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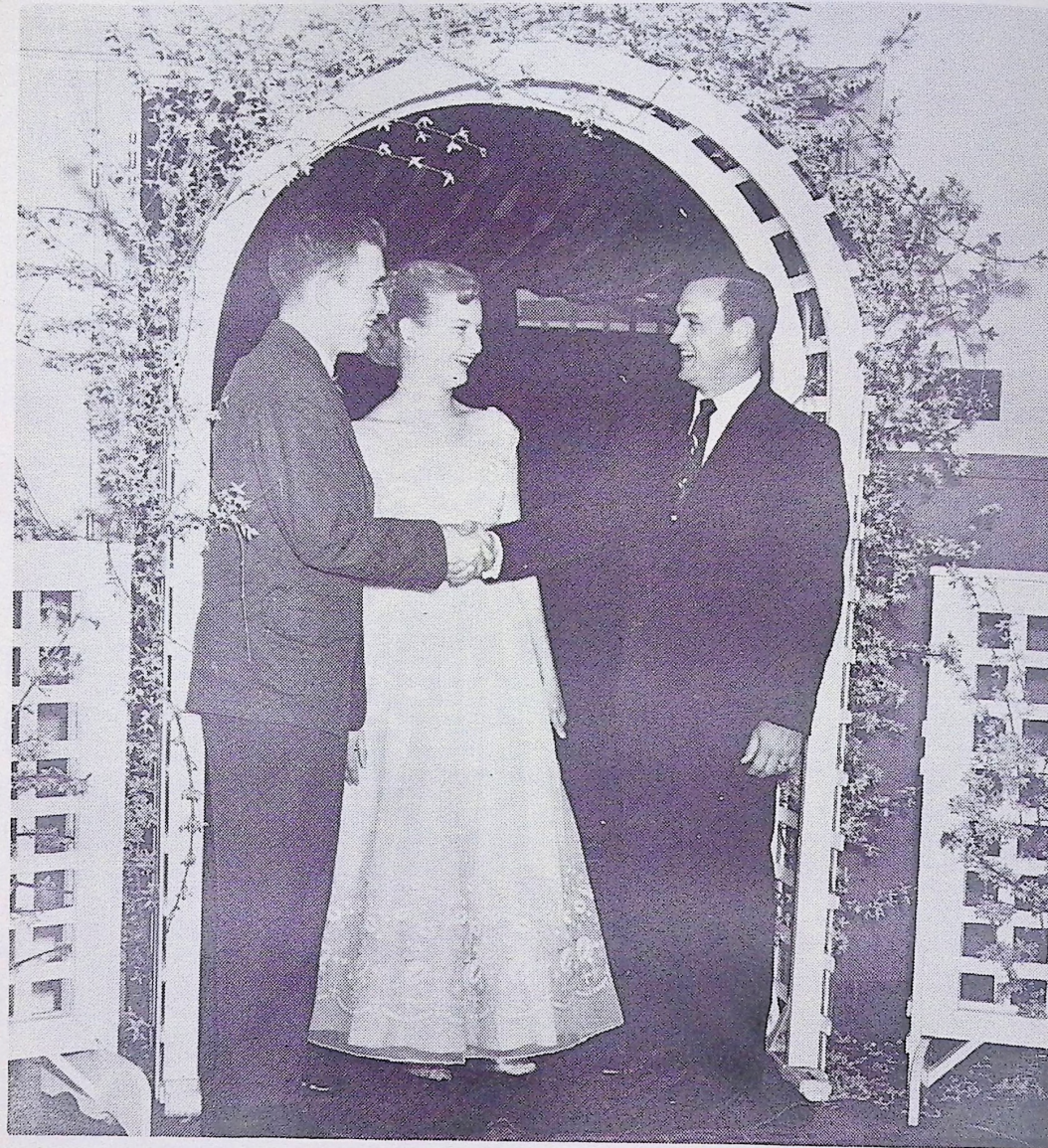
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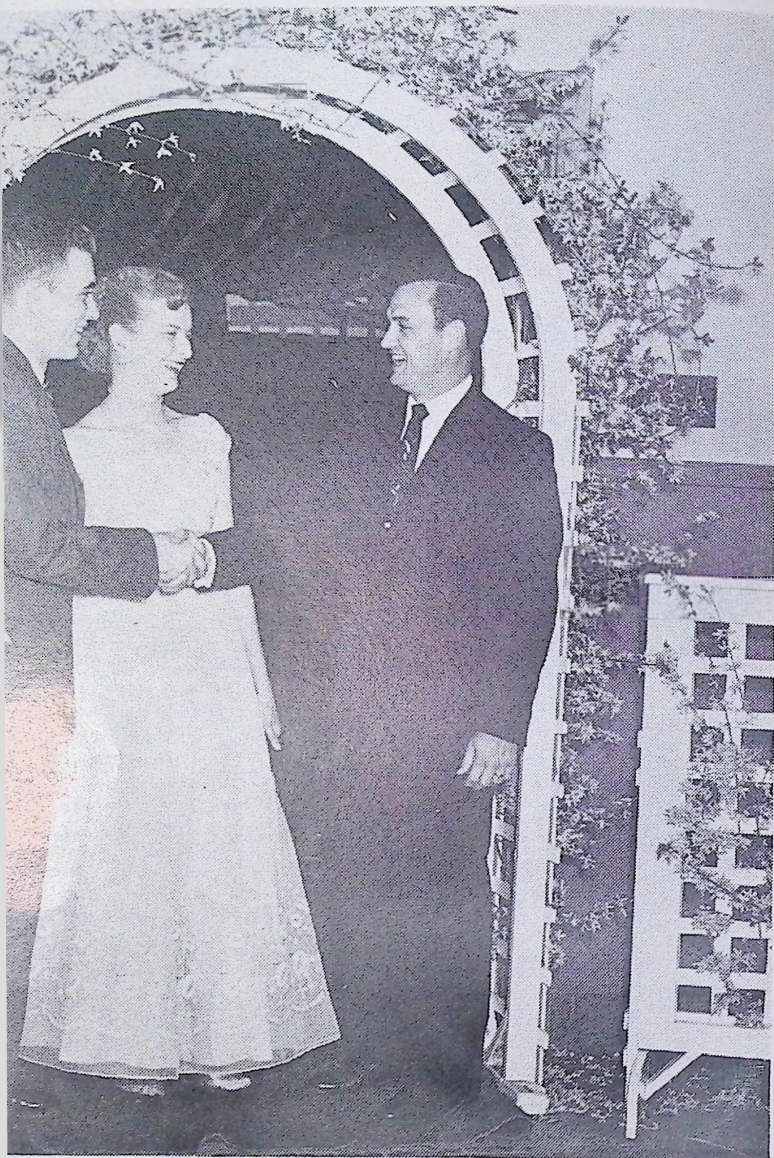
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College Opens First Drive For Funds Among Members Of Alumni Association

Brochures and letters sent out recently from the college and presidents of the past classes at Wilkes College informed members of the Alumni Association of the first fund-raising drive aimed at former graduates.

In a related announcement recently, Welton G. Farrar, director of development at the college, stated that henceforth the alumni would not be required to pay dues to the association.

Farrar's statement to the officers of the Alumni Association read:

"Nineteen fifty - five, as you all know by this time, marks the beginning year for annual alumni fund raising efforts at Wilkes. Like all the other colleges conducting similar campaigns, we are concerned with what appears to be a multiplicity of requests for funds.

"Many of the older colleges found themselves asking their alumni for dues, payments for the alumni publication, and later on, contributions to assist in the operation of the colleges. In many cases this duplication caused confusion and less total revenue for the colleges. Those colleges which are now setting the pace in good relationships with their alumni ceased these overlapping requests some time ago and are consolidating all fund raising efforts involving the alumni into one drive.

"Such will be the case with Wilkes and its alumni beginning next year. You have always received the alumni publication at no cost. From now on there will be no payment of dues for alumni membership to the college. There will be, as there has been this year, an alumni appeal. From the numerous opinions expressed by alumni, we gather that this is a step in the right direction."



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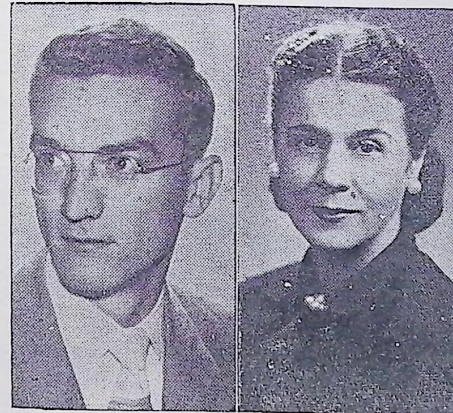
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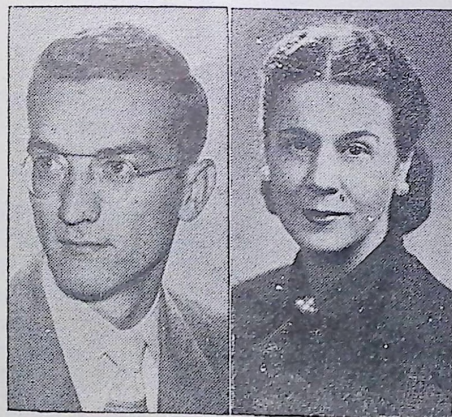
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Fred M. Hechinger, distinguished education editor of the New York Herald Tribune, will be the speaker at the commencement on Monday evening, June 5, at the Wilkes College gymnasium.

The 1955 graduating class will hear a man who has gained an outstanding reputation in the field of education and journalism.

Mr. Hechinger has worked on such newspapers as "The Times" of London, the Bridgeport (Conn.) Herald and the Washington Post. He is a contributor to This Week magazine and the Saturday Review.

A contributor to the Herald Tribune for many years, Mr. Hechinger joined the staff as Education Editor in May, 1950.

He believes that the field of education can be better served and understood if it is constantly viewed in the wider context of the world as a whole. That is why he writes of education as a vital and integral part of our society, a part of — and never apart from — contemporary social, political and economic conditions.



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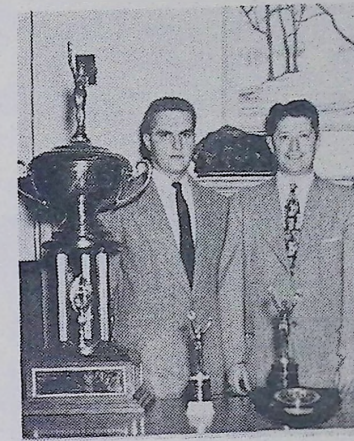
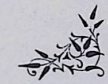
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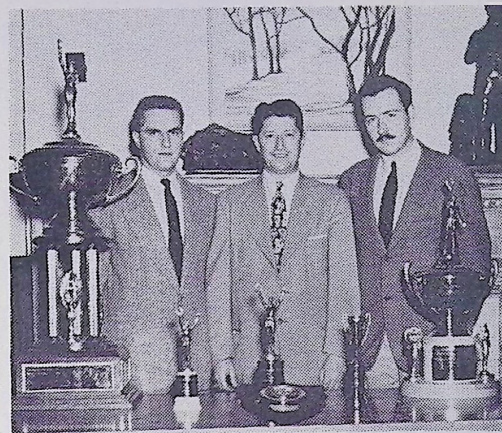
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On February 4-5 once again two Wilkes squads journeyed to two different tournaments. The experienced two-man team of Neveras and Flannery, debating both sides of the national question on the recognition of Communist China, won the Johns-Hopkins Invitational Tournament at Baltimore, defeating Princeton in the final round. Once again Flannery was first speaker and Neveras third. For their achievement they not only won trophies, certificates of excellence, and an extensive coverage in the press but were also singled out by Congressman Dan Flood in a speech made in the Congress of the United States. Meanwhile the novices were holding their own at the varsity Tau Kappa Alpha Tournament held at NYU by winning 5 out of 8 debates.

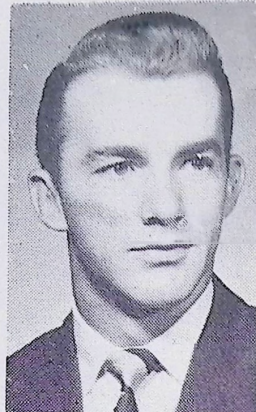
On February 24-25 came the one spot of gloom in an otherwise bright season. With two two-man teams competing in the Dartmouth Tournament at Hanover, N.H., Wilkes was able to salvage only 4 out of 12 debates. By way of consolation Flannery won the extemporaneous speaking contest, beating out Herzl Spiro of Vermont, the defending New England champion. This was the second time he had edged out Spiro, having done so at the Boston Tour-

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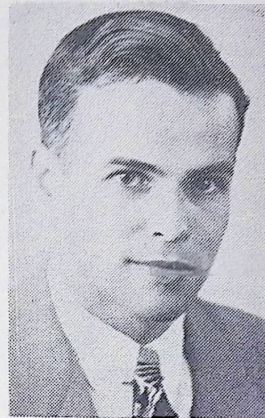
Ralston, Reese and Elliot Key Figures In Administration Changes At College



George F. Ralston



John Reese



George Elliot

Two familiar faces on the Wilkes campus—George F. Ralston and Robert Partridge—will be absent next year.

Ralston is taking a year's leave of absence to complete work on his doctorate at Columbia University, while Partridge has accepted a teaching position at Kent School for Boys in Connecticut.

The scheduled departure of the two prominent athletic officials at the college left many posts to be reassigned.

Filling the football post will be Russell Picton, former Colonel and Marine grid star. Picton, who will also handle the executive secretary post for the Alumni Association, was a popular choice to replace Ralston. The two men worked together during the past year on the grid-iron and have basically the same system of coaching.

The basketball coaching post, vacated by Ralston, has not as yet been filled, but George Elliot, a member of the Economics Department at Wilkes for the past seven years, will be the new dean of men.

An assignment to the post of director of athletics has not as yet been made.

John Reese, Kingston High School teacher, who has been handling the Wilkes wrestling team for the past two years, will move to the campus on a fulltime basis to take over Partridge's duties as physical education director and coach of baseball and soccer.



Robert Partridge

Luetzel Resigns As Alumni President; Honeywell, Vice President, Takes Top Post

The Wilkes College Alumni Association has a new president—Donald L. Honeywell—as a result of the resignation of William Luetzel.

Luetzel resigned from his post after accepting employment outside of Wyoming Valley. Honeywell, who previously became vice president when Joseph Donnelly vacated the position, moves into the top spot.

It was only a little more than a year ago that Luetzel became president to fill out the unexpired term of Daniel Williams, who, strangely enough, left the post because of new employment.

Honeywell, a member of the 1949 class, was president of the Alumni Association in 1950.

Luetzel, in a letter to members, wrote:

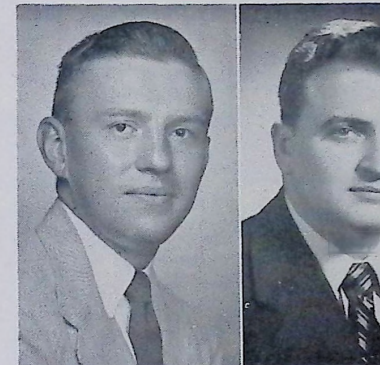
"Today I regretfully submitted a letter of resignation as President of the Wilkes College Alumni Association to your Alumni Secretary, Mr. Tom Moran. My new job will necessitate moving out of Wyoming Valley as many other people have had to do. Since such a letter does not seem an appropriate vehicle, I am writing this message to acquaint you with the present status of our organization's activities and to express a few personal remarks.

"Since their election as vice-president and treasurer respectively of the Association, Messrs. Joseph Donnelly and James Richardson have submitted their resignations because their work has demanded an out-of-town residency. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Donald Honeywell as my new vice-president, and consequently, my successor. Considering his fine service, varied experience and popular following in the Association, I am confident I am leaving the organization in good hands. As yet a new treasurer has not been appointed. The new appointee's name will be announced shortly, however.

"Plans have already been initiated for our Senior Reception, Homecoming, and the Christmas Dance. Messrs. Raymond Jacobs, Gifford Cappellini, and Jack Kloeber are the respective chairmen. I hope you will give them your loyal support.

"I feel that I should make some comments upon Alumni support. It still is not what it could be. Please bear in mind that our organization is only as strong as the combined efforts of all the alumni of Wilkes College.

"In 1954 your officers tried to make it more apparent than ever to all the alumni that each and every alumnus was considered an integral part of the organization. We urged everyone to come to our meetings, to serve on our committees, and/or to help us in any way he could. Considering the response we felt we had achieved a fairly high degree



William Luetzel

Donald L. Honeywell

of success. However, there is a great deal yet. To maintain a high level of activity, officers and the Association need your constant given spontaneously by each of you.

"Keeping a constantly up-to-date file is very difficult. Our alumni office is reaching a point of operation where we shall have a full time secretary and staff working with the College. I regret to inform you that Tom Moran is leaving his office as Alumni Secretary. I am pleased to announce that Picton, another alumnus to many of us, will assume full-time duties in the same capacity.

"Nevertheless, no matter how much help we receive from the College, it is up to the Alumni to carry forward to help us. The people in the Wyoming Valley area have a particular responsibility in this regard. Until our Association can reach the stage of development achieved by the Alumni Association of the older and larger institutions, the Wyoming Valley chapter is charged with the task of acting in the best interest of the Association. This is not to eliminate representation by other chapters, but instead indicates an expedient action demanded to approve and to execute a course of action deemed advisable in the best interest of the Association.

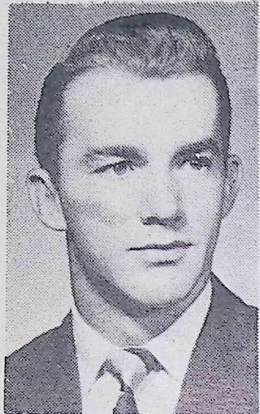
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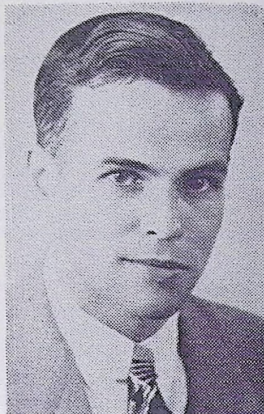
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Luetzel resigned from his post after accepting employment outside of Wyoming Valley. Honeywell, who previously became vice president when Joseph Donnelly vacated the position, moves into the top spot.

It was only a little more than a year ago that Luetzel became president to fill out the unexpired term of Daniel Williams, who, strangely enough, left the post because of new employment.

Honeywell, a member of the 1949 class, was president of the Alumni Association in 1950.

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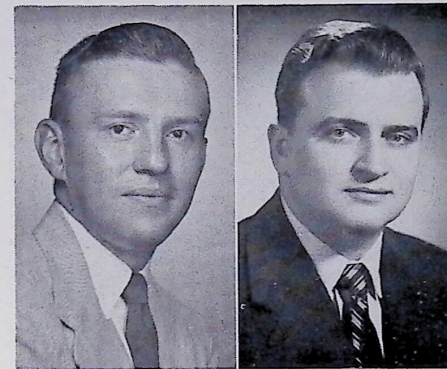
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"Since their election as vice-president and treasurer respectively of the Association, Messrs. Joseph Donnelly and James Richardson have submitted their resignations because their work has demanded an out-of-town residency. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Donald Honeywell as my new vice-president, and consequently, my successor. Considering his fine service, varied experience and popular following in the Association, I am confident I am leaving the organization in good hands. As yet a new treasurer has not been appointed. The new appointee's name will be announced shortly, however.

"Plans have already been initiated for our Senior Reception, Homecoming, and the Christmas Dance. Messrs. Raymond Jacobs, Gifford Cappellini, and Jack Kloeber are the respective chairmen. I hope you will give them your loyal support.

"I feel that I should make some comments upon Alumni support. It still is not what it could be. Please bear in mind that our organization is only as strong as the combined efforts of all the alumni of Wilkes College.

"In 1954 your officers tried to make it more apparent than ever to all the alumni that each and every alumnus was considered an integral part of the organization. We urged everyone to come to our meetings, to serve on our committees, and/or to help us in any way he could. Considering the response we felt we had achieved a fairly high degree



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of success. However, there is a great deal to be done yet. To maintain a high level of activity, your officers and the Association need your constant support given spontaneously by each of you.

"Keeping a constantly up-to-date file on everyone is very difficult. Our alumni office is soon to reach a point of operation where we shall have a full time secretary and staff working with us at the College. I regret to inform you that Tom Moran will be leaving his office as Alumni Secretary, but pleased to announce that Picton, another alumnus known to many of us, will assume full-time duties in the same capacity.

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"I fervently hope that each and everyone of you will assume your responsibility by personally engaging in the Association's activities and projects. In this way only can your officers and their committees learn of your wishes regarding Association policy and activity and to carry these objectives to their fulfillment.

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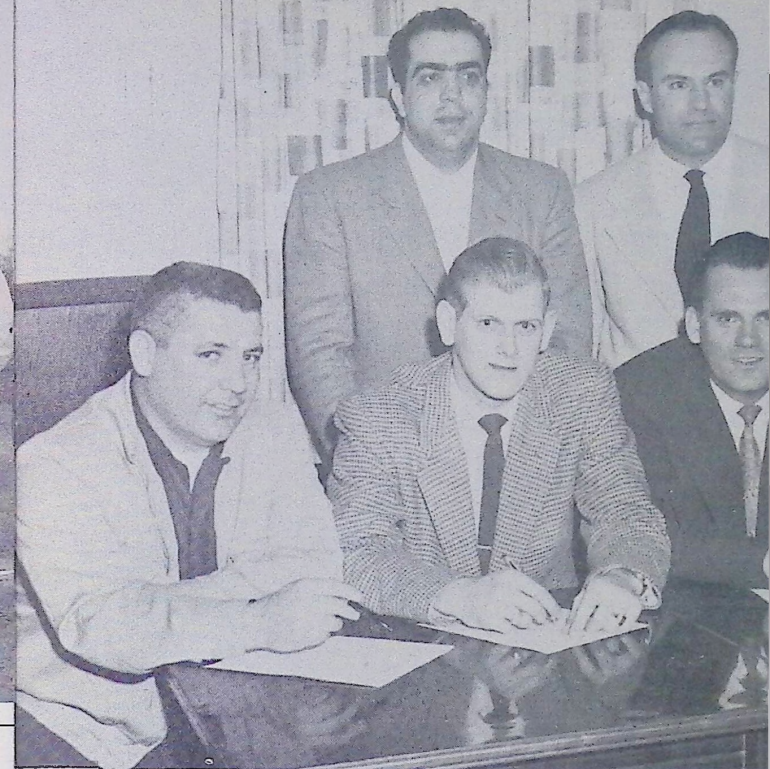
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Dorothy Hamaker is a medical assistant and secretary in Harrisburg. . . . J. W. Reynolds is an executive with the Boy Scout movement and living in Lansdowne, Pa. . . . John Witinski is a clerk with the Air Force at Niagara Falls Municipal Airport. . . . Isabel Ecker is district director for the Wyoming Valley Girl Scout Council. . . . Reverend Earl Kohl is at the Baptist Tabernacle in Wilkes-Barre. . . . Joseph E. Howell has the accounting duties in one division of General Electric at Johnson City. . . . Bill Veroski is winding up his studies for a degree in civil engineering at Bucknell University. . . . And John Moore is in Germany with the Army. . . . Also in khaki is Bill Morgan who is an instructor at Fort Monmouth, N.J. . . . Elizabeth Champlin Parsons is a secretary at the Vulcan Iron Works in Wilkes-Barre. . . . Martin Frey is handling the X-ray for the Army in Europe. . . . Bob Croker is writing insurance in New York City with the C. B. Beardsley Co.

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DEBATING - continued

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The Dartmouth loss was apparently a tonic for the Neveras-Flannery combination, for on March 25-26 they won the District VII Elimination Tournament, held this year at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, with a 10-2 record, edging out St. Joseph's of Philadelphia. Four teams won the right to represent District VII, which comprises an area of six states and Washington, D.C., in the Nationals held annually at West Point.

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A Letter From The Alumni

Dear Friends:

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It is with the deepest regret that I pass from this office as alumnus, but it is a move that is eased by the firm knowledge that the Alumni Office, when it not only recognizes the need for a fulltime secretary but also provides for the institution as well as itself. That obligation is no different from the obligations in other institutions are responsible. For as long as I can remember—especially from this office—have been allowed complete freedom of action on the part of the college for a major financial return.

For a decade, during which I served in one capacity or another, I have watched the president and board of trustees of the Alumni Association, with the building of the organization that all knew would one day be replaced. Now, the time has come. The Alumni Association has had its day. Its members have been allowed to establish themselves firmly in their respective fields. Alumni members to return a dividend on the college's long-time investment and graduates later.

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With kindest personal regards,

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... of the previous year, when he placed second in the boys' third. Also, a new Wilkes star loomed on the horizon when Choper finished as third speaker in the District VII Tournament.

On March 11-12 the team held its own at the District VII Tournament, held in Meadville this year, by winning 6 out of 10 debates. Flannery won the District VII championship for the second consecutive year, an unparalleled feat, and Virginia Brehm, a freshman, placed fourth in the Women's oratory contest.

The Dartmouth loss was apparently a tonic for the Neveras-Flannery combination, for on March 25 they won the District VII Elimination Tournament, this year at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, with a 10-2 record, edging out St. Joseph's of Philadelphia. Four teams won the right to represent District VII, which comprises an area of six states: Washington, D.C., in the Nationals held annually at West Point.

Riding the crest of victory, the boys flew out to Ft. Bend, Indiana, and won the Rev. William A. Ver Memorial Trophy, the largest debate trophy in the country and emblematic of victory in the Notre Dame National Invitational Tournament, considered many to be the toughest in the country next to the Nationals and drawing some of the top districts from 17 states. Going into the semi-final round with a 6-0 record, they defeated Kansas State and made the sweep complete in the final against Veritas, winner of the District VIII Tournament and a quarter finalist in both this and last year's National Tournament at West Point. Spiro, number one at the Nationals last year, edged out Flannery by 2 points for first speaker. Flannery, however, outperformed him in the final round to wind up with the best aggregate point total but had to be content with a certificate of excellence rather than the first place plaque which was awarded on the basis of the first 6 rounds. However, the boys were quite content with the two trophies they brought back for winning the tournament.

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Dear Friends:

This is the last time that I will be writing to you as your alumni secretary. As of June 15, Russell Picton, well known for his athletic ability and even more so for his fine personality and easy-going manner will take over the chores of the Alumni Office as your fulltime secretary.

It is with the deepest regret that I pass from this office as alumni secretary and editor of The Alumni, but it is a move that is eased by the firm knowledge that the college is moving in the right direction when it not only recognizes the need for a fulltime secretary but does something about it.

With a potential membership of 2,000, the Wilkes College Alumni Association has an obligation to the institution as well as itself. That obligation is no different than those for which alumni associations in other institutions are responsible. For as long as I can remember, we in the alumni association—especially from this office—have been allowed complete freedom of operation, without any expectation on the part of the college for a major financial return.

For a decade, during which I served in one capacity or another in the Association's administrative division, I have watched the president and board of trustees of Wilkes College cooperate 100 per cent with the building of the organization that all knew would one day be called upon to stand on its own feet.

Now, the time has come. The Alumni Association has had ample time to come of age. Its members have been allowed to establish themselves firmly in their respective fields. Now it is time for the Alumni members to return a dividend on the college's long-time investment in them as students first and graduates later.

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