M. C. Gilboy Associates. Tom expects to enter the University of Pennsylvania soon on a scholarship. Joseph Sooby is at the University of Michigan; Robert Riley and Albert Stratton attend Western Reserve; James Hafford and Joseph Aleo are at Jefferson Medical School where Joe is also a laboratory assistant. William Kelly and Joseph Kanner are doing testing work at the Wilkes College Guidance Center. A number of members of the class are taking additional work at Wilkes, under the Bucknell University extension program. Among these are Harry Fierwerker, Claire Fischer, Stanley Kovalski, Stanley Rosolowski and John Hudzik.

CLASS NEWS OF '49

As only a portion of this class have completed their studies, and these very recently, news of the class is difficult to gather. However, here are a few notes:

Donald Evans is working in the Sales Dept. of the Colgate-Palmolive Peet Corp. William Davies is concerned with unit control for the Isaac Long Co.

of Wilkes-Barre. Joseph Olesky is on the faculty of Wyoming Borough High School. David E. Walters has entered the U. S. Army as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. Anthony Zablegalski has entered George Washington University. Thomas Moran has been appointed to the newly created office of Public Relations Director at Wilkes.

"MILESTONES"

A press release recently received at the Alumni Office brings us the news that Marguerite Kraskevitch '39 has been appointed secretary to W. S. Rice, Jr., sales manager for American Airlines in the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton area. Her father is pastor of the Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Marge is a member of the Apollo Club, a professional women's chorus, and likes to experiment with her own piano arrangements of popular tunes. Her outdoor sport is fishing. Jimmy Stewart in the theatre field, and Fred Waring in the musical field, round out her personal likes.

We wish Marge every success in her new position.

Edward Hartman '35, director of libraries and assistant professor of History at Suffolk College has had published by the Columbia University Press his book, "The Movement to Americanize the Immigrant". Dr. Hartman was formerly head of the history department at Wilkes, where he and his collection of unusual pipes were well-known campus figures.

The newest additions to the local alumni club are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Speicher '43. Mrs. Speicher is the former Treveryan Williams. Both of them return once again to the valley from Palmerton, Pa., where Dr. Speicher was associated with Dr. D. A. Roth in the practice of dentistry.

Frank has taken over the dental practice of the late Dr. Chandler and has offices in the Miners National Bank building of Wilkes-Barre. He attended Bucknell University and graduated from Temple University Dental School. An active member of several professional organizations, he is vice-president of the Junior American Dental Association and president of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. During the war Frank served as an officer in the Navy.

A letter from Art Williams '44 brought, along with other items, the fact that Wilkes College athletic scores, and particularly football results, were carried in metropolitan Los Angeles newspapers during the past year. The news astounded everyone, including Coach Ralston, and was accepted as evidence that the college is coming of age.

THE NEW
CONSTITUTION
OF
The Wilkes College Alumni Association

ARTICLE I.

Name and Purpose

1. This organization shall be called the Alumni Association of Wilkes College.
2. The object of said Alumni Association shall be to stimulate and vitalize interest in the welfare of Wilkes College, as well as to foster and maintain good fellowship among its graduates and friends.

ARTICLE II.

Membership in Alumni Association

1. Every person who shall have graduated from Wilkes College and shall have left the institution in good standing shall be deemed a member of the association. Members of the senior class shall be eligible to membership when they shall have been recommended by the faculty for graduation.
2. All persons who have completed thirty (30) semester hours of work while the institution was known as Bucknell University Junior College shall be deemed full members of the association. All persons completing regularly prescribed two-year courses shall also be accorded the privilege of membership.
3. Members of the faculty, board of trustees, and the recipients of honorary degrees shall as such be deemed ex-officio members of the association, with full voting powers therein.
4. There shall be no membership dues, although it is earnestly hoped that each member of the association will contribute annually to the Loyalty Fund, hereinafter described, the same to include subscription to the official alumni publication for the then current year.

ARTICLE III.

Meeting of the Alumni Association

1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Alumni Association Wilkes College to be held on the first Saturday of June. A quorum for such meetings shall be not less than thirty-five (35) members.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Elections

1. The officers of the Alumni Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Secretary. The Alumni Secretary of Wilkes College shall be the Executive Secretary of the Wilkes College Alumni Association. The officers, excepting the Recording Secretary and the Executive Secretary, shall be

elected for one year. No officer of the association, excepting the Treasurer and Executive Secretary, shall serve in the same office for more than three successive years. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Association in a depository designated by the Executive Committee. Vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, except the office of Executive Secretary, which shall follow the procedure set forth in Article VIII hereof.

2. At the fall meeting (Homecoming) of the Alumni Council, the organization personnel and function of which are hereinafter set forth, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members whose duty it shall be to nominate a candidate for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Member-at-large. This committee shall report its nominations to the Alumni Council, and, if approved, to the Alumni Association annual business meeting, at which time additional candidates may be nominated from the floor, and the successful candidates shall be those receiving a majority of votes cast by mail ballot. Not later than one week from the aforementioned annual business meeting the said Alumni Secretary shall send to all members of the Alumni Association an official ballot with return envelope for the same. All alumni shall be eligible to vote. Successful candidates must receive a plurality of all votes cast at least one-tenth (1/10) of the association membership must have participated in the election. Voters shall cast their ballots by person, delivery, or mail addressed to the office of the Alumni Secretary of Wilkes College. All ballots shall remain closed until the closing of the polls which shall occur at 3 P. M. one month (30) days following the mailing of ballots. The closing day shall be mentioned on all ballot forms.

Immediately after the closing of the polls, three tellers appointed by the then Alumni Secretary of Wilkes College shall open the ballots, complete the count of the vote, and certify in writing to the Alumni Council the names of the elected officials.

3. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Alumni Association, the Alumni Council, and the Executive Committee thereof. The President and Executive Secretary of the Association shall be ex-officio members of each committee provided for here-in or otherwise appointed.

ARTICLE V.

Alumni Council

1. Function.—The Alumni Council is designed in general to act in a measure as a committee of the

sole for the purpose of working out plans and policies and being generally helpful in furthering the interests and regulating the activities of the Alumni Association.

2. Officers.—The officers of the Alumni Association, elected from time to time, shall be deemed to hold the same respective office in the Alumni Council without action to such effect by the Alumni Council.

3. Meetings.—There shall be at least one formal meeting of the Alumni Council each year at such time and place as shall be determined. A quorum for such meetings shall be seven (7). In addition to formal meetings the Alumni Council shall transact business among its members through the media of mail.

4. Eligibility.—Any member of the Alumni Association is eligible for membership in the Alumni Council.

5. Membership.—Membership in the Alumni Council shall consist of four groups:

- (a) Class representatives.—This group shall be composed of one representative duly elected from each class that has been graduated. The senior class presidents shall be considered as class representatives unless other class members are appointed by them to this position. The president of the senior class in attendance at college will have the privilege of attending both Alumni Association and Alumni Council meetings and shall have full voice in the Alumni Council.

- (a) Class representatives.—This group shall be composed of one representative duly elected from each class that has been graduated. The senior class presidents shall be considered as class representatives unless other class members are appointed by them to this position. The president of the senior class in attendance at college will have the privilege of attending both Alumni Association and Alumni Council meetings and shall have full voice in the Alumni Council.

- (b) Club representatives.—This group shall be composed of one representative from each Alumni Club having bona fide membership of at least ten (10) members. The Club representative shall be elected at meetings of their respective clubs in the fall and shall serve for a term of one year.

- (c) Representatives-at-large.—At the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association a member-at-large shall be elected for membership on the Alumni Council. The term of office shall be four years. During such periods as there are less than four (4) bona fide alumni clubs there shall be three (3) members-at-large, such members to serve for one year.

- (d) Special membership.—This group shall be comprised of all past presidents of the Alumni Association and ex-officio representatives of the association as may be appointed by the president of the association for the purpose of representing the association in other college groups.

6. Disqualification.—If any member of the Alumni Council is absent without excuse from three consecutive regular meetings of the Alumni Council his membership therein is automatically ended.

7. Vacancies.—Vacancies among class representatives, members-at-large, and special membership shall be filled by appointment made by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council subject to ratification of the Alumni Council. Vacancies in club representatives shall be filled by the respective clubs in question, otherwise the then president of such clubs shall be deemed the representative thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

Committees of the Alumni Council

1. Executive Committee.—The executive committee shall be composed of the officers of the Alumni Council, past presidents of the Alumni Association, the members-at-large, and the chairmen of the standing committees. This committee shall have the power of the Alumni Council when the same is not in session. The president of the Alumni Council shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee. Written notice of each meeting of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to each member by the Executive secretary at least one week in advance thereof.

2. Standing Committees.—There shall be at least eight (8) standing committees of three (3) members each, to be appointed by the president of the Alumni Council who shall designate one member of each committee as its chairman. These committees shall be appointed in the fall to serve for one year or until successors shall be appointed. Vacancies on such committees may be filled by committee chairman in cooperation with the president of the Alumni Council.

- (a) Committee on Finance.—It shall be the duty of this committee to determine financial policies from year to year, to audit the books or receive the auditors report of the Alumni Council and Alumni Association, and generally to direct the financial administration of the organization in conjunction with the college comptroller.

- (b) Committee on Secondary Schools.—This committee shall cooperate with the college and the alumni clubs in presenting the merits of Wilkes College to prospective desirable students. This committee shall also endeavor to arrange for the cooperation of our alumni and friends to further our interests at the various meetings of State and National Educational Association gatherings.

- (c) Committee on Alumni Clubs.—The objective of this committee shall be to aid in the organization and development of new alumni clubs, to suggest club policies and programs, and to stimulate sustained interest in such organizations.

- (d) Committee on Undergraduate activities.—This committee will cooperate with the college authorities and undergraduates in linking up the graduate and undergraduate interest, and in promoting a closer relationship between students and alumni.

- (e) Committee on Alumni Days.—This committee shall arrange and further the continued observance of reunions, shall devise and initiate new commencement features, and in general shall aid in the preparation for and management of the various activities incident to Commencement and Homecoming or other special occasions.

- (f) Committee on Nominations.—It shall be the

function of this committee to effectuate the constitutional provisions and requirements with respect to nominations and election of officers, and representatives-at-large.

(g) Committee on Public Relations.—This committee shall advance the cause of Wilkes College through newspaper publicity, arranging for college representation at desirable occasions, sponsoring special alumni gatherings and when possible, in promoting placement of Wilkes graduates, working in cooperation with the college Public Relation Office.

(h) Committee on Class Endowments.—This committee shall encourage the establishment of class endowments, for scholarships and other purposes, and with the treasurer shall likewise administer said class endowments. This committee shall include a member from each class establishing an endowment fund.

3. Additional Committees.—The Alumni Council may, from time to time, provide for and appoint such additional committees as it may deem advisable, with such duties and powers as it may define, and may adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the transaction of its business.

ARTICLE VII. The Loyalty Fund

1. Name.—The name of the fund shall be the WILKES COLLEGE LOYALTY FUND, and such fund shall be under the direction of the Alumni Council as herein provided.

2. Purpose.—The underlying purpose of the fund shall be to provide an agency which shall further the practice among alumni and friends of Wilkes College of giving money annually, in large or small amounts, according to ability, for the purpose of the college; thus providing a means of consolidating many gifts into one large amount which may be used for particular needs of Wilkes College from time to time.

3. Objective.—The immediate or special objective of each annual appeal, and the allocation and disposition of the fund collected shall be determined by the fund committee in consolidation with the then President of Wilkes College and his counsels.

4. Presentation.—In presenting the annual appeal the fund committee shall work through the various class representatives, appointing representatives for those classes not having official alumni council representatives. The appeal to friends of the institution shall be conducted through the then Alumni Secretary of Wilkes College. Cash and noncontinuing pledges shall be payable before the close of the college fiscal year.

5. Supervisions.—Overall supervision of the collection of the fund shall be the function of the fund committee, which shall be the executive committee of the Alumni Council.

6. Campaigns.—The annual appeal shall take place between July 1 and June 30. Gifts to be counted in the current year must be in the hands of the fund committee not later than June 30, which date marks the end of the college fiscal year.

7. Loan Fund.—By resolution of the Alumni

Council a portion of loyalty fund collections may be set aside from time to time as a student loan fund. Regulations for the administration of such a fund shall be made by the then President of the Alumni Association in cooperation with the Finance Committee.

8. Records.—The Alumni office shall keep full records of gifts and class standings at all times and shall publish at the close of each annual appeal a report giving names of donors but not the amounts of their respective gifts.

ARTICLE VIII.

Filling Vacancy in Office of Alumni Secretary of Wilkes College

1. The Alumni Council shall cooperate with the President and Board of Trustees of Wilkes College in the selection of an Alumni Secretary of Wilkes College, whenever a vacancy shall occur in that office.

2. The officers of the Alumni Association are authorized to act with the President of the college and Chairman of the Board of Trustees to appoint a temporary incumbent to said office.

3. The officers of the Alumni Association are authorized to appoint three (3) members of the Alumni Association to serve on a joint committee with such members as may be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the college for the purpose of choosing a new Alumni Secretary.

4. Any recommendations made by the committee, shall, if permitted by the procedure of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in filling such vacancy, be submitted to the Alumni Council for its approval, before being finally acted upon by said Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to the constitution may be submitted to the Association Executive Committee through a petition signed by ten (10) members of the Association or by the majority request of those present at any meeting of either the Alumni Council or the Annual meeting of the Association.

2. Amendments proposed shall be studied by an amendment committee composed of members of the Alumni Council appointed by the Association president. A report of the study shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council who shall approve or disapprove the amendment according to the study report. If the suggested amendments are approved they shall be published in the next edition of the "Wilkes Alumnus" or other official publications, with a brief summary of the merits and demerits.

3. Return postcards or forms for a mail vote shall be included with the proposed amendments. A signed vote on the return card or form postmarked no later than midnight, thirty (30) days after the mailing of the amendments shall be considered valid.

4. A favorable vote by two-thirds or more of those voting shall be required for approval.

SPORTSCOPE . . .

By TOM MORAN
Director of Public Relations

Exit Winter Sports

Like the young man's fancy which lightly turns to other things at the first sign of Spring, the sports world at Wilkes College has shifted its attention to the prospects of the coming Spring Sports program.

The Winter Sports program—which included basketball, wrestling and swimming—failed to offer anything in the way of outstanding achievement in the intercollegiate sports circles, but the results recorded by the trio of Colonel athletic teams were good.

The basketball team, under the guidance of George Ralston and Assistant Coach Tom Miller, wrote the final chapter to its 1948-49 cage season on March 8 when it bowed to a strong King's quintet by a 66 to 59 count in the latter school's Kingston gymnasium.

The loss gave the Colonels a season's record of 12 wins and six losses, which isn't a bad tally for about two and one-half months of court activity. If we wanted to dwell in the wonderful land of "ifs" it wouldn't be too difficult to figure out how close the club came to going through the entire season with only one or two defeats.

In every instance where the blue and gold quintet lost a contest, the misfortune took place in the final portion of the tilt. Against Hartwick College—the first defeat in a string of six—the Colonels led throughout the game until the final few minutes and then the Oneonta institution forged ahead. The first defeat set the pattern for the next five losses.

Wilkes College grappling team made an outstanding record in its third year of intercollegiate mat competition. Coached by Cromwell Thomas, the Wilkes matment collected five wins as compared to one loss. The only smear on the Colonels' record was administered by Millersville STC.

In its first season of swimming competition since before the war, Wilkes aquatic team won one and lost five. The victory was scored over Wyoming Seminary late in the season. Two tilts were dropped to University of Scranton and another duo of meets to Lyccming. The swimming team was coached by two student-coaches, Clayton Karambelas and Charlie Flack.

Individual scoring for the Wilkes College basketball team found Phil Sekerchak high man with 122 goals and 109 free throws for a total of 353 points or a total of 19.62 points per game.

Results:

| | G | G | F | Pts. | Ave. |
|-------------|----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Sekerchak | 18 | 122 | 109 | 353 | 19.62 |
| Piorkowski | 16 | 53 | 33 | 139 | 8.68 |
| Jackson | 17 | 47 | 34 | 128 | 7.52 |
| Swartwood | 15 | 48 | 8 | 104 | 6.93 |
| Dragon | 17 | 38 | 27 | 103 | 6.05 |
| Zlonkiewicz | 17 | 34 | 13 | 81 | 4.75 |
| Witek | 13 | 31 | 13 | 75 | 5.76 |
| Casper | 7 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0.86 |
| Snee | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0.20 |
| VonHiel | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |



Paul Zlonkiewicz reaches way up to drop another one in as the Colonels trounce Lyccming College. Other Wilkes eagers in the photo are Joe Piorkowski and Phil Sekerchak. The 1949 squad turned in an impressive record.

TOGETHER

The two marriages listed below took place some time ago, but because we just received the news and believe in the adage "Better Late Than Never" we are happy to congratulate.

Al Dervinis '46, who married Miss Marion Stocker in the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church of Collegeville, Pa. The wedding took place on June 12th of last year. Al was first business manager of the college annual, and at one time held the same position on the BEACON staff. At present he is working in the laboratory of a Philadelphia pharmaceutical company.

Bill Hannigan '44, who married Ruth Douglas '45 last March 30th. At present Mr. and Mrs. Hannigan reside in State College, Pa., where Bill is attending college.

Another Success

The annual Alumni Association Yuletide Ball was held December 28 in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

This semi-formal event was successful. Over one-hundred couples were in attendance to dance and reminisce from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Music for dancing was provided by the college dance orchestra of Reese Pelton.

One of the evening's highlights occurred when the senior class held a drawing for an Elgin wrist watch. Tom Moran, class president, announced the drawing and named Wesley Klesa '49 as winner. This event was the first embodied in a plan designed to promote closer relations between alumni and undergrads—the alumni of tomorrow.

The affair was cabaret-styled and this did a great deal towards promoting the congeniality that keyed the evening. It was interesting to note how many old friendships were revived. A great many out-of-town alumni, home for the holidays, were among the crowd that circulated amidst the college banners and ground pine that decorated the ballroom.

The dance committee was headed by president Danny Williams and general secretary Pelton and also included Ruth Tischler '44, Naomi Hons '49, June Owens '42, and Katherine Freund '42.



Wilkes Sponsors Theatre Conference

The first Eastern Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Theatre Conference, sponsored by the Cue 'N Curtain Club, was held March 12-13 on the Wilkes campus, with representatives of 16 state colleges attending. As a result of the meeting, the delegates voted to become charter members of an organization to be known as the College Theatre and Radio Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The consolidation of the drama groups into a permanent organization marks the first time in the history of the United States college theatre that such a movement has taken place.

The general aims of the organization are to stimulate interest in college theatre as a community asset, and to provide for community support of college theatre; to exchange information and ideas among member colleges; and to develop experimentation and explore new theatrical forms.

» * «



Note the happy expressions on these alumni! They're part of the record crowd that attended the annual Yuletide Ball. (See story).

Wilkes College ON THE AIR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
10:45 - 11:00 A. M.

Station WHWL

Nanticoke, Pa.

Broadcast from radio booth
located in Chase Hall

MUSIC
DRAMA
INTERVIEWS
CLUBS
ETC., ETC.

