

BUDGETS
REQUESTED

All clubs are requested by the Student Council to turn in their budgets and audits before March 22. No budgets will be considered after that date.

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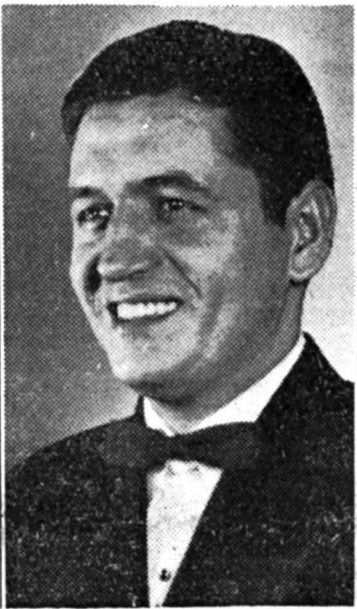
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IRC Host To ICG Conference Tomorrow

MELTON ORCHESTRA SLATED
FOR APRIL SHOWERS BALL

QUEEN TO BE CHOSEN

By Norbert Olshefski
Jack Melton's Orchestra, one of the oldest established musical organizations in the valley, will play at the April Showers Ball to be held in the Hotel Sterling's Admiral Stark Room on Friday, April 9th.
Melton's orchestra has played for many of the old BUJC dances and has also played for many Wilkes dances. He usually carries 10 men including himself. Featured vocalist is Theresa Lane, who has been with him for the past nine months. Melton uses a smooth, sweet style which seems to be preferred by Wilkes students. He shys away from the fast jazzy numbers.
The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the Colonels' Queen by Jack Josephs, president of the Letterman's Club. The queen for the evening will be chosen by the entire membership of the Lettermen's Club.
The first ballot for the Colonels' queen will be distributed at the next meeting of the lettermen which will be held Monday evening at 7:30 in the Chase Lounge.
The Co-Chairmen of the dance, which promises to be one of the highlights of the semester, are Jack Feeney and Henry Collins.



JACK MELTON

Other members of the club who are handling the affair as chairmen of their committees are: Ticket Committee, Joe Savitz; Program, Paul Thomas; Decorations, George Lewis and Kenneth Widall; Floor Committee, Lewis Jones.

Thatcher Urges
World Federation

World federation was the topic presented at last Tuesday's assembly by Dr. Harold W. Thatcher, professor of History at Wilkes College, and a staunch crusader for international peace.
In his talk, Dr. Thatcher outlined a plan for world peace which he hopes will gain acceptance. He emphasized the fact that because of recent developments in atomic energy, the practice of national morality must be developed to a much greater degree. Another point he brought out was the imminent collapse of civilization if the operation of peace machinery proves unsuccessful.

Sacrifice of Nationalism

The first step in the preservation of world peace demands a sacrifice of national sovereignty, stated Dr. Thatcher, adding that thus far the pleas of crusaders for such plans have been but voices in the wilderness. No success in world peace can be attained until a crusade of the peoples of the world is launched, according to Dr. Thatcher.

A community of nations is like a local community, either of which could not operate without laws and a police force to enforce the laws. Present international law is not really law because it has no police power. We must inaugurate an international constitution, said Dr. Thatcher, that will be supreme, subject to change only by a majority of nations.

Most Powers Retained

The plan does not call for a sacrifice of all national sovereignty, Dr. Thatcher added. The world government could have restricted powers with control over atomic energy, levying of tariffs and a few others, allowing the national state to retain most of its power. The advantage to this plan is that we could start off small and gradually expand if it were proven feasible.

Colonies Sacrificed Sovereignty

Since it is not practical to maintain a police force large enough to subjugate a world state, for a method of exercising police power we must take a leaf from our own history. When it becomes necessary, said the speaker, to choose between the power of the individual state and a strong central government, our colonies were willing to sacrifice some sovereignty for the good of the nation. The United States government need not ask permission to punish a member of a state. Dr. Thatcher said that if the international government were given the power to act in a comparable manner, it would be operating against individuals instead of states and thus conflicts could be prevented.

Dr. Thatcher believes this plan to be a practical, workable system and that world peace depends on it acceptance. We must bend every effort to convince all nations of the practicability of this plan.

Chicago U. Ph. D.

Dr. Thatcher received his B. A. and M. A. degrees from Columbia University and his Ph. D. from the

22 Colleges To Attend Regional
Meeting of Model Government;
Mailey and Hailstone To Speak

OPENS 9:30 A. M. IN LECTURE HALL

By EUGENE MAYLOCK

Wilkes College International Relations Club will play host to Inter-collegiate Conference on Government delegates from twenty-two colleges and universities of the Northeastern Region of the IOG at the regional meeting which will be held tomorrow on this campus. The regional meeting is the first step toward the final conference which will be held in Philadelphia and will be attended by delegates from approximately seventy-four universities and colleges of the state.

Registration in Morning

The Northeastern Regional meeting will open tomorrow at 9:30 in the new Science Theatre. Registration of all delegates will take place during the morning. Following registration, students will be greeted by Dr. Eugene S. Farley on behalf of the college. Mr. Hugo V. Mailey will speak to the convention for the International Relations Club, and Charles Templeton will address the group in behalf of the Student Body.

Representatives to be Selected

At this time the group will adjourn for luncheon. When the delegates reconvene, Charles Hailstone, Regional Chairman, will present the IOG program to the group. Then the faculty advisors will interview candidates for the various executive offices. Later the entire group will elect the representatives as selected by the faculty advisors.

First Conference 1934

The IOG is an organization of Pennsylvania colleges and universities. The organization meeting of the IOG was held at the University of Pittsburgh in 1934 and was attended by delegates from twenty-five schools. The first meeting of the IOG was so successful and well-liked, that the participants expressed a desire for their continuance. The principle aim of the IOG is to provide a laboratory for government students whereby student legislators will get as much experience as real legislators. The IOG is primarily for students. The organization has a student body, is student controlled and student operated. The students do what they please, there is no effort of anybody to influence or propagandize.

Model Legislature Set-up

Whenever possible the IOG functions as a model governmental body. Last year's convention, which was well attended by Wilkes College, was in the form of a Model State Legislature. The only difference in the Model Legislature and the real legislature was the form. Since the students are hard pressed for time, it was decided that the Model Legislature would meet in a unicameral body to expedite matters. This year's convention, which will be held in Philadelphia on April 9, will be in the form of a Model Political Convention. This



CHARLES HAILSTONE

will be the first model political convention since 1940.

Committees Appointed

Charles Hailstorm has appointed the following committees: Registration Committee, Ralph Carey, chairman; Larry Pelish, Toni Menigius, Refreshment Committee: Barbara Noble, chairman, Tom Jenkins, Joan Lawler, Joe Berger. Program Committee: Phil Baron, chairman, John Faneck, Julius Likowski and Tom Daniels. The entire body of the IRC will serve in the capacity of members of the committee-at-large.

At the preceding meeting of the IRC, the following officers were elected for the Spring Semester: President, Charles Hailstone, Vice President, Eugene Maylock, Secretary, Barbara Noble, and Treasurer, Joseph Berger.

REGISTRAR
ANNOUNCES

Mr. Herbert Morris, registrar, has requested that all transfer students report to his office by Wednesday, March 17, in order that their class standing may be determined.

The names of the students who will be eligible to graduate in June, 1948, will appear in the Beacon next week.

Thespians Set
New Play Dates
For April 15, 16

Mr. Alfred Groh, Director of Chase Theatre, has announced that arrangements to present **The Philadelphia Story** at Irem Temple on April 15 and 16 have been completed.
In following the policy of presenting more mature plays, the Thespians feel that the full complement of talent found in the organization will be used. The play contains a diversity of parts, ranging from the juvenile role of ten year old Dinah Lord, to that of a hardened old role as presented in the part of the father, Seth Lord.
Although several important male roles haven't been assigned as yet, rehearsals have been started with the following persons playing the roles.
Dinah Lord.....Joan Wylie
Margaret Lord...Norma Persiana
Tracy Lord.....Marilyn Breadt
William Tracy.....Bill Griffith
Elizabeth Imbrie...Ruth Richards
Macaulay Connor....Paul Thomas
Seth Lord.....Reese Pelton
The lighting and technical end of the production will be handled by the following people.
Lighting.....Albin Auckerland
Staging.....Alfred Colmer
Tickets.....Joe Gudaitis
Book Holders....Jean Dougherty
and Shirley Salzburg
Costumes.....Bill Toplis

Data On Class
Rings Released

Wilkes College Class Rings may be available for those students who expect to graduate this semester, it was recently announced by the administration. The Administrative Council, composed of Dr. Eugene Farley, Mr. Herbert Morris, Miss Betty Harker, and Mr. George Ralston, last Tuesday decided on the style of rings.
Because only one company, the Balfour Corporation, has submitted plans for the make-up of the ring, no definite plans can be released, added the administration. However, the Balfour Co.'s plan has been offered for consideration, although decision is pending until the other three companies submit their plans.
The plans of the Balfour Co. call for a blue stone set in eight- or ten-penny weight gold. On one side of the setting will be the official Wilkes College seal, which is a picture of the old fort that was at one time situated on the spot where Wilkes now stands, and on the other side, a picture of Chase Hall. Mr. Ralston would not release the price of the rings, but stated that they will be medium priced and not in the high cost bracket of other colleges.
It was also emphasized that students may choose any type or color stone, and not necessarily the blue one designed by the Balfour Company.

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WHO'S WHO AND THE SMALL COLLEGE

By EDWARD J. WASILEWSKI

In the recent check up of the most outstanding personalities of the nation, it has been found that the graduates of the smaller colleges outnumber the graduates of the larger colleges by four to one. And that's significant, especially for those whom the grass appears greener in the bigger yard next door.

It proves that education is not adaptable to the mass production techniques which have been applied to also everything else we know in our modern society. It proves that successful people just don't flow off assembly lines as ready-made, bright, new, shiny products. It also proves the old proverb that there is no royal road to knowledge; and as we all know very well, knowledge is behind all achievement.

Now there are two schools of philosophy concerning knowledge. One school, influenced by Lao-Tze, a Chinese philosopher, and Rousseau, a Frenchman, expounds the doctrine that it is utterly futile to strive for, to desire, and to gain knowledge. For the more one does so, the unhappier he shall become. It is far better in their view, merely to cooperate with the inevitable and to do nothing, to live a life of simple wants and needs, much like the pre-society man Rousseau so fondly calls the "noble savage".

Although this sort of thinking may seem ludicrous in our day and age—it still claims many adherents. Perhaps we would more readily recognize its modern counterpart as the ideal of resignation . . . the seed bed of dictatorship.

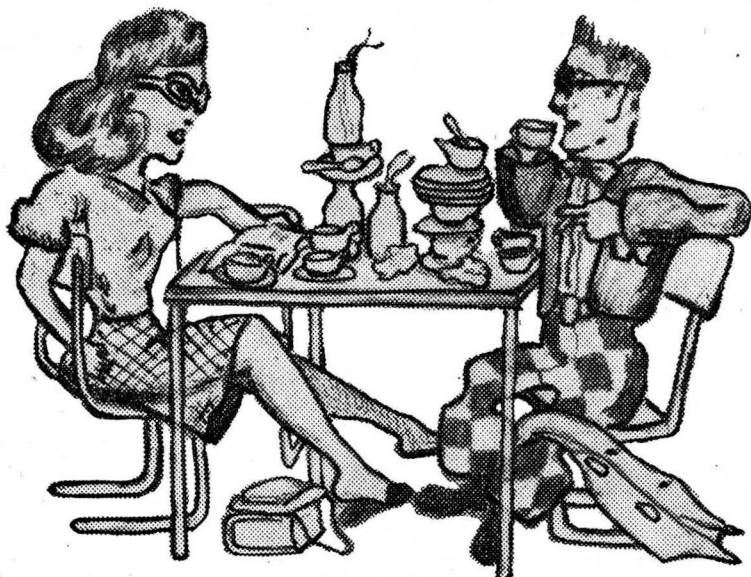
Standing four square in opposition to this defeatist philosophy, were those who upheld the individual, who held forth the spiritual and moral energies that sparked the creative and constructive activity of individual into a living flame on this basis, Western Civilization has led humanity out of the darkness of ignorance and inactivity.

In every phase of this march of progress, it was the individual, free to shape his own destiny and free to seek his own level in life, who provided the power and the drive. These men were self-made and acquired the necessary knowledge through study, a capacity for hard work and enthusiasm.

Thus we find that all personal success and achievement implies self-discipline, self-control, and self-direction. It is the individual who counts, not the place where he studies . . . This was amply demonstrated by Abraham Lincoln who educated himself by firelight after a long, hard day's work of rail splitting.

Some may argue that the larger schools have greater technical facilities. That may be true — but only in a matter of degree, for the underlying facts and principles remain the same everywhere. Of greater importance is the opportunity for closer human relations and fraternity which is possible only in the smaller colleges. Specialization in the larger schools may have its merits, but in the long run, it is the ability to understand people that wins the greater measure of success.

In any event, it is the intelligent solution of our problems as they that is the price of liberty, whether these problems be national or personal. The more light, knowledge, and hard thinking we bring to bear on both, the happier will be their solution. It therefore follows, that the future belongs to those who prepare for it.



Congestion and Indigestion



In Passing

By Robert Mikulewicz

A MESSAGE OF FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING

THE LIVING WOOD, by Louis de Wohl, published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1947.

THE LIVING WOOD is a historical novel that takes place in Britain during the Roman occupation 300 hundred years after Christ's death. It is a story of romance and politics, intrigue and religion centered around Helena, mother of the first Christian Roman emperor, Constantine.

The story begins when the Tribune, Constantius, a Roman officer stationed in Britain got lost in the woods during a heavy fog. While he was blindly searching for his way back to camp he met Helena, the daughter of the wise and prophetic King Cael. This meeting of Helena and Constantius developed into courtship, and finally marriage.

Constantius remained in Britain for several years after the birth of his son, Constantine, but then he had to return to Rome. The separation of husband and wife lasted for ten years, after which time Constantius returned to Britain as the conquering Caesar accompanied by his Roman wife.

Shortly after his return to Britain, Constantius received news from Rome to the effect that he was now the emperor. Constantius had children by both his wives, but in order to make amends to Helena, and because his son by his second marriage would have made a weak ruler, he named Constantine as his successor.

The main character of the story is Helena and the novel centers around her discovery and acceptance of Christianity and how she raised Constantine to be a true and forceful warrior and leader.

The author, Louis de Wohl, never intrudes into the story, he simply creates his characters and lets them unravel the plot. His treatment of the characters is warm and affectionate, he makes them live for the reader and act according to the traits he has placed in them.

At the end of the story Helena is a very old woman absorbed in her Christian faith and very happy with her home in Rome. She made a trip to the Holy Land and had the Roman soldiers remove the buried cross from Calvary. She then had the cross brought to Rome and placed on her terrace where she could see it. The story ends as Helena took her last look at the Cross, the True Cross, the living wood, closed her eyes and died.

THE LIVING WOOD is a story that grasps the readers attention and bombards it so rapidly with events that there isn't any chance to lose interest.

There is a message in this book, which if amplified unselfishly in the world to-day, the small petty squabbles that seem so important would sink to a very secondary position. That message is faith and understanding. The author has done a superb piece of writing in his treatment of some of the forgotten years in the early development of Christianity.

Student Poll

WHAT IS YOUR CHOICE OF A BAND FOR THE CINDERELLA BALL TO BE HELD IN MAY?

Judging from this "Student Poll", Tommy Dorsey holds first place with nineteen votes; Sammy Kaye is second with fifteen votes; and Les Brown holds third place with ten votes.

Clem Waclawski . . . Guy Lombardo
J. M. Bendick . . . Sammy Kaye
Dave Katz . . . Charlie Spivak
Cy Kovalchik . . . Sammy Kaye
Tony Vikan . . . Sammy Kaye
Morris Fernstein . . . Spike Jones

and his new band
Edward Stryjak . . . Sammy Kaye
Josephine Giuliani . . . Sammy Kaye
Charlotte Najaka . . . Stan. Kenton
Fran. Wilkie . . . Tommy Dorsey
Bill Cain . . . Tommy Dorsey

Royal J. Culp . . . Les Brown
James Catnes . . . Tommy Dorsey
Dorothy Plieskath . . . Les Brown
Agnes E. Novak . . . Tommy Dorsey
K. P. Hubert . . . Les Brown
J. J. Petrosky . . . Les Brown

E. M. Penaligen . . . Tommy Dorsey
D. E. Evans . . . Tommy Dorsey
William Walp . . . Vaughn Monroe
Bill Borman . . . Les Brown
William Dyke . . . Vaughn Monroe
John Motsko . . . Sammy Kaye

John Samies . . . Les Brown
Earl Albright . . . Les Brown
James Slamon . . . Vaughn Monroe
Chet Knapich . . . Spike Jones

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Dave Williams . . . Sammy Kaye
J. Florkiewicz . . . Claude Thornhill
Henry Hienmann . . . Sammy Kaye
John M. Cain . . . Tommy Dorsey

Francis Pinkowski . . . Sammy Kaye
Charles Eldridge . . . Sammy Kaye
Harold Hipnen . . . Tommy Dorsey
S. Buttman . . . Tommy Dorsey
P. Bancos . . . Tommy Dorsey
Jean Wasileski . . . Tommy Dorsey
Judith Dressler . . . Lee Vincent
Wm. E. Griffith . . . Sammy Kaye
Douglas MacNeal—

Claude Thornhill
Sam Elias . . . Sammy Kaye
Henry Sipinski . . . Sammy Kaye
Lew Jones . . . Sammy Kaye
Joseph Sooby . . . Tommy Dorsey
William Booth . . . Sammy Kaye
Mike Cinnas . . . Tommy Dorsey
Geo. Stonzenski . . . Tommy Dorsey
Walter Ales . . . Les Brown
John Fink . . . Les Brown
Carl Messinger . . . Les Brown
John Hudzik . . . Tommy Dorsey
Sheldon Gearhart . . . Tommy Dorsey
Albert Gorsh . . . Tommy Dorsey
Allan J. Wan . . . Tommy Dorsey
John Koloski . . . Tommy Dorsey

WILKES BAR TO MEET

All pre-law students are requested to meet in Mr. Hugo V. Mailey's office, second floor of the Veterans Building, Tuesday afternoon at 4.

A more convenient meeting time will be discussed.

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Waclawski Finds Valuable Record

By NORBERT OLSHEFSKI

Curiosity may harm a cat, but curiosity on the part of Clem Waclawski, President of the French Club, led to the discovery of what is believed to be the only voice recording of Dr. Paul H. Gies, beloved Wilkes Music Instructor who died last month.

While looking through some old recordings in the Shoemaker building, Mr. Charles Henderson, Wilkes Music Instructor, came across a huge sixteen inch record without a label. Not knowing what the record held, and seeing that it was too large to use on an ordinary turntable, Mr. Henderson decided to throw it away. Clem Waclawski was there also going through the records, and seeing that Mr. Henderson was going to throw the record away, Clem's curiosity was aroused and he asked Mr. Henderson for the recording.

Clem then took the recording to Radio Station WHWL, where they have a transcription turntable large enough to accommodate the recording. Upon hearing the voice of the kindly old man who was affectionately called "Pop", Waclawski knew that he had something valuable and immediately began to check to see if there were other recordings of "Pop" Gies' voice. Until now, Clem has not been able to find any other recordings made by Professor Gies.

The recording, according to the French Club President, is an electrical transcription of an organ recital by Charles Henderson with Professor Gies giving a description of the stops on an organ. An explanation of the organ techniques being used takes up most of the transcription by Gies.

When asked what he plans to do with the transcription, Waclawski stated that the French Club will have reproductions made which it will present to the Music Department of the college. He said that the present size of the record is too clumsy for ordinary use on record players.

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SPORTS ★ BEACON

By TOM MORAN
Beacon Sports Editor

SAD SACKS ARE CLOWNS IN REVIVAL

Marty Blake, who clowned for the Clown softball team last year, remained under par this week in shrewd deals by enlisting the services of several of last year's Sad Sack intramural softball team for his now famous Clown club this year. The league is scheduled to hold a reorganization meeting on Monday, March 15. Moose Galletta, who was the key man behind the plate for the Clowns last year, is expected to fill the "behind-the-plate" sport for the Clowns this season.

The notice of the intentions of the Clowns to enter softball competition reminds us of a story of a great pitcher, Marty Blake. Blake was going great guns until one afternoon when someone on the opposing team happened to notice that the only thing Blake had on the ball was his glove. Things began to happen and before the eyes of the 12 people who attended the game, the Great Blake made the softball appear as a giant medicine ball to the enemy batsmen. When the scorekeeper finished tallying the numerical phenomenon, Blake was introducing himself to the two bears in the cage in the rightfield of Kirby Park and trying his darnedest to sign them up for a four-round preliminary shuffle on his next fight card, while a Clown relief hurler was trying to laugh off a 12-run deficit.

SPRING GRID DRILLS VS. BASEBALL

The announcement recently that Wilkes College will have spring grid practice may present the school athletic department with quite a problem when both the diamond drills and grid practices fall in the same period. . . There has been some word (UNOFFICIAL) that another member of the faculty will take over the diamond duties until Ralston winds-up the moleskin rehearsals.

NEW GYMNASIUM

The announcement by Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of the college, that Wilkes will have a new gymnasium as soon as sufficient funds are raised was well received by the students of the school. For the past two years—since Wilkes began to operate a large-scale athletic program—the members of the athletic teams have been under a handicap. This year's basketball team had some top-notch material, but the lack of practice space made it almost impossible for Coach George Ralston to whip the team into a fine playing unit on two or three nights practice every week.

TRIBUNAL ALMOST OVER

Judge Chester Knapich and his capable court and jury announced during the week that the Freshmen Tribunal will be held once more and then the judiciary group will call it quits until next Fall when a new crop of freshmen will form the basis for an interesting three or four weeks of heckling. The sad part of the whole situation is that Barber 1/c Henry Heineman had to confine his tonsorial talents to a few clips and snips over the cranium of a hot-headed freshman last week.

DR. FARLEY SCORES AT BANQUET

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes College, who was the principle speaker at the recently held Athletic Banquet, did something that is very seldom done at a sports dinner. He touched only briefly on sports and yet gave one of the finest talks that we've ever heard at a banquet. The college president spoke on world conditions today in the atomic era during the main portion of his speech. Besides complimenting the athletes on their fine performances, he emphasized the importance of "playing the game rather than the man".

SPORTSWRITERS VS. SPORTSCASTERS

The game of the century will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 21, at 2, when the Sportscasters and Sportswriters meet in the preliminary contest to one of Eddie White's Wilkes-Barre Baron tilts in the West Side Armory.

Little Bill Phillips, sportscaster for WIZZ, is captain of the casters' five and in recent broadcasts announced that his "oldtimers" would whip the typewriters off the writers. The writers, captained by Marty Blake, will have such inexperienced cagers as Bud Pearson, John Bush, Jim Nolan, Bob Patton, and this writer.

On the sportscasters' team will be Franklin Coslette, Chuck Whittier, Jim McCarthy, and Buddy Brode.

BEACONETTES

Some of the boys on last year's football team found that too much eating with only an occasional meeting of the tribunal as exercises results in the loss of the hour-glass figure so each day Florkiewicz, Supinski, Jones, Pinkowski, Widdall, Knapich, and several others are playing basketball three times a week. . . Tom Miller, who was assistant grid coach last year and is now in charge of the Wilkes physical education classes at the YMCA, was caught off guard at the recent athletic banquet when the lettermen presented him with a beautiful wallet and Swank set.

"OUTSTANDING ATHLETE"



Above is Walter Hendershot, former Kingston High School athlete, who was named "Outstanding Athlete of 1948" and awarded the Beacon Sports Trophy at the Second Annual Wilkes College Athletic Banquet held in the school cafeteria recently.

Hendershot, a junior at this college, began his sports activity in 1946 when he went out for the first college grid team and made good in the tackle slot. He followed up by becoming heavyweight grappler on the first college wrestling team and then later pitched for the Wilkes baseball team. This year he returned to the gridiron for his second year of football.

Other awards went to Bob Gorgas, as outstanding lineman, and John Florkiewicz, as outstanding backfieldman.

TRIBUNAL JUDGE AND JURYMAN



Above, left to right, are George "Pick" Lewis, juryman, and Chester Knapich, judge, both of whom are members of the Wilkes College Freshmen Tribunal, which has been giving the frosh a hard time during the past two weeks of initiating.

Class Presidents To Conduct Drive

By DON WILLIAMS

A meeting of the Class presidents to discuss the class rings and the coming Red Cross Drive was held last Wednesday at Chase Theatre. Charles Templeton, president of the Student Council, pres-

ided.

Mr. Robert Partridge and Mr. Robert Smith, members of the faculty who are in charge of the drive appointed Charles Templeton chairman. Assisting Mr. Templeton will be the respective class presidents, and Jean Ryan, secretary of the drive.

It was said that containers will be placed at strategic points on the campus and students will be asked to contribute freely. Success in the

WILKES LOOKS FOR FIRST WIN IN FOUR STARTS

By TOM MORAN

After a recent loss to Triple Cities College—which found the members of the Wilkes College cage team juggling a seven win, seven loss record — the Colonel quintet will attempt to end its season a little ahead of a .500 mark by registering a win in the last contest of the season tomorrow night when it travels to Binghamton to meet the New York Arts and Sciences' five.

The local courtmen have had bad luck in their last three contests and dropped games to Lycoming, King's and Triple Cities. In the first meeting with the New York A & S cagers—which opened the season for the Blue and Gold—Coach George Ralston's five took a decisive 45 to 37 victory, which started the Colonels off on a five-game winning streak.

Since that streak was snapped by Penn State Extension when Wilkes met the Pottsville quintet for the second time, the Colonels haven't been burning up the courts. After the first defeat at the hands of King's—coupled, of course, with the fact that the Ralston aggregation had to play teams who could hold daily practices—lack of practice began to show. The second Wilkes-King's contest found the Colonels playing good ball and almost taking the favored Monarchs over the coals, but in the last three contests Wilkes dropped ball games to clubs it had previously beaten in early season tilts.

Tomorrow night's contest will find the Colonels with a full squad. The addition recently of Ed Witek, who played here a few years ago, has strengthened the squad some, but there are still a few holes in the Wilkes power machine—both offensively and defensively. The New York club will be lots stronger tomorrow night than it was back in December and the Wilkes aggregation will have to play some mighty good ball to hand the Arts and Science club its second beating.

Season's Results

Wilkes		
45	N. Y. Arts and Sciences	37
44	Bucknell Frosh	39
58	Penn State Extension	48
51	Keystone	36
48	Penn State Extension	53
40	Lycoming	34
44	Rider	76
43	King's	65
34	Triple Cities	28
39	Keystone	42
50	Bucknell	24
56	Lycoming	61
51	King's	58
50	Triple Cities	58

Last Game Saturday,
Mar. 13—New York A & S, Away

drive will be realized if all the students contribute, regardless of the amount.

On the discussion of the rings Douglas McNeal, Senior President, announced that in a poll of Seniors, it was found that they were unanimous in their choice of Bucknell rings.

Other classes will have an opportunity to make a choice between class rings and school rings in the near future.

Student Government

By NORBERT OLSHEFSKI

It seemed strange to attend one meeting of the student council which wasn't interrupted by men jumping up and trying to shout down their opponents, students bringing all sorts of trivial gripes, and clubs' representatives giving everybody a hard time. Last Monday's meeting of the Student Council which was held at 7:30 in Chase Hall lounge, ran off with comparative ease and dispatch. Although there were barely enough members for a quorum, the council accomplished more in the two hour meeting on Monday night than they ever did in three meetings before.

Dr. Farley attended the meeting of the council and informed them of some changes that the Board of Directors found necessary to make in tuition, policy and administration. First, the tuition will be raised to a straight \$200 beginning in the Fall Semester. Second, the Student Activities fund will not be completely in the hands of the Student Council, but will be directed by a committee whom Dr. Farley will choose. The raise in tuition is the result of increased costs in practically every phase of the college. Dr. Farley explained that the \$200 will include tuition, library fees, yearbook and student activity funds. Any student carrying a normal course for his field will pay the same tuition. Dr. Farley added that the cost for each individual hour will be raised from \$10 to \$12.50.

Mr. Templeton, President of the Council read a letter of resignation from Miss Carolyn Jones, representative of the Junior Class. The council voted for the acceptance of the resignation. Templeton then told the members that there are two vacancies existing on the council and that an election to fill the positions should be held. He then appointed Raymond Mechak to conduct the election of a new representative from the Junior Class, and Maritta Sheridan to do the same in the freshman class. The nominations will be held next Tuesday, and the elections the following Tuesday.

Ray Mechak introduced a motion to set a deadline on March 22 when the clubs will send in their budgets and audits, and submit plans for the coming semester. An amendment was added to the effect that no budgets would be considered after that date. This motion came after the president explained that there is a clause in the Student Council constitution that requires every club to submit an audit with its budget for the semester. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Student Council will now have a scribe to take down the minutes of the meetings, and then type them for distribution. The motion for the hiring of the scribe was entered by Miss Lawlor, Secretary of the Council, after a discussion was held on the subject. The student will probably be hired from one of Miss Bedilian's classes. The scribe will be paid at the regular student rate.

Jack Feeney, chairman of the Social Activities Committee, reported that the Social Calendar for the month of March is now completed and posted. He also reported that the Committee is working on the Cinderella Ball.

The French Club's budget for \$176.50 to present six foreign films, was reduced to three films for \$60. Mr. Brody reported that his committee had effected the changes, and made a motion to accept the budget. The Council voted, and the French Club will not get its films. The motion was defeated by a vote of 7-1.

A petition to buy two FM radios, one each for the boys' and girls' lounges, was submitted to the council. The president of the Council reported that there were approximately 135 names on the petition. He asked the permission of the Council to appoint a committee to look into the matter and confer with the Administration on the possibility of the council buying the radios. He appointed Ray Mechak, John Burak and himself on the committee. The committee will give a report at the next student council meeting to be held next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Chase Hall lounge.

TRIBUNAL SENTENCES THREE FRESMEN FOR VIOLATIONS

Thousands of deceased judges, lawyers, and members of juries stirred and then laboriously rolled over in their final resting place, as the Freshman Tribunal for trying violators of the Freshmen regulations held its first session in the Science Theatre.

Judge Chester Knapich presided over the court and while laughter and cries of "Bring on the haircuts" drifted from the top rows of the scientific emporium from members of the Wilkes College Lettermen's Club assumed their new rolls of defenders of the campus law.

Only three of the four violators showed up for the session—while the rest of freshman class decided it wasn't the most healthy thing in the world to be found in the vicinity of a place, where freshmen were considered the finest products of the human race.

The first offender to be led into the improvised courtroom was Shirley Babcock, a cute little carrot-topped lassie who at first seemed a bit timid, but later carved herself a loophole in the book of freshman regulations that had Prosecuting Attorney Jack Feeney in a rather precarious position. But the position was used by Mr. Feeney as a stepping stone to the verdict of guilty that was brought in by the eight-man jury several min-

utes later.

Judge Knapich was in an exceptionally lenient mood during the trial of the three offenders and Miss Babcock found herself faced with the problem of giving four addresses in front of the King's College students. The speech never came off.

The second offender, Joe Deschak, had the book thrown at him and as a penalty had to provide the Wilkes Lunch Club with music from 12 to 12:30 every day last week.

Dick Script was the third violator of freshman regulations and for several minutes was in a rather difficult spot after the Judge gave him his choice of either taking a paddling or receiving a haircut. He wisely chose the former and missed having his locks shorn.

The defense attorney, Paul Thomas, was in a rather slumber-some mood and confined his three examinations of witnesses to a triple, "The defense rests".

RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

The following is a list of Wilkes College organizations recognized by the Student Council:

Organization	Meeting Place	Student Head	Advisor
Beacon Accounting	Beacon Office Chase Lounge	Henry Anderson John Gooch	Mr. Alfred Groh Mr. James Langan Mr. Edward Manley Mr. Charles Henderson Mr. Julius Spiro Mr. John Riley Mr. Hugo Mailey Dr. Lenore Ward Miss Martha Silseth Dr. Catherine Fehrer Mr. Elwood Disque Mr. Alfred Groh Mr. George Ralston Mr. Alfred Groh Dr. Mary Craig Miss Betty J. Harker Mr. Constantine Symonolewicz Mr. George Ralston Mr. Alfred Groh Dr. Catherine Dominguez Dr. Elizabeth Beynon Mr. Constantine Symonolewicz
Choral Economics	Kirby 306 Chase Theatre	Rosemary Zuckoski Eugene Repotski	
IRC	Chase Lounge	Charles Hailstone	
Pre Med	Chase Lounge	Edward Burtsavage	
Spanish	Shoemaker 205	Aurthur Spengler	
French	Shoemaker	Clem Wacławski	
German	Shoemaker	Carl Dudek	
Thespians	Chase Theatre	Nelson Nelson	
Lettermen	Chase Lounge	Jack Josephs	
Yearbook	Stoddard Hall	Eleanor Krute	
Manuscript	Shoemaker	Robert Miller	
Beta Gamma Chi	Girls Lounge	Miriam Golightly	
Polish	PCH	Casimir Kopko	
Military Band	Chase Theatre	Reese Pelton	
Beacon Press	Beacon Office	Robert Mikulewicz	
Psychology	164 S. River	Albert Stratton	
Chemistry	Conyngam 104	Aloysius Switch	
Sociology	Chase Lounge	Howard Marvelle	

Collis Promises Guild Cards

Joseph Collis, city editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, is going to see that journalism students of Wilkes College get associate memberships in the Newspaper Guild. Mr. Collis, international vice-president of the Guild, discussed plans for membership with the students on Wednesday afternoon when he spoke to them in the Shoemaker building. An associate membership in the organization, which is concerned about journalism students and wants to see that they get along, would cost three dollars. The bearer who would receive the guild report would be entitled to attend guild meetings. The associate membership, more or less a courtesy membership, brings the working members of the craft closer to journalism students.

Inexperienced reporters now start at salaries from \$35 to \$40 a week, according to Collis, and experienced reporters will soon be receiving \$100.00 weekly. "We have had some rough going in the past and we will probably have some rough going in the future, but we have made considerable progress." This is one of the statements the city editor made to the students when he discussed the Newspaper Guild and newspaper work in general.

Collis described his job as city editor with a staff which usually consists of nine or ten reporters. He stated that ordinarily the presses at the Record office are ready to roll about 1:50 in the morning. On Sunday they operate with a minimum staff of about five reporters.

Mobile telephone units are a coming thing in police reporting, by the way in which Collis talked, and have become an important factor in spot news in that the reporter is in touch with the city desk as soon as he picks the phone up. There are many things going on in newspaper work which are in the experimental phase, one of which the New York Times is experimenting with and that is the facsimile machine. A flick of the button will give the user his morning newspaper. Such an operation, according to Collis, will require more reporters because of the coverage of a longer period of time. Installation of this mechanism would be more beneficial where there are large crowds of people, and city editor Collis thinks that this will make the famous American newsboy a thing of the past.

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Gedye Predicted Czech Crisis

By JACK REESE

The story behind what happened last week in Czechoslovakia when the Communists of Russia took over the government is described clearly and emphatically by G. E. R. Gedye in the Feb. 28, 1948 issue of THE NATION magazine. The article, "Behind the Struggle for Czechoslovakia," was written by Gedye, Eastern European correspondent for the London Daily Herald, from Prague on Feb. 10.

Gedye begins the article with the self-explanatory sentences, "To the average Czech the most important thing about Russia is that when Chamberlain and Daladier brought about the destruction of the First Republic at Munich, Stalin offered to support the abandoned Czechs if they would defy Hitler. That made more impression than the Soviet treaty with Germany, which Russia observed until it was itself attacked and which secured Hitler against the dreaded 'two-front war' and enabled him to launch destruction on the world within a few days of its signature."

Although there existed friendly relations between the Czechs and Russia, resistance against Communist control was stronger in Czechoslovakia than in any other Eastern European nation.

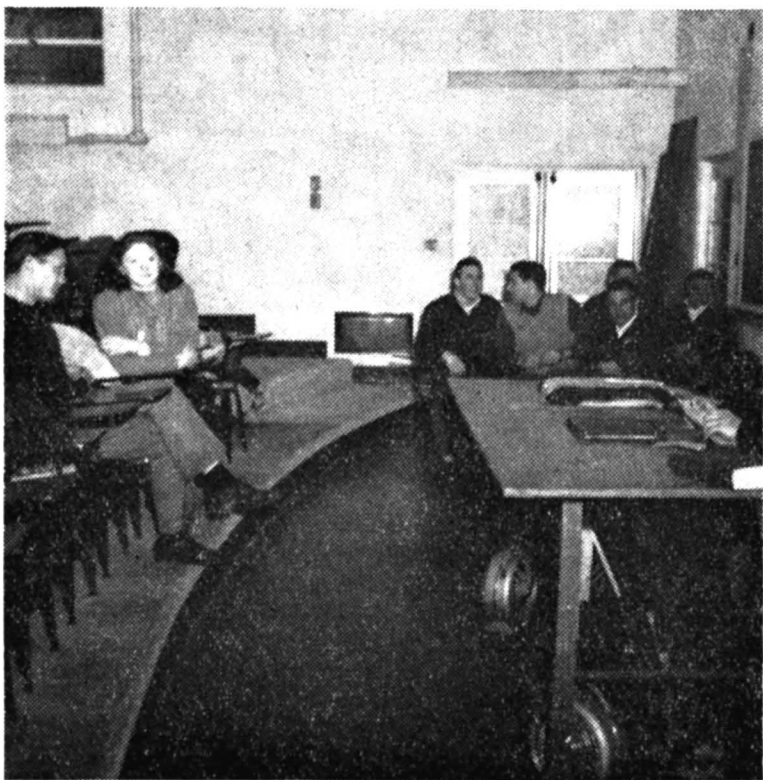
"The logical deduction was that the future lay with the Communist party, and many people acted accordingly. But when the non-Communist parties made it clear that being tied to Russia need not deter them from resisting communism at home, there was a fresh reaction. The opportunists who had rallied to the Communists fell away, the Communist prospects for the general elections of May, 1948, began once more to decline."

Here was where the Communist leader, Premier Gottwald, and Deputy Premier Zdenek Fierlinger, pro-Russian chief of the Social Democrats, decided to try to beat the issue. They issued a statement signed by themselves and two other leaders of each party in the absence from Prague of other prominent Socialists who were definitely opposed to fusion with the Communists. Such an act was without authority because they had not consulted their party executives. When some Communist propaganda posters indicated that it was fusion, immediately a wave of indignation swept from within the rank and file of the Socialists.

Communist action against Slovak Democrats began with the discovery of the "Zilina plot" on September 16. This was supposed to have been a plan to assassinate President Benes on his visit to Slovakia. At the end of September, the "Bratislava plot" was uncovered, in which Durcansky, a fugitive fascist, was implicated. It appears that Durcansky attempted to establish a network of information and resistance posts within the country. The "Sidor plot" was a third incident, but of no important or serious consequence.

Gedye concludes his article with an intelligent and opinionated prediction which last week turned out to be a reality. He writes, "The next few weeks are likely to be the most critical in the history of the Second Republic, since everyone knows that the Communists will not take their setback at Brno and Bratislava lying down. Well before the May elections they will certainly strike at their opponents; no one knows how or where. One finds the Czech Social Democrats, the Slovak Social Democrats, and the Slovak Democrats rather surprised at their own temerity and inclined to deprecate discussion of it. The Communists are well aware of this state of mind and encourage it by equivocal hints in speeches and in the press, pressure in the factories and efforts

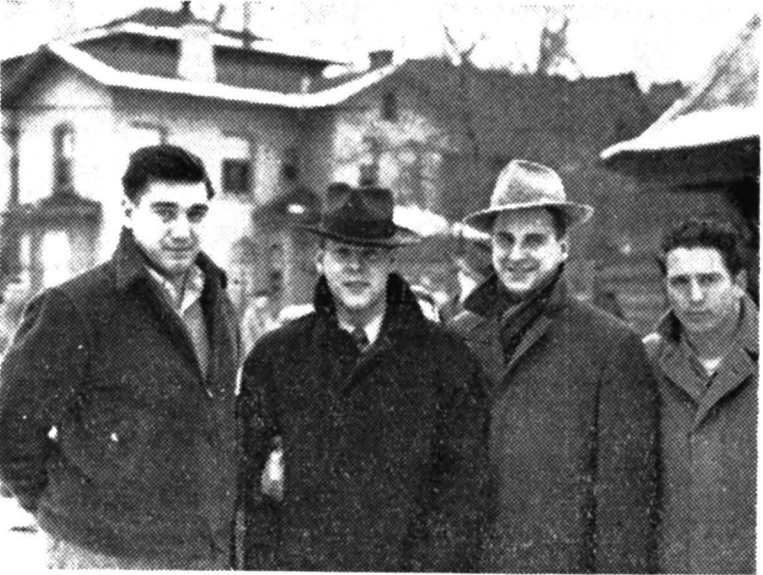
TRIBUNAL HIGHLIGHTS



The jury finds Frsehmen Shirley Babcock and Joe Deshak guilty. Babcock's original penalty (a speech at King's) never came off. For Deshak see below.



Freshman violator Joe Deshak does a bit of his daily accordion playing for Wilkes diners.



Pictured above, from left to right are Tribunal members Walter Hendershot, Henry Heineman, Kenneth Widdall, George Lewis.

to disrupt the other parties and the government coalition. People are anxiously wondering just what Gottwald had in mind when he recently threatened that "administrative action" might have to be taken against recalcitrants. Without Socialist cooperation the Communists would be a minority, and the Socialists, although not prepared to refuse general cooperation, seem now to realize that they themselves set limits and exact a price for it."



Frosh Dick Script stands (though seated) on trial before Judge Knapich. Script was found guilty. Given choice of haircut or paddling, he selected paddling (see below).



Barber 1/c Henry Heineman looks disgruntled at having to apply his efforts to the other end of the violator. Assistants hang on.



Tribunal Judge Knapich gets a shoe shine as accordion player wearily plugs away.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

by Ted Wolfe

Wilkes will have a bargain day deluxe not long from now, and the main attraction will be dances. The April Showers Ball is scheduled for April 9, and the Polish Club has set aside April 11 for their dance. Both affairs will take place at the same hours, the same place (Admiral Stark Ballroom), and will feature the same orchestra (Jack Melton), but the Lettermen have set a price of \$2.50, and the Polish Club \$1.50. It follows that by waiting two days, students can save \$1.00, and in this day and age, who wouldn't? Money is scarce, and bargains are even more so.

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(The following conversation was overheard between two Wilkes students.)

Student A: "Wilkes is going to organize a bar."

Student B: "Good! I never have enough time to walk all the way up to Nick's Long Bar for a drink between classes."

Student A: "It's not that kind of bar, stupid. This bar concerns law, it's a legal bar."

Student B: "You better not let Nick hear that. He runs a legal bar, too."

Student A: "Of course he does, but a legal bar is for lawyers."

Student B: "What's wrong, ain't Nicks' good enough for them?"

Student A: "Of course it's good enough for them, but that's not what I mean. You'd better see Mr. Mailey."

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Vince Macri, hardfisted BEACON reporter who does publicity for the Spanish Club, says, "I've never been to Cuba, but I know enough about it to be governor of the place."

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The Thestpians' production MINOR MIRACLE, was staged twice last week. The play is a story of the hardships endured by four men adrift in a life raft, destitute and without hope of being rescued.

As one person remarked, "They must have been Democrats."

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Practical joker's sign on the skeleton in the Biological Building: This man eats at the Wilkes College Cafeteria.

Please, no comments!

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BEACON feature writer Bob Mikulewicz, who did the "job" on the French Club's Cabaret Party, is pictured on the bulletin board with a knife protruding from his anatomy, and the caption, "Beacon critic". Says writer Mikulewicz, "They slay me."

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The new gymnasium will compete with the pool table for patrons. Observed one cue-ball artist, "Now maybe the pool table won't be so crowded. Only by squeezing through the crowd, chinning myself on a cue stick, wrestling some guy for the rack, and bringing my own cue-balls do I get a chance to use the table. The new gym is definitely a boon to the world of billiards."

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A new twist to the practice of students' bringing their own lunch to school is the fact that Biology students bring their own fish but for study purposes, not for nourishment, according to the potential scientists. That's rather risky business during the present food situation, isn't it? For the fish, that is.

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Question: "What do you think of the NO CORSAGE rule for the forthcoming April Showers Ball?"

Answer: "I should be happy when my father's a florist?"

Q: "Your father's a florist?"

A: "He supplies my coffee money."

Q: "The rule would affect you indirectly, then?"

A: "No corsages, no coffee."

Q: "What of the other poor vets?"

A: "Their fathers should be florists."

Q: "But not everyone can be a florist."

A: "Details, details."

Q: "Can't you give up your coffee?"

A: "What, and fall asleep in class?"

Q: "Details, details."

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STUDENT REGISTER—ZELDA KLEIN, "Antigone" of that play, has flown to Germany to marry Norman Weiss, former Kingston resident. While in Europe, Zelda will continue her education in Switzerland . . . Council member ED BOYLE has a pugilistic record unknown to many. Boyle ranked in the bracket of Mickey Doyle, Lou Ambers, and others, during the early 30's . . . MARGUERITE GOODAY, Hollywood's newest local find, is an ex-BUJC drama student.

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