

"But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated."

The Old Man & The Sea
—Hemingway

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CHRISTMAS FORMAL TONITE

DEBATERS TO JAW AT HALL OF FAME TOURNAMENT IN FIRST OUTING

By DORIS GATES

The Varsity Debating Team, with its coach, Dr. Kruger, will leave this afternoon to attend the Third Annual Hall of Fame Tournament sponsored by New York University. The Wilkes Affirmative Team consists of Roxy Reynolds and Sally Harvey, with Jimmy Neveras and Mike Lewis debating negatively. The intercollegiate debate topic this year is Resolved: That the Congress of the United States Should Adopt a Fair Employment Practices Program.

Senior Roxy Reynolds begins his second year of debating with a 14 and 5 record. Frosh Sally Harvey will be participating in her first varsity debate. West Hazleton's Jimmy Neveras, who teamed with Reynolds last year, brings a lot of valuable high school experience with him into intercollegiate circles. Rounding out the squad will be Mike Lewis, who won a varsity

position by his Performance at Temple's Novice Tournament last week.

The Hall of Fame Tournament is unique. In addition to four rounds of debating, panel discussions with leading authorities in the field of Fair Employment Practices legislation will be held to provide debaters with a constructive and informative approach to this vital problem.

WRESTLERS OPEN AT HOME TOMORROW; COURTLAND TO MEET COACH BLOKUS' BOYS

By JERRY ELIAS

This Saturday the Wilkes wrestling squad will make its opening debut of the year against Courtland. The team has been working out for the past three weeks and is in fairly good shape for this coming match.

It is interesting to note that of the candidates practicing 80 per cent are of last year's squad. Coach Blokus can't understand why in this area which is noted for its wrestling, there is such a small turnout of candidates for wrestling at Wilkes College.

Among the men wrestling, the spirit is high and the boys are really going about their work with a great deal of enthusiasm. Some of the old standouts are Joe Reyn-

olds, Bob Fay, Bill Foote, Bob Javer and Ed Pryce. These boys form the nucleus of this year's wrestling team.

Come and support the boys this Saturday when they gun for their first victory of the season. It should be an interesting meet to watch. So show a little school spirit and give Coach Blokus a feeling of security by turning out to see this meet. It is Saturday afternoon against the Courtland State Teachers. DON'T MISS IT!!!

ROOKIE DEBATERS CAN WIN TOO; TAKE SIX OUT OF EIGHT AT TEMPLE

By DORIS GATES

The Wilkes Novice Debating Team returned from the Temple Tournament last week with a fine record of six wins and two losses. Both the Affirmative Team of Sally Harvey and Pearl Onacko, and the Negative Team of Gene Scrudato and Mike Lewis won three out of four debates.

Pearl and Sally, both Freshmen, defeated Bucknell, George Washington, and Dickinson, while losing to Princeton. In the debate against George Washington U. Pearl was rated as best speaker. In that same debate, Sally's rebuttal was judged "superior". Other judges rated both girls equally high throughout the tournament.

Juniors Scrudato and Lewis were victorious over King's Point, Penn State and Fordham, losing only to undefeated Dartmouth. The Negative Team was also highly praised by the judges. In the Fordham debate, the judge commented that Gene had excellent knowledge of the subject. Of Mike Lewis debating against Penn State, the judge said, "I think this man is an excellent debater..."

Over 100 teams representing 60 eastern colleges participated in the tournament. According to Varsity debater Jim Neveras, who accompanied the team to Philadelphia, the caliber of the debating at Temple was exceptionally high.

Some people say the greatest fighter of all time was a man named Theagenes of ancient Greece, who fought around 484 B. C. He took part in 2102 fights and won them all by knockouts, killing 1,800 of his opponents.

FORMAL QUICKIE

Tickets to the Christmas Formal tonight are \$3.00 per couple. Can be had at the door, or from Millie Gittens in the Bookstore, or from Lettermen George McMahon, Don Tosh or Danny Pinkowski. Last minute tuxes may also be had.

NURSES TO TOSS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The newly organized Nursing Education Club will hold a Christmas Party on December 18, in the Cafeteria. All full or part-time nurses who attend classes on campus are invited. Admission is \$1.50 plus a 25c gift. Reservations can be made through Carol Stickler.

At a recent meeting the organization elected the following officers: President, Jerome Blasko; vice-president, Marie Baigus; secretary-treasurer, Catherin Goetzman. Also appointed were the following committee heads: Constitution, Vergil Smith; finance and nomination, Doris Jones; program and entertainment, Ruth Secherman.

Miss Ruth Jessee is the club adviser.

ISRAEL SCHOLARS NEED OLD TEXTS

Sincere students in the Hebrew University in Israel need college text books to work toward their goals. Most especially needed are technical books. We have an opportunity to help by giving texts we might refer to only seldom. If you will respond, call 2-6350 for your contribution to be called for Sunday morning, December 14.

The books are being collected by the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America. Also needed are literature books and novels for the American Agricultural Settlement in Israel.

Do not turn back when you are just at the goal.

SOCIAL SEASON'S CLIMAX FROM 9 TO 12 IN GYMNASIUM WITH MELTON'S ORCHESTRA

By WALT CHAPKO

Tonight a new star will bedeck the firmament. It will not be the star leading the Wise Men to Bethlehem, but the Colonels' Star, guiding all wise Colonels to the Wilkes College Lettermen's Club Annual Christmas Formal at the South Franklin Street Gymnasium. Followers of the magic beacon will be lured into the gaily garbed Gym by the heavenly music of Jack Melton's Orchestra. Upon presenting a green pasteboard with Christmas holly thereon, each Wilkesman and his lady will be treated to solid dancing music from 9 to 12, plus unique favors for the ladies and dreamy winter decorations.

Each year the Lettermen's Club treats all Colonels and friends to the annual Christmas Formal. The Formal has been the top social event of the winter season since the days when it was held at the Irem Temple Country Club. Since 1950, when the Formal was moved to the college gym, the Lettermen have sacrificed a huge "take" to give students a grand evening at a moderate cost. In saving money on the rental of a dance floor, the Lettermen are still giving you a romantic setting for a formal. Any intramural basketball player can testify that a crew of Lettermen invaded one corner of the Gym every night last week to create the elaborate decorations which will turn the usually drab muscle factory into a winter wonderland of

wintery Christmas scenes. No expense has been spared to create the proper atmosphere.

Any Colonel who has not been tapped on the shoulder by a numeral-wearing gentleman can still buy a couple ticket for \$3.00 from George McMahon, chairman of the Formal, or from any Letterman. Millie Gittens at the Book Store will get you a special price on a corsage.

The following committees have prepared for the Formal: Programs and Tickets, Joe Trosko, Ronald Fitzgerald, Al Wallace, Favors, Ed Edgerton, Jake Kovalchek; Decorations, Cled Rowlands, Russ Picton, Jim Hartman; Refreshments and Cloakroom, Frank Radaszewski, Hillard Kemp and Bill Clausen.

BEACON 'ATHLETE OF THE YEAR' NEXT WEEK; SPORTS STAFF HAS ROUGH CHOICE TO MAKE

Next week the Wilkes BEACON will reveal its second 'Athlete of the Year'. Selected by the members of the BEACON sports staff, the Athlete of the Year's name is placed on the huge silver cup in the Gymnasium and he is accorded all the graces that the newspaper can give him.

Also selected by the sports staff besides the 'Athlete of the Year' are ten honorable mentions.

Last year in its first choice of the school's top athlete the BEACON's sports writers found a limited choice of candidates. Though the picking of the top one was tough—it always is—it was only one man out of a few. This year in a pre-survey the staff has found not just a chosen circle of top stars, but a number of men eligible for the award. The wrestling, basketball, football, baseball, and winless

soccer teams have contributed a host of gentlemen to whom the honor 'Athlete of the Year' would not be an insult. It will be indeed rough for the penmen to pick out one. The are also figuring a difficult time on selecting ten runners-up.

The standards for the award, 'Athlete of the Year', were established last year by Sports Editor Paul Beers and his staff. Though the sports editor has changed, and so has the staff, the standards remain the same. The writers are loud in their choice that the athlete need not be the best player for Wilkes, that he need not set any records, that he need not captain a team, that he need not play more than one sport, or even that he need not play varsity. The writers are looking for the man that "has best represented Wilkes College on the sports field the past year." That standard covers a lot: sportsmanship, the earnest desire to play the game, hustle, ability, inspiration, ability to get along with his coach and teammates, and even whether he attends practice sessions regularly or not. With such a standard there will naturally generate much disagreement. This is why the sports staff has chosen ten honorable mentions, an attempt to give a little praise to everybody.

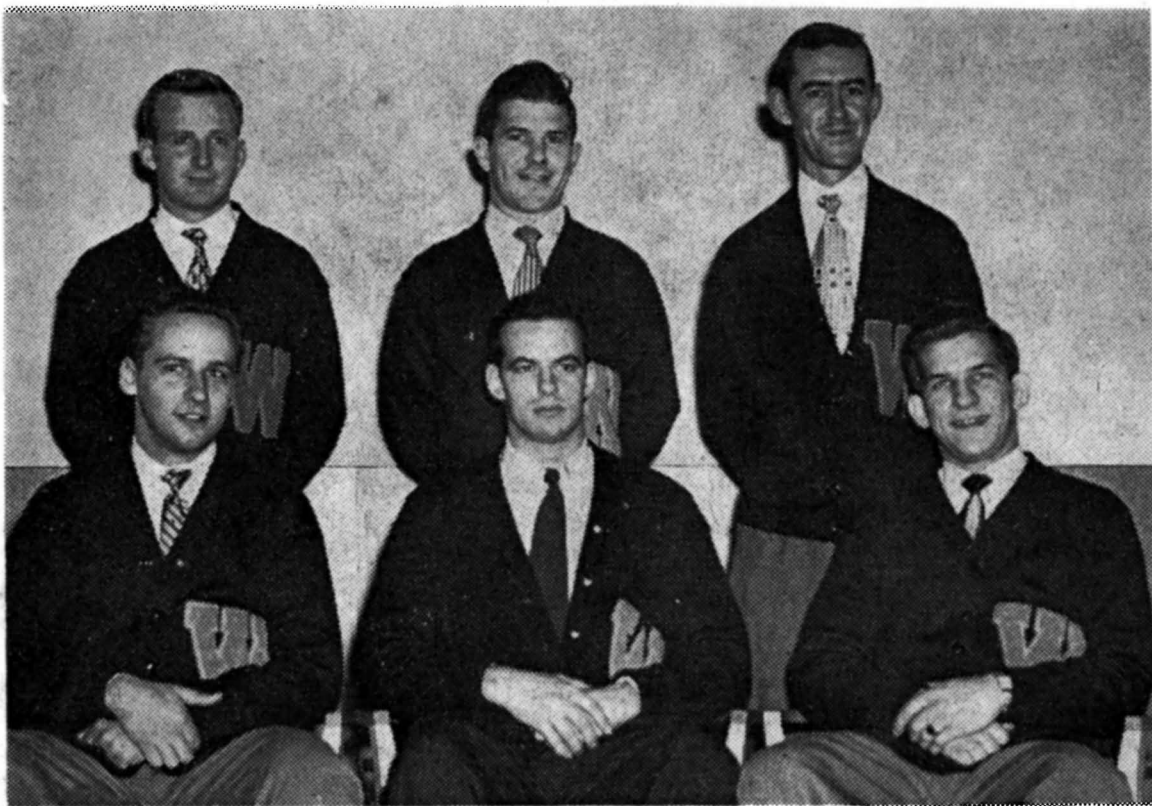
Last year's choice for 'Athlete of the Year' was Parker Petrillak.

BIG BEACON COMING...

Next week will be the big 6-page 'Athlete of the Year' issue of the BEACON. Don't miss it. Also therein will be 'Gloman and the Army'.

Due to its length, the paper probably won't hit campus until about 12:30.

LETTERMEN'S COMMITTEE



Pictured above are committee members of the Wilkes College Lettermen's Club. Seated, left to right are, Joseph Trosko, George McMahon and Albert Wallace. Standing, Donald Tosh, Hillard Kemp and Cled Rowlands.

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Editorially Speaking

LOSING MONEY IN STYLE

Every year around Christmas time the Lettermen's Club, in true St. Nick's spirit, tosses its annual Christmas Formal Dance. And every year the Lettermen lose their ears financially.

The wearers of the W, many of them good cold and hard C & F business men, are seemingly unaware that one of the general propositions of modern life states that when a thing won't work financially it won't any way. But every year the Club optimistically hustles and bustles through the dance and then ends up very much in the red. The Club also hustles and bustles through a semi-formal in the Spring; called the April Showers Ball. The Showers affair isn't as bad as the Formal, though. In April the Lettermen can usually figure to break even, though last year the burly brutes were able to entice some eighty-five couples into the unatmospheric Gym and still lose money.

With an established loss in the Formal and a break-even at best in the April Showers Ball, the Lettermen have been forced the last five years to run raffle drives to keep things solvent. At the year's end, after much decorating of gyms and selling of unwanted chance books, the Club is usually squared away financially with little or no cash in the kitty, but ready always to tread the same millpath the coming year.

The cold and hard business men with C & F majors in the Club and all the other cash-cuddling athletes are very conscious of the fact that the percentages in the social game they are playing are very slim indeed, so slim that any old broken-down Wall Street boy would tell them in no time short to pull out fast. But the athletes—and nobody likes his money like an athlete—keep playing every year. It is here that we must take our hats off to them.

Wilkes needs a formal. The Lettermen's Club, being a service organization, has seen the need and has given Wilkes a formal, with dollar signs not counting. In an effort to make the formal—always expensive deals anyway—available to everybody the Club has reduced tickets from \$4.00 to \$3.00, arranged reduced rates for corsages, and hustled up a nice deal for tuxs. Still, the Club knows that it will go in the red on the proposition.

So here then, gentle reader, is a feature a little different from the usual run of things in capitalistic America. There is a need and it has been met and to heck with the finances.

Friday the Wearers of the W, in their tuxs and shining very bright, will be losing money in style, real style.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Last week we received a letter, or plea, from King's College. At first we thought they were asking, or pleading, for ... but then ... Here's the letter for your enlightened benefit:

Exchange Editor:
PLEASE !!! put "THE CROWN" on your mailing list.
"THE CROWN"

A MATTER OF TASTE

Mention should be made somewhere in the BEACON of the attempt of the Economics Club to restore good movies to Wyoming Valley. Ever since the Little Arts Theater closed, the lovers of the finer films have had to either pay outrageous prices at special showings or be content to see westerns, murder movies, or what Hollywood passes off as dramatic productions at the local film houses.

Under the guidance of Leo Lesnick and Leo Kane, the Economics Club has decided to sponsor some of the better movies that can be had, the audience offering a donation to help cover the expenses. Last night "Miracle On 34th Street" was on the billing.

We congratulate the Economics Club for their activity and their tastes.

FOR INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL

Last week the IRC debated what to do with the money that they will receive from their Cabaret Party. A motion to buy Care packages was voted down, the Club voting instead to use it for more international good will conferences.

BEERS, editor,
Wilkes Beacon

THE BEACON'S BEAT

Mike Lewis walking into the empty Cafeteria, "Well, here's one place where I haven't any enemies."

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Heard after being measured for a letterman's sweater, Fat Jerry Elias to brother, Fat George Elias, "I don't know what size I take, but they used all the tape."

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Mr. Symonolewicz: "The great majority of actors and actresses are poor."

Voice from the back of the room: "Do you mean in acting ability or economically?"

Mr. Symonolewicz: "Both."

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Jane Carpenter: "My brother is going to be a wrestler. I'm teaching him the holds."

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Dr. Mailey: "A national party convention is a meeting of all the thieves."

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Big Swede Eckmeder, having seen in the newsreel that a Swedish doll won a worldwide bathing-suit beauty contest, has hopefully donned his Sweden button.

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In a sociology class last week Sheldon Snider was at his quotable best. Three times he modestly quoted himself.

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Navy movie in Assembly: "The atomic bomb is like a woman—deadly, and never under-estimate its power."

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Mr. Symonolewicz: "One of the differences between college in America and college in Europe is that the American students seems to be held closer to youthful things, while the European students goes in for politics and trends and riots."

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Solid Organization

Some of the campus' more distinguished writers have recently received a 5x8 card reading: "Yearbook Assignment, Name, Subject, Number of Words, and Deadline December 12."

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The BEACON's assistant editor, Gene Scrudato, was caught in a most awkward situation last week down at the Temple University Novice Debating Tournament. Debater Scrudato, an English major to the last, said before the large throng, "In reference to the first negative I have just two words to say, 'We fully agree.'" Mathless Gene further indicated his point by holding up two fingers.

The Beacon's Best

ALWAYS GOOD FOR A LAUGH

"What's the idea of stopping in the middle of Central Park?" came an indignant voice from the back of the cab.

"Didn't I hear the young lady holler 'Stop'?" said the taxi driver. Get on with it," said the voice. "She wasn't talking to you."

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An insurance salesman tells about a valuable wardrobe which his firm had insured for a client during a European trip. Upon reaching London, his client's wife cabled, "Gown lifted in London."

After due deliberation he sent his reply: "Madam, just what do you think our policy covers?"

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She was only a miner's daughter, but oh, what natural resources.

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Then there was the absent-minded professor who forgot to write a \$5 book to sell to his class.

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"I'm sorry," said the elevator girl, "did I stop too abruptly?"

"Oh, no," said the disgruntled passenger, "I always wear my pants down here."

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If you guys think that "evening" is the same as "night", we suggest that you note the effect it has on the gown.

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A publisher was dandling his pretty secretary on his lap one afternoon when the wife barged in unexpectedly. The publisher, with magnificent presence of mind, said, "And take this wire, Miss Forbes: Atlas Furniture Company. Gents: I don't want to hear any more about critical shortages. I simply cannot continue to maintain my office efficiently with only one chair."

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Youth must be served then carried out.

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Two Wilkes-Barre cats were strolling down Broadway and stopped to study the huge nude statues at the waterfall above the Bond store. "Them crazy cats are still waiting to be fitted," one remarked.

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An unhappy Rumanian was shuffling down a Bucharest street muttering to himself, "Those dirty, rotten, stinking, low-down, no-good so-and-sos."

A heavy hand fell on his shoulder. "Come along," said the minion of the secret police. "You are under arrest for treasonable utterances against the authorities."

"The authorities!" cried the indignant citizen. "Why, I never even mentioned them!"

"No", said the policeman, "but you described them perfectly."

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A WISE GUY'S WEBSTER'S

Modern—a word often used to justify what has no other merit.

Old Maid—an over-ripe spinster who waited so long for her ship to come in that the pier collapsed.

Marriage—a lull between lawyers.

Movies—where people talk behind your back.

Moron—that which in wintertime people wouldn't have so many colds if they'd put.

Metaphysician—one who, when you remark that twice two makes four, demands to know what you mean by twice, what by two, what by makes, and what by four. For asking such questions metaphysicians are supported in oriental luxury in the universities, and respected as educated and intelligent men.—H. L. Mencken

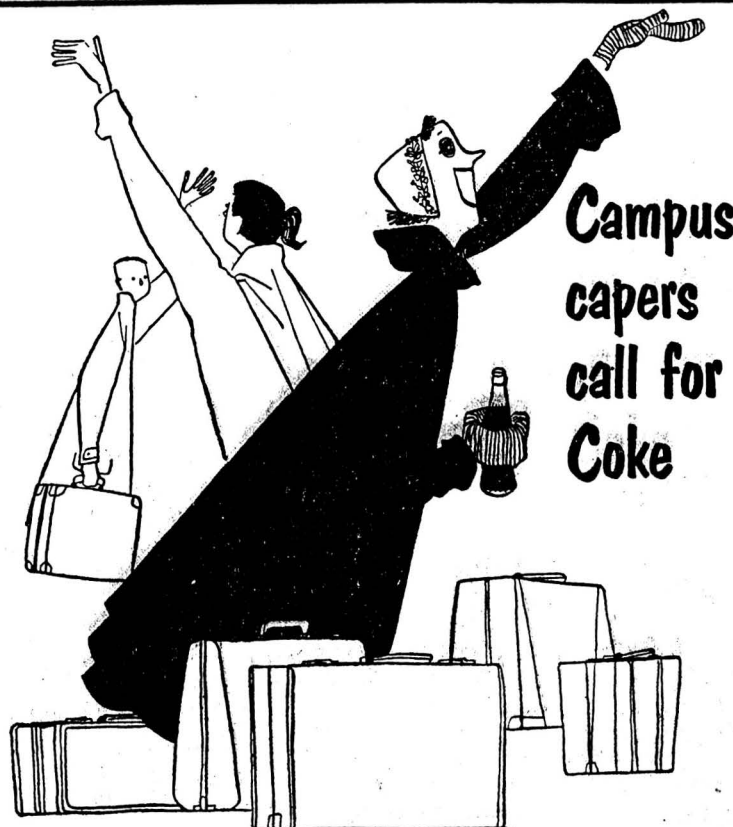
True Musician—when he hears a lady singing in the bath, he puts his ear to the keyhole.

Second Marriage—the triumph of hope over experience.—Samuel Johnson

Morality—the best of all devices for leading mankind by the nose.—Nietzsche

Model—slang for having a telephone.

Married Couple—two people who sit in the balcony at a movie because they want to smoke.



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Hoopsters Open At Home Saturday At 9:00

CLUB HAS 1-2 RECORD, BUT LOOKS HOT; BATRONEY LEADS 96-63 WIN OVER HARPUR

By CHARLES WHITE

After three road trips the Wilkes Colonels will return to the Franklin Street Gym to play host to East Stroudsburg. If you can remember, East Stroudsburg is the team that Wilkes split with last year. The important thing about the game last season was the fact that in beating East Stroudsburg at home set a major record in completing 24 fouls out of 24. It seems that Wilkes has always been sharp on the foul line. Last year they made 73 per cent of their foul shots. This season the Colonels have made 21 out of 35 at Ithaca, 23 out of 30 at Lycoming, and 22 out of 33 at Harpur for a total of 66 out of 98 which is 68.4 per cent. The Colonels record to date is one win and two losses. The team lost its first game to Ithaca by a score of 67-63.

Last Saturday night the team traveled to Williamsport to play Lycoming College and Wilkes really gave them a run. At one time Lycoming held an 18 point advantage, but the hustle of the Colonels brought them right back into the ballgame. The final score was 93-91 in favor of Lycoming. The score indicates that Wilkes lost, but the team really gained something in that they found out that they're in a position to win a lot of ball games this year. Wilkes started off slow and gradually gained momentum. At the beginning of the last quarter Lycoming was leading by 12 points. In the fourth quarter Wilkes ran the Williamsport team right off the court by collecting 33 points against Lycoming's 23. When the final whistle blew Wilkes was shy by 2 points. Coach Ralston said that the boys played a terrific ball game, but that they had to improve their defense. Any team that scores 93 points against you is going to win a good percentage of their games.

Monday the team worked on defense and from the indications of Tuesday's game at Endicott they really improved. Wilkes took the measure of Harpur College by a score of 96-63. Len Batronev was top scorer with 27 points. Norm Gates picked up where injured Marsh Karesky left off by scoring 10 points. Joe Sikora also dented the double figures by scoring 10 points.

The reserve system that Coach Ralston has this year seems to be paying off. The two games that were lost were by a total of six points.

Wilkes is looking for another win on Saturday night against E. Stroudsburg STC. This will be the first home game. It is slated to start at 8:30 p. m.

Support the home team! Come out and cheer the fellow to their second straight victory!

INTRAMURALS OPEN; MOSS HIGH SCORER

By BULL GORSKI

This year the intramural basketball league is made up of ten teams. The Missing Links, who won the championship last year, and the strongest contenders for the championship. In the first round of games the Missing Links downed the IRC 68-28; the Bio-Chem A team beat the Begels 72-27; the Hornets squeezed by the Shawnee Indians 35-33; the Bar Rags won over the Bio-Chem B team 26-16, and the Club 20 outplayed the Ashley A's 32-20. Jim Moss was the high scorer for the first week of play with 26 points.

The sports fan might appreciate the weekly results more if he knew a little background of each team. The Bio-Chem teams and the IRC team are composed of members of the Biology, Chemistry, and IRC clubs. The Ashley A's are the dormitory boys from Ashley Hall. The Bar Rags are the football players. The Club 20 is an informal literary discussion group; the Missing Links, Hornets, Shawnee Indians, and the Begels are independent outfits.

Students and friends are admitted free to the games.

GAMBLING SPIRIT DOWN AT T. D. R.

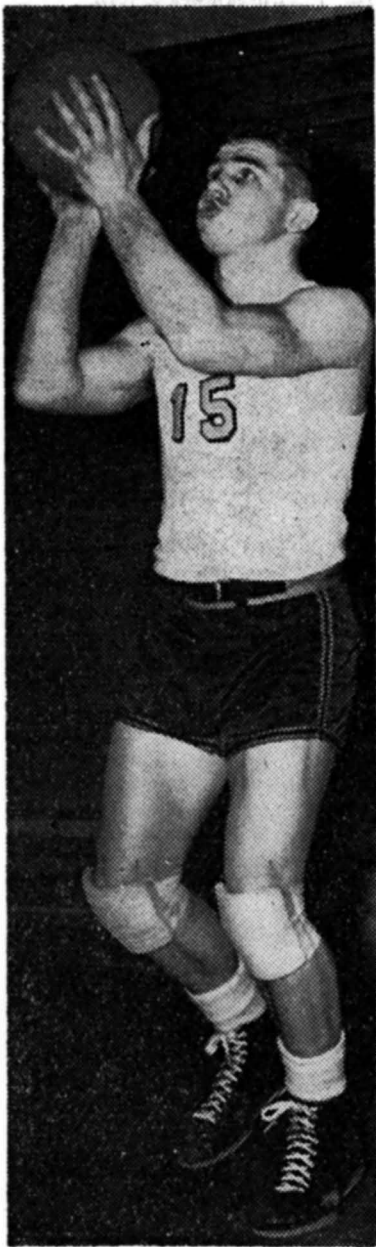
There seemed to be a general lack of student interest in the TDR Card Party last Friday evening, although the weather and the senior dance may have been contributing factors. Elaine Nesbitt, general chairman of the affair, wishes to thank the faculty for their fine co-operation and attendance at the party. Prizes were won by Mrs. Bastress, Miss Bone, Mrs. Mailey, and Helen Brown.

On Tuesday, December 16, at 6 p. m. Theta Delta Rho will hold its annual Christmas Buffet in the Cafeteria. Mrs. Nada Vujica has been chosen to speak at the buffet. She will speak concerning "Christmas Customs in Europe". A list of foods needed for the affair has been posted in the Girls' lounge; twenty-five cent gifts will also be exchanged. Nancy Boston, general chairman, has announced the following committees:

House, Ann Azat, chairman; Alice Green, Helen Brown, Diane Lewis, Betty Parra, Mary Pomictier and Dolores Ostrowski. Refreshment, Carol Jones, chairman; Denah Fleisher, Theresa Cionzynski, Nancy Hanny and Nancy Batcheler. Publicity, Elizabeth McQuilken, Margaret Luty and Sally Harvey. Entertainment, Ellen Hoppe, chairman, and Carol Walling. Gift, Elaine Bogan, chairman, and Marilyn Peeler. Clean-up, Myra Kornzweig, chairman; Jackie Jenkins, Jeannette Perrins, Lois Long and Joan Knops.

Honesty is the best policy.

EASY EDDIE



EDDIE DAVIS

Triple-sport man Eddie Davis has made his best showing in basketball. A fine passing quarterback in football and a nice long-ball hitter in baseball, nevertheless the chubby, five-foot-tener has looked best of all in basketball, a game designed specifically for bigger and less muscularly built boys.

Over the past two years the junior from Plymouth has not only played stellar basketball, but has also put a few nice marks in the books. In his freshman year Eddie tallied 295 points, a fair average of 11.8 per game. Babes, as he is sometimes called, looked good in the big ones—18, 11, and a slump of 6 points in the three King's games that year.

Last year Eddie improved his standing, though he was forced to miss half the season because of a football injury. Eddie scored 154 points, but upped his average to 14.4, right behind Batronev's 19.09.

Davis' class as a hoopster comes in his calmness, something that has amazed more than one Colonel fan. The former All-Scholastic from Plymouth does nothing in a rush or a panic, thus only Eddie Davis can effect a steal and a freeze in the closing minutes to beat King's the one time that we did in our last five attempts. Eddie's next biggest assets are his nice set shot and his cool floorwork.

This season Babes should be better than ever.

Psychology Club Buzzing and Meeting

The Psychology Club had its third meeting on Tuesday, December 9. Most of the time was taken up in putting the final touches on our first Seminar, which will be held tomorrow. Invitations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Symonolewicz. Mr. Joe Kanner and Dr. Dominguez will preside over the Seminar. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kanner for the use of their home. The discussion will be primarily on carriers of Psychology. But we are looking forward to discussions on other topics.

A report was given by Dave Minasian on a meeting that he and our president, Bob Cooper, attended in Scranton last Monday. Dr.

DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS, Sports Editor

GOOD SPIRIT PAYING OFF

The cage Colonels have undergone a rough time thus far in the young season, but have come up with what looks like the best team to represent Wilkes in some time. Losing the first two games is a tough way to begin any season, but when those games are so close that they could have gone either way and were lost by an average of only three points, the situation becomes just a little disheartening. But, the Wilkes squad hasn't become disheartened in the least. The 96 points they poured through the hoops against Harpur the other night shows that the team is as spirited as any we've yet had at this school. Even the loss of high-scoring MARSH KARESKY couldn't stop the Ralston-men as they rolled to one of the highest scores of the year so far, and they could easily have topped the century mark had not Coach George Ralston prevented them from doing so. Incidentally, Marsh is on the mend from a torn knee suffered in the Lycoming game. At the time of his injury, he was the Colonels leading tosser. LENNY BATRONEY and EDDIE DAVIS are going strong again this year and as a whole the rest of the team is shaping up well. JIMMY ATHERTON seems as though he can't miss on the set shots for which he is so highly regarded and his drive-ins have improved considerably. Jim is rounding into fine form after a slow start caused by a badly banged-up knee. Also looking good are JOE SIKORA, who hit for the double figures in the Harpur game. NORM GATES, sophomore basketball rookie, and ever hustling ACE WENGYN. BOBBY HELTZEL is showing plenty of drive, too, and on the whole it looks like the oldtimers have started pouring it on with a mind to keeping their jobs from the mighty promising frosh, DEAN MALKEMES, JIM FERRIS, FRANK KOPICKI, CHARLES WHITE and the like.

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JAMMED HOUSE EXPECTED AT GYM TOMORROW

The Wilkes gym will be a bee hive of activity all this week-end starting tonight. Tonight, of course, the Lettermen are throwing their annual Christmas Formal, which should, from all indications, be the best ever. Tomorrow afternoon, the Wilkes wrestling team, under the helm of the new COACH LOU BLOCKUS for the first time, will grapple Cortland (New York) State Teachers College. In their first meet of the year, a tuneup for the Wilkes Open Championships slated for December 29 and 30. Then, tomorrow night, the roof comes off ye olde gymnasium. We're not quite sure as yet, but there will be either four or five basketball games on the card, which will see Coaches GEORGE RALSTON and BILL MOCK strut their Colonel quintet before hometown fans for the first time this season. The Junior Varsity, one of the strongest JV teams ever, will also see action. Then, there is another feature attraction in which Plymouth High School's five, one of the perennially top scholastic cage teams in this part of the state, will tackle West Hazleton High, another hoop powerhouse. There will also be a jayvee game between the two schools. There may be an additional game, since an Air Force Base team from Long Island is slated to come to meet our jayvee team on the same date. Four or five games, it certainly will be a bargain bill if there ever was one. The fact that it will be the 1952-53 home season opener for the flashy Colonels and a natural between Plymouth and West Hazleton, makes college officials anticipate a sell-out throng. Our advice is to get there early for the wrestling meet and bring a supper with you. That way, you'll be sure of getting a seat.

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THIS 'N' THAT FROM HERE 'N' THERE

HOWARD DUNCAN, popular dorm student, back after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his folks at Longbranch, N. J., tells us that JOHN FLORKIEWICZ, one time Wilkes All-Stater and assistant Colonel grid coach, guided his Longbranch J. V. team to an undefeated, unscored-upon season in his first year as a head coach. Florky's boys allowed only one team to cross the fifty yard line and that was only once—down to the five yard line, where it was stopped short. John is said to have created a very favorable impression (understandably) in his initial term at Longbranch.

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NO OPPONENTS ON LITTLE A-A TEAM

An interesting item from BOB PATTON, Sports Ed of the Wilkes-Barre Record, gives added significance to the selection of Picton and Elias to honorable mention on the Little All-American Team by the AP. According to Bob, not one member of any of the eight teams which Wilkes faced last fall was mentioned in the voting. When you think of the caliber of many of the outstanding players that the Colonels faced, you have to think in turn, our boys were pretty darn good....

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Wilkes College has taken over full sponsorship of the Christmas Holiday wrestling tournament which is held in Wilkes-Barre every year and which was formerly sponsored by the Central YMCA here. Last year it was held at the Wilkes gym and drew the plaudits of every wrestling coach and official that attended. This year the meet, which is growing into one of the East's top wrestling tournaments, will be known as the Wilkes College Eastern Open Wrestling Championships. It will see teams from almost every major wrestling power in the eastern half of the United States represented and is set for December 29 and 30.

Ethel Applefeld, Anthropologist from NYU and the New School, Dr. Katz, Psychologist from N. Y., and Dr. Mark Vosk, of the American Jewish Federation, were on the board of discussion. The Forum was on racial prejudices and was held by the Scranton Psychiatric Center at Hotel Casey. The discussion was very interesting and informative. A movie called "The High Wall" was also shown. Then a buzz session concluded the program. Time did not permit a report to

be given on the British Psychology Associations award to the motion picture "The Back Room". It will be given at our next meeting Tuesday, December 16 at 11, at Ashley Annex. Everyone is invited to attend.



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THIS 'N' THAT...

by ludwig

Hi,
I love these Tuesday mornings. No classes until 1:00. This is the morning that I'm supposed to do all the things that I put off last night. What do I do? Well, this morning I went down to the barber shop and read the latest Esquire. I have made a brilliant observation—the Wilkes College Library does not subscribe to this magazine. Heck, from what I've noticed, the stories in World Lit are worse than the girls in Esquire. You can take that either way you want.

To Formal? I'm going to be there. Are you? For the fellows' information, if you ask somebody today, I might suggest a football helmet for protection. You might get some interesting answers though.

I hear that one of our young professors is going to get married this month. Well, good. Maybe after this we can get back to work. Give him a few months to cool off.

Hey, Godfrey just came off with a joke. A freshman in college sent her mother a wire, "Have met a boy and each time I've worn a new dress. My supply is depleted and I

need \$50.00 Mother sent back, "I suggest you get a new boy and start over." Do we have girls like that around here? I've got news for them—it's not the dress that makes the girl.

Father to mother crying at the wedding, "Don't look at it as though we're losing a daughter. Look at it as though we're gaining a bathroom."

I've finally figured out why they cry at the wedding in that popular song. She didn't have a wedding dress. Remember, "She walked down the aisle wearing a smile."

Oh, well, so long.

CLAUSEN AMNICOLA BUSINESS MANAGER

The Publications Committee of Wilkes College announced, this week, the appointment of William Clausen as business manager of the yearbook. Bill is a graduate of Berwick High School. At Wilkes College he is a senior and is pursuing a Commerce and Finance course. Bill has had no previous training as manager of any publication, but has earned his position by selling ads for the yearbook. It was due to his fine work that Bill has received the managership.

Speak not rather than speak ill.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- Dec. 13—Basketball, Plymouth vs. Hazleton; Wilkes vs. Stroudsburg, home
Wrestling, Courtland, home
Student Council Dance
Dec. 15—Intramurals 7-10
Dec. 16—Christmas Buffet, T.D.R., Cafeteria
Basketball, Susquehanna, away
Intramurals 6-10
Dec. 17—Basketball, Kutztown at home
Wrestling, Swarthmore, home
Dec. 18—Assembly
Xmas Party, Sterling Hall
Intramurals 7-10
Nurses Dinner
Dec. 19—Biology Club Xmas Party
Faculty Dinner
Xmas Vacation begins at Noon
Dec. 26 to 31—College Wrestling, Wilkes College Open Tourney
Jan. 5—Xmas Vacation ends, at Noon

Notice To February Graduates

Candidates must be present to accept degree or certificate. Emergencies preventing such attendance must be explained to one of the deans who will issue a permit for granting the degree in absentia.

\$5000 AWAITS SOME ENERGETIC SENIORS

On December 31 the best essay writer on the subject "The Meaning of Academic Freedom" will receive \$2500 from the National Council of Jewish Women, Inc. Second prize is \$1000, third, fourth, and fifth prizes \$500 each.

The contest is limited to seniors only.

Judges of this nation-wide contest are Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Nobel peace prize winner, and other first-rate men of intellectual America.

Rules and entry certificates for the contest are available from the National Council of Jewish Women, 1 West 47th St., New York 36, N. Y.

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ATTENTION!

Cue 'n' Curtain is holding its annual Christmas Party Monday, December 15, in Chase Theater. All members who wish to attend are requested to give their donation of 60 cents to general chairman Ann Azat, or Marge Luty. They are also requested to sign the list on the bulletin board.

FOUND

One Letterman's sweater in the Ladies Room on the second floor of the Library. The sweater which has the initials of P. B. B., can be claimed in the girls' lounge, Chase Hall.

Associate editor's note: Any similarity between the initials mentioned above and those of the 'Beacon' editor-in-chief is purely coincidental... we hope.

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