

# Local High Schools Attend Beacon Press Club Conference; Editors of Working Press Speak

By VINCENT MACRI

An Interscholastic Press Conference, the first of its kind ever to be conducted in Wyoming Valley, was attended by 14 local high schools Saturday, February 21, under the auspices of the BEACON Press Club in the newly erected Science Theatre in the rear of 154 South River Street.

The purpose of the conference was to introduce the high school students to the workings of a college newspaper, to acquaint them with the working press, and to promote closer cooperation between the various high school papers in the valley.

**Prominent Speakers**

Guest speakers at the conference, men who are prominent in the field of journalism in this area, were Mr. Joseph T. Murphy, managing editor of the Times-Leader - Evening News, Joseph

J. Gorman, president of the International Color Printing Co., William E. Bachman, city editor of the Hazelton Standard - Sentinel, and Robert Patton, sports editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Williams, head of the Wilkes College journalism department opened the conference with a few introductory remarks. She introduced Robert Mikulewicz, president of the BEACON Press Club, and Henry Anderson, editor of the BEACON, who spoke briefly on how the BEACON is published.

Mr. Murphy, who spoke on ethics of American newspapers, gave the delegates an insight into all the phases of newspaper writing, describing the newspaper as a 'condensed daily history of the world.' Mr. Murphy also stated that the daily newspaper serves as a trading guide, agency of barter

and a chronicle of the news.

In closing, Mr. Murphy mentioned the ethics of the American Society of Newspapers, organized to raise the standard of American journalism. Some of the points he brought out were freedom of the press, independence, sincerity, truthfulness, accuracy, impartiality, and fair play.

**Color Printing Explained**

Mr. Joseph Gorman delivered a spirited talk on the make-up and

publication of the comic supplement. He explained how the color printing presses are set up in four "decks" and how the comics are produced through a long, complicated process. An interesting fact noted was that the comics are made from only four colors — yellow, red, blue, and black.

Relating the history of color printing, Mr. Gorman stated that the first cartoon was printed on February 16, 1896 in the New

York World. The title of this cartoon was "The Yellow Kid", drawn by a man named Outcault.

Mr. William E. Bachman, city editor of the Hazelton Standard-Sentinel, speaking on the job of a city editor, imparted many helpful suggestions to the group. He said a reporter, who is the essential man on a newspaper, must be alert, honest, and accurate. The reporter must also be friendly, as

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# Athlete of Year To Receive Beacon Trophy

## School Newspaper To Give "Beacon Sports Trophy" At Athletic Banquet Thursday

For the first time in the history of athletics at Wilkes College, "The Beacon Sports Trophy," an award which will be presented to the outstanding college athlete of the year, will be given at the second annual Wilkes College Athletic Banquet next Thursday night in the college cafeteria.

Due to the fact that any athlete on the committee which will choose the winner of the award would automatically be ineligible to receive it, a committee of three will decide who is to be named "outstanding athlete of the year" at Wilkes College and the trophy will be suitably engraved for the winner.

The committee, composed of George Ralston, director of athletics and coach of three sports, Cromwell Thomas, coach of wrestling, and Tom Moran, sports editor of the Beacon and director of sports publicity, will meet this afternoon to decide the winner of the 1948 Beacon Sports Trophy.

Sports Editor of the Beacon will present the trophy at the banquet on Thursday night to the outstanding athlete and announce

the intention of the Beacon editors to carry on the custom of awarding a trophy to the outstanding athlete each year at the annual sports dinner.

In deciding the winner of the trophy the committee will base their selection of the person deserving to receive the Beacon Sports Trophy on the following points: Sportsmanship, Leadership, Scholastic Ability, and Athletic Ability.

Any member of a Wilkes College athletic team, which participates in intercollegiate competition, will be eligible to receive the award. There is no restriction placed upon one man winning the award twice in succession.

The trophy will be awarded on a personal basis and will not be classed as a school trophy.

## Speakers Urge Tolerance

Love of our neighbors, love of mankind and racial and religious tolerance were points stressed at Tuesday's assembly program which was under the direction of Rabbi Newton Friedman and Dean George Ralston.

A challenge to rid themselves of racial and religious intolerances was presented to the students by Rabbi Friedman, Rev. Carl Trexler, and Atty. Daniel J. Flood, leaders in Wyoming Valley's observance of American Brotherhood Week.

**Hatred Destroys**

Rabbi Friedman, Wilkes Religion instructor and Rabbi of Temple B'nai B'rith using as his central theme, "Our Great American Heritage," pointed out that America is founded on the basis of equality of mankind and that Americans accept no dictator except God.

He wondered how Americans can fight side by side with men of all creeds and colors during a war such as we just had, and then just as quickly, forget the prin-

ciples for which they fought by returning to a world of bigotry, prejudice and intolerance.

The Rabbi went on to say that it was hatred that caused the destruction of Germany and Japan, and it was hatred that has ruined hundreds of thousands of lives.

"All faiths are founded on love, love of our neighbors, and love of mankind" Rabbi Friedman concluded, "the world can only live on the basis of love."

**Friendliness Needed**

Reverend Carl Trexler, pastor of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church, the second of the three speakers, prefaced his remarks by saying that one of the miracles of history is America, and that one of the reasons for this is the fact that America is built on the idea that we are all equal.

He cited Toynbee's recent article in Life Magazine about the 21 civilizations of history, and noted that our western civilization is leading the field in a scramble for an obscure peak.

Reverend Trexler called attention to the fact that America is a country composed of peoples from the four corners of the earth, and went on to say that if we want our American Civilization

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## Thespians Plan Next Play

By REED LOWREY

Tryouts for the Thespians' second major production of the 1947-48 school year began Monday night under the supervision of dramatic coach Mr. Alfred Groh, and will continue until some time next week.

**The Hepburn Story**

The forthcoming production, *The Philadelphia Story*, a comedy by Philip Barry, was the first successfully produced by the Theatre Guild at the Shubert Theatre, New York, March 28, 1939. This play starring Katherine Hepburn and supported by such luminaries as Van Hefflin, Joseph Cotten, and Dan Tobin, had a very successful run on Broadway before being selected as the vehicle for a motion picture of the same title. In addition, this rich comedy has been done several times on the radio.

At present, the only definite part assignment has been given to William Griffith, a newcomer but, from reports received, a natural for the part of Uncle William in Barry's play.

**Irem Temple Engaged**

The Thespians have reported that it intends to provide more mature work of nearly professional standards and perfection. To insure proper appreciation of *The Philadelphia Story* arrangements to engage the Irem Temple for the three nights of the play have nearly reached completion.

Albin Auckerland and Alfred Comer who handled stage lighting and special effects for *Macbeth, You Can't Take It With You, and Antigone*, will also be in charge of lighting for *The Philadelphia Story*. The production of *Antigone*, which is reported to have compared favorably with Catherine Cornell's version, necessitated the use of two switchboards, the usual house equipment, and a crew of six technicians to operate the 20 spot lights used.

The stage and lighting equipment, which was totally destroyed when a fire gutted Chase Theatre in the summer of 1946, has now been replaced. Additional new equipment has been purchased and will be used to assist the cast of *The Philadelphia Story* during their rehearsals at Chase Theatre.

## The Colonel's Queen, Who Is She?

## Council To Hold Freshman Hop Tomorrow Night

Opening the social calendar for the current semester, the Student Council will sponsor a sport dance to be held tomorrow night at St. Stephen's Church House, South Franklin Street. The event will follow the Wilkes-King's basketball contest and will begin at 9:00 P. M. Jack Feeney, head of the Council's social committee, is in charge of the affair.

Music will be furnished by Reese Pelton's "Collegians", eleven-piece orchestra composed of Wilkes students. Expected to appear for the first time with the band will be a vocal trio. A balanced program of current ballads, standards and "jump" tunes has been arranged.

The dance is being held to honor the incoming freshman class and introduce them to the social activities program. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Scheduled as part of the evening's program is something new in musical entertainment, a novelty entitled "Birth of a Band". A "jitterbug" contest may also be staged.

As is the custom, admission to the affair and refreshments will be free to all Wilkes students and their friends.

## IRC To Nominate Officers Tonight

The International Relations Club will hold its initial meeting of the semester tonight at 7:30 p. m. in Chase Hall Lounge. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold nominations for the various vacancies of officers, and to acquaint the new members with the club's activities.

The Club members have been active on the Intercollegiate Conference on Government, Political Parties Conference, and the ICG chairman will be on hand to present the ICG agenda to the club for final approval.

Wilkes College, which has been selected as the headquarters of the Northeastern region of the ICG, will play host to the other colleges and universities in the Northeastern district. A regional meeting of the ICG to be held sometime in March will serve as a preliminary meeting to the final conference which will be held in Philadelphia.

## Theatre Scene Of Thespian Party Tonight

Tonight the Thespians will play host to the students of Wilkes College when they present *Minor Miracle*; a one-act play, and conduct an "open house" at Chase Theatre. The affair will begin with an informal inspection of lighting and stage equipment. At this time the Thespians will attempt to answer any questions posed by guests concerning the preparation and production of a stage play.

It was learned earlier this week that the Green Room, located on the second floor of Chase Theatre, has been completely remodeled. The transition includes a new color scheme for the walls, new electrical fixtures, floor lamps, end tables and new cushions for all chairs and couches.

Following the inspection tour students will be entertained by a prize-winning, twenty minute, one-act play entitled *MINOR MIRACLE*. Featured in the all male cast of this drama of human emotions will be Sheldon Fried, Ted Warakowski and David Jones. The play will begin at 8:30 p. m. Admission will be free and refreshments will be served during the course of the evening.

## BEACON MEETING MONDAY

There will be a meeting of the BEACON staffs Monday at noon in the BEACON office rear of Shoemaker Hall. Students interested in joining the Beacon staffs are welcome to attend the meeting.

## 'Algiers' To Be Shown Tonight

Clem Waclovski, president of the French Club, announces that the club will present a French film tonight in the new science lecture hall. The picture "Algiers" and an added short, "The Private Life of Pierre", will be shown in two performances. The first performance will be at 8:00 p. m. and the second performance will begin promptly at 9:30.



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## Professor Paul "Pop" Gies

Professor Paul Gies had the blessings of humility, ability and understanding.

Professor Gies was recognized as an expert musician, a veritable storehouse of musical knowledge, a fine instructor and a very likeable person. To students and faculty alike he was known simply as "Pop".

"Pop" Gies had the same warm feeling for students that they felt for him. He frequently held parties for them at his Pocono farm. Some students became his closest friends. In his will "Pop" left most of his estate to his very close friends Charles Henderson and Joe Higgins, both of whom had once been his students.



Professor Paul Gies

The air cadets Professor Gies instructed in meteorology here during the war received the highest results in the Army examination in that subject. He was the cadets' favorite instructor.

"Pop" was active in civic affairs. Among many other concerts, he conducted the annual Bach Festival in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. Musicians and music lovers esteemed his talent and versatility in music. He played expertly almost every known instrument. In addition he was a conductor and a composer.

On December 9, 1947, "Pop" Gies was scheduled to conduct his own (and last) composition, LOVE'S ADVERSITY at the Irem Temple, but he became too ill to appear.

"Pop" Gies, who last summer had been appointed full professor at Wilkes College, became a full time instructor in 1942 after serving time since 1933. Previously he had taught at Bucknell University.

He was the leader of the annual Bach Festivals in Heidelberg, Germany before leaving Germany in 1923.

His blessings of humility, ability, and understanding will permanently serve to inspire students who knew "Pop".

## Miller, Maylock Resign as Beacon Staff Heads

Associate Editor Robert Miller and Business Manager Eugene Maylock in assuming the duties of practice teachers at GAR this semester suddenly found they could no longer devote sufficient time to their duties on the BEACON and promptly resigned.

They did, nevertheless, consent, upon persuasion, to remain as reporters, which the BEACON sincerely appreciated. Miller and Maylock, two very amiable and busy fellows, will still serve as editor and business manager respectively of the MANUSCRIPT.

## Press Conference A Splendid Affair

The Interscholastic Press Conference held Saturday proved to be a significant and exceedingly successful affair.

During the program everyone had the opportunity to listen to this section's most prominent men whose addresses were, by the way, informative and extremely impressive.

Moreover, we are sure that everyone profited from the vigorous and stimulating exchange of ideas carried on during the discussion periods.

The able manner in which Mrs. Gertrude Williams, head of the Wilkes journalism department, conducted the program insured the affair of total success. To culminate proceedings the college cafeteria served a splendid luncheon.

We were further impressed by the interest of the high school journalists in the entire program. During the speeches the guests were so absorbed in the texts that one could have heard the proverbial pin drop, something quite uncommon among Wilkes assembly goers. Furthermore the speeches were so well planned and genuinely excellent that the audience had no desire to stir for the three and one half hours of the session.

It was simply too good to have just once. It was meant to be an annual conference. As Sister Mary Evangeline CBS of St. Mary's High School told the group, it was wonderful, word should be spread.

## Two Scholarships — Sponsor The Beacon

One of the most constructive ideas we have heard to date was suggested to us by BEACON Business Manager Joe Purcell, who was also deeply impressed by Saturday's Conference. Joe took us aside at the Conference and told us that Wilkes scholarships should be awarded to high school students showing the most ability in journalism. Upon observing the guests' tremendous interest in the conference, he had struck upon the idea. Competitive examinations could be judged by a board headed by Dr. Farley and consisting perhaps of the head of the college journalism department, history department, and the BEACON faculty advisor.

The scholarships, he reflected, could be awarded at each annual conference. This would effect even greater interest in such a seminar.

Not only did Purcell have an idea, he had a plan to accomplish it. Let the BEACON sponsor the scholarships, said Joe. Realizing that one does not have such a significant idea thrown at him everyday, we met with Joe Purcell this week to determine just how we could do it.

We knew that the only way we could possibly manage such a plan would be to put the BEACON on a paying basis and to use the money saved to sponsor scholarships. At present BEACON costs are paid by the student council from student funds.

This is what we found: This semester and in each succeeding semester the price of publishing the BEACON will cost the student council as representatives of the students approximately \$2,000. However, at its present advertising rates, the paper, without injuring its makeup, can be made to defray well over half the publishing expenses. In addition, if the BEACON were sold at five cents a copy, it would completely pay for itself.

Without selling the paper, the saving could send one student through four years of college here. But why not sell it and send two students! With the \$2,000 saved two students each year could receive an entire college education free.

No matter how one looks at it, the college and the students can't lose any money by putting such a plan into effect. On the other hand, there is everything to gain by doing so.

## More Carnivals Urged

The Winter Carnival sponsored by the student council at the Pocono's Split Rock Lodge was perhaps thoroughly enjoyed by more students than any other social event in Wilkes history. Certainly no other outdoor social event has been so well received.

Days before the deadline, reservations were filled. In spite of the terribly bad weather of the day on which the carnival fell, Wilkes students packed busses and cars to get there. No one was disappointed. In fact the party was even better than anyone had been led to believe.

Now many students feel that this carnival should be an annual affair. Many believe, moreover, that each semester should bring forth a carnival appropriate to the season.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

It was with much chagrin and disgust that I read Mr. Mikulewicz's "critique" of "Une Nuit a Paris" in the January 23 issue of the Beacon (Vol. 1, No. 20). It is with the approval of the French Club (Thursday, Jan. 29) that this letter is forwarded.

The fact that local talent was to be utilized in the floorshow was publicized beforehand by the program committee, and also announced by Clem Wacławski, General Chairman, and Joe Goldberg, Master of Ceremonies, in their introductory remarks preceding the show.

We had difficulty in rounding up talent (keeping the roundup localized and gratuitous) and needless to say, we were gratified to receive so many entrants. I personally reassured at least three entertainers who had expressed doubts about appearing before the student body on the grounds that they weren't "good enough." I informed them that our floorshow was not presented for the benefit of a hidden talent scout, but rather for a cooperative, broad-minded student body.

This is not to say that we expected to please everyone. Every guest was certainly entitled to his own opinion. However, criticism is one thing; ridicule, quite another.

School spirit being at the level that it is at Wilkes we all were very much encouraged at the excellent cooperation and interest which everyone connected with the formulative plans demonstrated. Just how much cooperation and interest can we expect in the future if the hard working entertainers receive this sample of gratitude. (And, if you don't think it was hard, try it, Mr. M.)

Perhaps, Mr. Mikulewicz and his sympathizers will be satisfied only when thousands of dollars of student funds are expended on name bands and professional entertainment.

In furthering school spirit, the "Social Activities Committee, and all members of the student council....." did cooperate wonderfully. It is abominable that the Beacon, in one article of insulting gibes, could destroy what the French Club had taken months to build up.

S. GEORGE MAISEL  
Program Chairman

Ed. Note — BEACON coverage of the French Club's cabaret party attempted to destroy nothing. Mr. Mikulewicz was assigned to write a candid report of the party, which he did.

A review of the report will show Mr. Maisel that the writer considered the party a big success, which was made possible largely by some of its performers.

His account, though frank, certainly cannot be considered insulting or unfair.

Says writer Mikulewicz, "It is gratifying to know that the BEACON is being read with such interest."

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## In Passing

By Robert Mikulewicz

### A WARM STORY OF FOUR MEN—ONE A NEGRO

THE CHEQUER BOARD, by Nevil Shute, published by William Morrow and Company, New York, 1947.

THE CHEQUER BOARD is the story of four men who met in a hospital in England during World War II. Jack Turner, a salesman, whose deals had not been completely out of the shade; Phil Morgan, young RAF pilot, who later divorced his unfaithful wife and went to live in Burma; Dave Lasurier, an American negro, who was facing an attempted rape charge for trying to kiss a girl; Duggie Brent, a young paratrooper, trained to kill, who was charged with murder.

The story of the others is told as seen and heard by Turner. After the war was over the doctors told Turner he had only six months to live because of an incurable head wound. With this reality facing him, he decided to find out what had happened to his hospital companions.

Turner flew to Burma, looked up Phil and found that he was married to a lovely, educated Burmese girl of high caste, that he had an important government job, a large home, a healthy son, and was very happy.

When Turner returned to England he learned that Duggie Brent's lawyer, formerly his commanding officer, successfully defended him on the murder charge showing that Brent, who went from school into army life, acted instinctively when he had killed a man in a brawl. He pointed out that Brent had been taught not to think but to act, and that Brent had not been the aggressor in the fight but merely acted in self defense, employing such tactics that he learned as a paratrooper.

Brent was found guilty of manslaughter but was given only a six month sentence.

Dave Lasurier's story is Nevil Shute at his best. His love of man and his same humor are at work here to show, especially to Americans, the stupidity of racial discrimination. Dave was one of a company of Negroes stationed near Trenarth, a small English town, to build an airfield. The Negroes and the towns people got along very well together, because the English treated Negroes like human beings and the Negroes showed their appreciation by mending irons, painting fences, and helping in many other ways.

When the airfield was nearly completed, there arrived a battalion of white troops whose commander was a southern "gentleman" of the old school. The southern boys in the white battalion, encouraged by the knowledge that their C. O. would take their side, started an argument with the colored boys one night in the only pub in town. Mr. Frobisher, the owner of the pub, turned them all out and the next day hung a sign on his pub which read, "This House is for Englishmen and Colored American Troops Only."

When the colonel took issue with him, Mr. Frobisher said, "Some of the whites . . . don't seem to like anything . . . they don't like our girls, they don't like the colored troops, they don't like the beer, they don't like the lavatories . . . and they don't mind telling you about it. Nine out of ten are quite decent lads, remarkable like us. The rest of them are quarrelsome and always making trouble. I never had no trouble with the colored soldiers, of any sort at all."

During his stay at Trenarth, Dave fell in love with Grace Trefusis but did not get up enough courage to ask her to go out until his unit was preparing to move. He waited for her to leave a movie and started to walk home with her. Grace looked so pretty he tried to kiss her, she was startled, screamed and ran. As luck would have it, a white M. P. from Alabama, was standing on the corner, and Grace ran right into his arms. Dave was panic stricken and ran, the white M. P.'s chasing him. He ducked into an air raid shelter, and all the stories he had heard as a boy in the south of lynchings, and tarring and feathering came into his mind. Dave inexpertly cut his throat and the Military Police took him to a hospital.

Mr. Frobisher, after talking to Grace, realized that the "attempted rape" was only an attempted kiss, and that Dave had been far more frightened than Grace. Mr. Frobisher and Grace came to Dave's defense and charges against him were dropped.

When the war ended, Dave was sent home but soon took ship for England. He found Grace, got a job as draughtsman, courted and married Grace. They got in touch with Duggie Brent who was happily married and had a job driving a truck. Duggie had made the transition back to civilization successfully.

When Mr. Turner ends his travels, he knows that all his friends are comfortably established. As the story ends, it is quite evident that Turner's life is also at its end.

The author has taken the four stories and intertwined them into an easily read, simply told story that is full of a warm, understanding feeling toward humanity.

Mr. Nevil Shute is able to treat the Negro question with a clean humanitarian approach unadulterated by stupefying prejudices.

## Too Many Military Men Says Baldwin

By JACK REESE

An attempt is made by Hanson W. Baldwin to open the long closed eyes of the American public in the December issue of Harper's Magazine. In a daring article, Baldwin bluntly points out the prominence that former military and naval leaders now exert as present leaders of American policy in and out of the United States. In a nine-page analysis, Baldwin of the New York Times does his best to present the facts of our present diplomatic setup in relation to the atomic era and growing military influence without too much emphasis on change one way or the other.

In regard to trend, Baldwin states, "I say that the growing influence of the military in American life is dangerous to our democratic liberties. Few Americans, I think, realize how far we have already deviated from our past concepts of freedom." The men to whom Baldwin is referring are at the present time carrying out the policies advocated by our administration in Washington. About these former war leaders, he writes, "George C. Marshall, General of the Army, is Secretary of State. The Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas was Major General John H. Hildring and is now Charles E. Saltzman, a former brigadier general. Japan is governed almost unilaterally by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, who is nominally an Allied commander but in some ways has been a law unto himself. Korea is under a military man. Germany is the domain of Lieutenant General Lucius D. Clay; Austria, of Lieutenant General Geoffrey Keyes. These men ostensibly carry out a policy framed by the civilian State Department, but actually, as administrators of policy in military government, they are also architects of it."

"In the foreign service Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith is our ambassador to Moscow; Admiral Alan G. Kirk is our ambassador to Belgium; and Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer has just headed a special mission to China, where our policy has long been influenced by the military. In South Africa and Panama retired generals head the legation and embassy, and throughout South America some thirteen American military missions wield not only military but political power. Two military men—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur—Eisenhower was, and MacArthur still is a potential candidate for the Presidency; and many other less widely known military figures are making themselves politically available for Congressional or other elective positions."

As the article unfolds, Baldwin expresses feelings that there is nothing insidious in connection with such an arrangement and that it is all a natural outcome of victory in World War II.

"Most of the men mentioned are good public servant; many of them are exceptional. Collectively, however, they represent a pattern; they have in common the habit of command and discipline and the mental outlook of years of military training—a tendency to apply in their thinking the yardstick of physical power. It is a pattern to be watched."

Baldwin shows a calm and reasonable state of mind when he states that we are not so far gone that the Roosevelt or Truman or any other American administration can be likened to that of Hitler — or Stalin. Baldwin feels that we need federal power in regulation of commercial airlines, control of interstate commerce, and legislation preventing monopolies of capital or labor.

Baldwin goes on to state facts about the growing influence of the

War and Navy Departments in formulating our foreign policy. He states potential dangers of the popular idea of unified command and the armed forces merger bill. Military influence in science and education is already tremendous according to Baldwin, along with industry, especially in the aircraft industry.

The conclusion of the analysis deals with our national problem which Baldwin believes is achievement of a reasonable security. He does not agree with others that this cannot be done without sacrificing the basic principles of democracy. The problem is older than the atomic bomb and is the fight between security and liberty, according to the author, and he believes that a compromise between relative security and guarantees of basic liberties can be a reality.

"The middle way is the best way. We need military strength in this uncertain world; appeasement and weakness certainly mean war. But so, too, do militant and overbearing strength and to great an emphasis on military as opposed to political, economic, and psychological strength. The military must be honored but not extolled, allowed influence but not to propagandize, have their place in government but a place strictly circumscribed. For there is nothing so hopeless, all past history tells us, as the attempt to achieve absolute security by the sword. The tragic fallacy of such attempts is written large upon the past for all to see. Least of all in the atomic age can we achieve absolute security or total preparedness. If we attempt it we shall have sold our birthright of freedom; liberty will have been sacrificed for a mirage. There is strength in moderation, strength above all in the basic American concept that military power is and must remain subordinate to civilian authority."

## The Philosophy That Didn't Work

By GARFIELD DAVIS

It was the first day of class in Philosophy 100, and I listened enraptured as the instructor expounded on how words are merely symbols for material objects — merely a "convenience" to the human race. "For instance," he said, "take this blackboard. How do we know that what we call a 'blackboard' really is a blackboard? The word is merely something which was coined so that when I speak of a 'blackboard' to you, you'll know what I mean. But isn't it possible that what we call a blackboard might in reality be something else — something entirely different from what we think of? Or that tree we see outside. How do we know it really is a tree? What is a tree, anyway? Why should that particular object be called a 'tree'? How do we know that its substance is not such that it should be called something else?"

He looked at the class questioningly. Did we understand what he was "getting at," he wanted to know? Was it my imagination, or was he looking at me when he asked the question? Perhaps I looked puzzled. If I didn't look puzzled I should have, because I was. How do I know a blackboard is a blackboard and a tree a tree? I thought: Is this college life getting to be too much for me? Or worse still, is this old world falling apart, and the civilization I have known, crumbling? A blackboard not a blackboard and a tree not a tree, but something else? I was a sadly disillusioned young man, and was very glad when the period was over and I could hurry out of the classroom. As I went out the door, I fancied that the instructor was once again looking at me quizzically. Perhaps it was my imagination again. But, certainly, I was puzzled. Who wouldn't you be if he found that blackboards were no longer blackboards and that the

trees about you were changing into something else?

The trees and blackboards worried me immensely. There should be something stable, something that would remain the same in this fast-changing world, I told myself. I didn't see how I could be anything but uncomfortable when confronted with the idea that any material object I could name might at any moment turn out to be something different. But since it was then near lunch time, I decided that it might be more fun to mull over the question with a full stomach, and started for home to eat lunch.

When I got to my car, I found on it that which is the dread of all Wilkes students who drive cars to school — a parking ticket. The officer, one who has quite a reputation as the nemesis of all those who make the mistake of violating traffic regulations in the vicinity of Wilkes College, had noted on the ticket that I would please be good enough to appear at the City Hall the following day to pay a two-dollar fine. This, too, was something which could best be mulled over with a full stomach, so I drove home for lunch.

All that day I worked on a plan which, felt would save me two dollars. When I went to bed that night, I slept well indeed, for I was sure that I had a fool-proof plan. I knew exactly what I was going to do when I went down to the City Hall. To state it simply, I was going to confuse them. I was going to make philosophy pay off.

The next day (when I arrived at the City Hall, the clerk said, "Two dollars, please."

"Just a moment," I said. "I'm not so sure that I should pay two dollars for a parking violation. In the first place, how do I know that I actually parked overtime? How do I know that the situation is not such that the time allotted for parking should not be one hour, instead of forty-five minutes? And how do I know that it was my car that was parked overtime? You know, my good man, what is known as 'my automobile' could easily be something else. Right?"

I was surprised when the clerk didn't become at all confused. He looked as if he thought that any man who spoke as I did was probably dangerous, and might be better off locked up somewhere, but he definitely did not become confused. What was this, I thought — what about the philosophy I was using on him? At that moment the door opened and a policeman came in. I shuddered. It was the one who had given me the ticket.

"This guy's giving me some trouble," the clerk said. "Doesn't want to pay his fine."

The officer didn't seem to like that. "Look, buddy," he said. "you'll pay the fine, or you'll go to jail. Take your choice."

His voice was menacing. I began to think I might have to part with that two dollars after all. But then I told myself that I would certainly not give up as easily as that. I'd use my education on them, by gum!

"Oh, no I won't," I said. "Officer, how do I know that was my car. How do I know I was parked overtime? How do I know that what we call a 'ticket' really is a ticket? I could just as easily be an invitation to a wedding, or a ticket to a policeman's ball, or even a box top from a box of corn flakes. How do you and I know a ticket is a ticket?"

This didn't seem to stump him, but it did serve to make him even angrier than he had been at first. Perhaps he thought I was talking nonsense. (Oh no, not that!) Anyway, he kept insisting that I pay the fine or go to jail. Finally, I saw that he meant it, so I handed him two dollars and started to stroll out of the place. When I looked back at the officer, and the clerk, they were debating whether or not it would be safe to let me go out and mingle with the people of the outside world, so I quickened my pace, and hurried out the door (continued on page 8)

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# Conference Highlights



Students at the Press Conference show deep interest as Mr. Joseph T. Gorman, President of

International Color Printing Company, explains the in's and out's of printing comics.

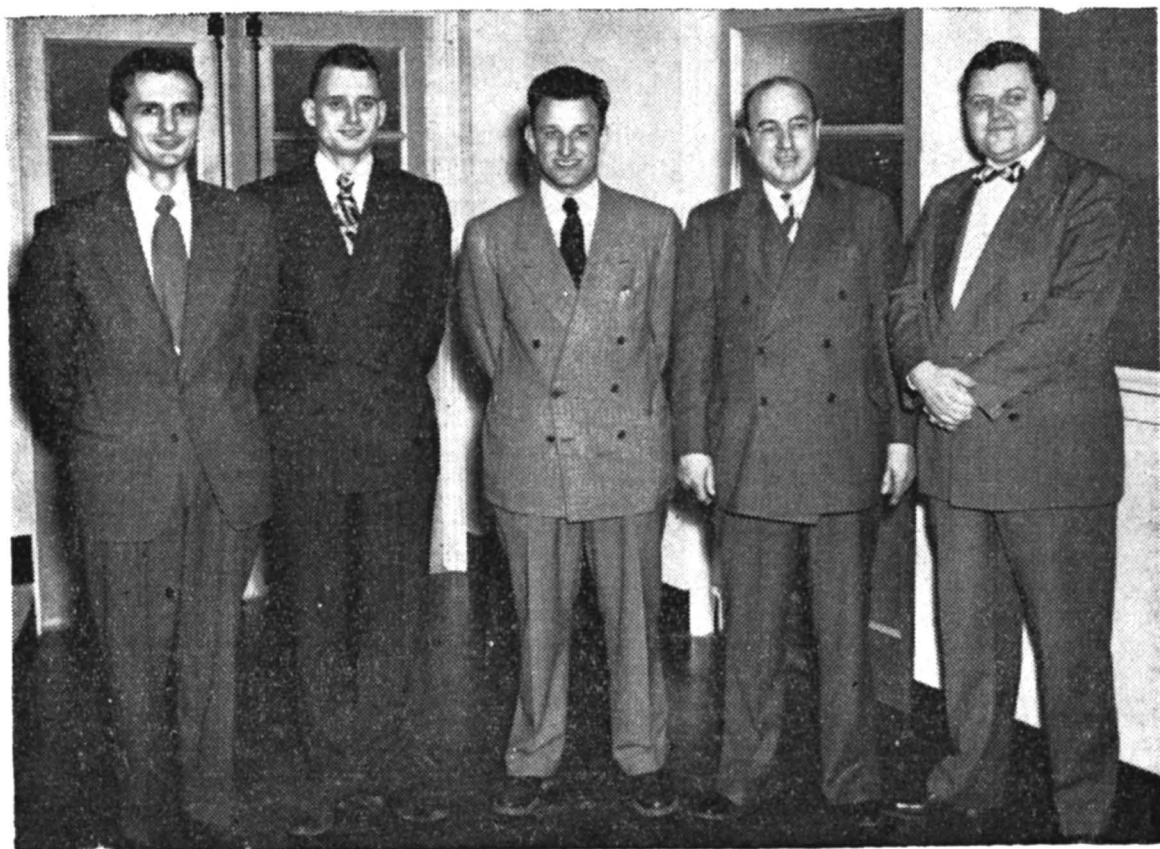


Pictured above are faculty advisors of the student publications of the various high schools represented at the recent Interscholastic Press Conference.

First row, Mrs. E. Repotski, Newport; Elizabeth Whitenight, Shickshinny; Eileen Donohue,

Wyoming; Mary Gilmore, Luzerne; Sister Mary Evangeline CBS, Marymount.

Rear row, John Callahan, Jenkins Township; Gilbert Schappert, GAR; Alfred Brenner, Kingston.



Pictured are participants in the recent Press Conference.

Left to right, Robert T. Mikulewicz, features editor of the Wilkes Beacon; Henry Anderson,

editor-in-chief of the Beacon; Norbert Olshefski, news editor of the Beacon; William Bachman, city editor of the Hazleton Standard-Sentinel; Bob Patton, sports editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record.

## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

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tips and leads to big stories are often obtained from people who have been impressed by the character of the reporter.

Three characteristics of a newspaper, according to Mr. Bachman, are dramatic effectiveness, compactness, and clarity.

He recommended that the young Bible Recommended

journalist read Charles Dickens to study character description; Shakespeare to acquire an extensive vocabulary; and the Bible to learn dramatic English, brevity and power.

Mr. Robert Patton explained the difference between sports writing and news writing. He expressed the hope that the local high schools would profit from the conference by forming an organization to help get the high school news to the offices of the papers. In this way, Mr. Patton stated, more news of the high schools would be printed.

### Luncheon Served

At the conclusion of the speeches the delegates were guests of the

BEACON Press Club at a luncheon in the College cafeteria.

Following the luncheon three movies, "Journalism", a picture showing all the phases of newspaper work, "Cover To Cover", a picture showing the steps in the publication of a book, and "Spot News", a picture describing how telephotos are made, were shown in Chase Theatre. After the movies, a discussion period was held. Later the delegates were taken on a tour of the campus.

In bringing the conference to a close, Mrs. Williams told the delegates that she hoped this would be an annual affair because by discussing the problems of putting out a high school paper, much was gained by all who participated.

Delegates attended the conference from the following schools:

Kingston, St. Mary's, G. A. R., Kingston Township, Newport Township, Shickshinny, Dallas Borough, Wyoming, Marymount, Jenkins, Luzerne, Forty Fort, Meyers, and Coughlin.

## Who Is the Colonel's Queen?



Snapped at the conference are left to right, Kingston High School's Merritt Wagner of the KINGSTONIAN and KINGSTONIAN co-editors Jean Smith and Joseph Moran (brother of BEACON sports editor Tom Moran).



Pictured during Saturday's conference left to right, first row: William Bachman, city editor of the HAZLETON STANDARD SENTINEL; John Callahan, advisor of Jenkins Township High School publication. Back row: Jack Reese, BEACON reporter; Bob Patton, WILKES-BARRE RECORD sports editor; Mrs. Gertrude Williams, Wilkes journalism instructor; Marty Blake, College journalism student.



## Use College Library for Study Urges Osterhout

Mr. Joseph Myers, Wilkes College librarian, has requested that Wilkes students refrain, whenever possible, from the practice of using the Osterhout Library as a study hall. Mr. Myers stated that the facilities of the college library are not being used to the fullest, even during the hours when the library is most crowded. The college library now has a seating capacity of approximately 120, and even during the busiest hours has sufficient seating space to accommodate at least two-thirds of the students who have been going to the Osterhout to pursue their studies.

Mr. Myers made it clear, however, that the Osterhout is anxious to have Wilkes students make use of its Reference and Circulation Departments, but students who are merely looking for a place to sit and study are requested to employ the college library. The reason for this is that Wilkes students have been studying at the Osterhout in such great numbers that other patrons at that library have been unable to find seats.

Mr. Myers said it was his hope that in the future students will make greater use of the increased seating capacity in the college library, thus alleviating the crowded situation at the Osterhout.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

On November 29, 1947 newspapers throughout the country carried jubilant headlines of the partitioning of Palestine. Since that time, these same newspapers have been carrying daily accounts of the strife and tension now spreading throughout the Holy Land; have been carrying flagrant accounts of violations of the United Nations decision by the Arabs.

It was not the Jews who decided on the partition of Palestine, by the United Nations, foremost among which was the United States; it should not be expected that the Jews must bear the entire responsibility for the carrying out of the decision, while embargoes exist which prevent them from receiving desperately needed material aid for their own defense and for the defense of the partition scheme.

The arms embargo which our own government has imposed upon the Middle East serves only to strengthen the hand of the Arabs who are openly receiving munitions from the British and from America which is shipping them to Yemen, technically considered not in the Middle East.

The Jews of Palestine are ready and willing to defend themselves. Our government is morally and duty bound to heed their cries for material aid, to insure that the citizens of the newly created Jewish State are properly equipped to protect themselves against the assaults of those determined to oppose by violence the democratically arrived at decisions made by the world's highest tribunal.

The United States holds the key to the proper equipment of the Jewish militia. In our long history, our government has not hesitated to send arms and military missions to other parts of the world to back up its foreign policy; it should not hesitate now.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP BARON

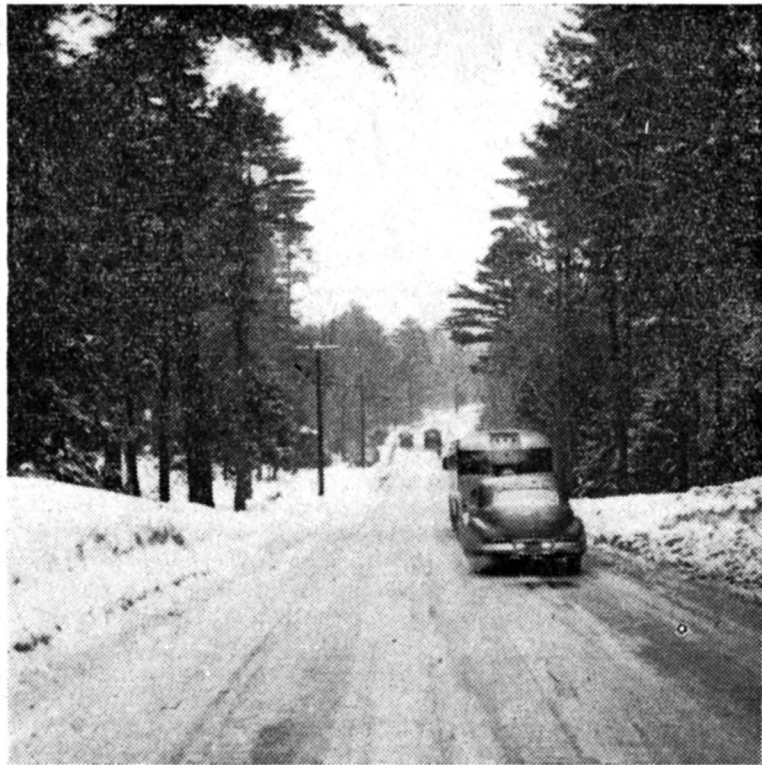
The Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Chapter Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America.

Who Is the Colonel's Queen?

# Winter Carnival Outpoints Weather



It was no easier returning on the slippery highways. Here students help put chains on the bus they were riding.



It was tough going to get through the Poconos to the College Winter Carnival held between semesters. Above a bus and car on the way to the Split Rock Lodge (site of the carnival) are stuck on an icy hill.

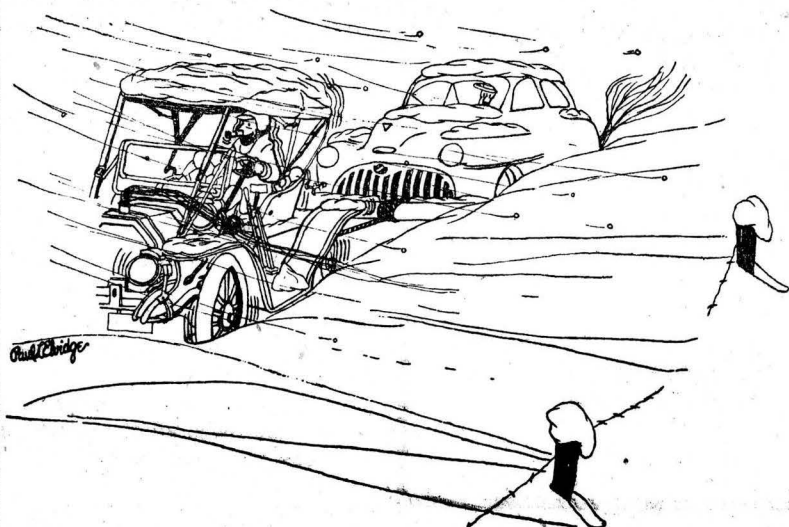
## News Without Information? Can't Be Done!

BEACON reporters have been complaining increasingly that some students and faculty members simply won't cooperate to give them the information necessary to turn out a paper.

They report that some students and faculty members sometimes refuse to give the time for an interview, but more often decline to give them the facts necessary to write a news story, or keep them coming back until the reporters are not only absolutely weary but have missed the deadline. (One weary reporter has been trying consistently for a week to get a story for this issue. Each day has been told to come back). Missing a deadline causes confusion in every department. It adds a tremendous amount of work to the BEACON staffs and the printer, neither of whom have the material they had planned on. There are too many complications involved in missing a deadline to discuss here. However, the most serious complications, we feel, are that a reporter who is frequently turned away by faculty members and students loses interest in his work and that consequently the paper soon loses reader appeal.

In most institutions reporters are granted interviews and given sufficient information (in time for deadlines) to report in the college newspaper. Here, apparently some people feel it unnecessary to give reporters the slightest consideration. At the same time, there is often a terrific clamor from the same people and others if the BEACON misses any news items.

It is a very obvious fact that news can't be printed without the facts. The cooperation of students and faculty alike is necessary to the publishing of the newspaper.



A Wilkes skier makes his way along the icy ski run.



Students may have had trouble getting to and from the carnival, but no one had any trouble enjoying his stay there. Above Wilkes funsters descend the Lodge's swift toboggan slide.



# Athletic Banquet Set For Thursday



## SPORTS ★ BEACON

By TOM MORAN  
Beacon Sports Editor

### OUT OF THE DARK AGE—PLEASE

Several weeks ago in the King's Crown there appeared an editorial which literally took the proud wearers of the gold and red apart for not supporting their college basketball team.

At Wilkes we have the same trouble. For the past two years—ever since this college began sponsoring athletics on a large scale—we have been listening to narrow-minded individuals sound off in a critical manner about the various athletic teams. The majority of the students at Wilkes prefer to stay away from sports contests and then indulge in their "Sunday Morning Quarterbacking" the day after the event. There is seldom ever an encouraging remark made—always it is in the form of criticism.

Don't get this department wrong—we're not saying that some things couldn't be improved, but to those who prefer to criticize from a distance after reading the newspaper account of the sports event, there appears to be a definite lack of school spirit and loyalty.

At a time like this when we should be enjoying the sports we have at present and striving to build a bigger and better sports program, some of the students are getting a bigger kick out of knocking the players, coaches, and program.

Let's get out of the dark ages. We have an excellent athletic program at this school. There are a few kinks, but to the critic even the perfect would seem imperfect. We can put it in another way. This is college. The college has athletic teams. The college also is supposed to have school spirit. But the college cannot have any of these things unless it has students who enjoy them. The excuse that we are veterans and above any such childishness is in itself a far more drastic form of childishness.

Many times we have heard people say that this is nothing like college, because there is no spirit and the student body in general is dead. Well, who made it that way? The student council and the school officials have provided the students with all the tools. The task of building is up to the students.

Remember, it's almost impossible to criticize the school without criticizing yourself, because YOU are a part of it. What you don't like is what you have created. If it's a monster only you can change it.

Let's support the school activities in the future.

### INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE THIS YEAR

For the second straight year, Wilkes will have an Intramural Softball League, which will be made up of about 10 teams from the various clubs in the school. George Ralston, director of athletics, announced that this year's intramural softball program will be handled by the Athletic Department and the teams will have plenty of equipment and top-notch officials to handle the games in Kirby Park.

### BEACONETTES

Chet Knapich, whom Bob Mikulewicz referred to as the kindly faced judge, will have to cease smiling at the trials. It ruins the effect. . . Best remark of the week came when Marty Blake, who could probably talk the head off a cigarstore Indian, remarked jokingly that the fans in Wyoming Valley were planning to hold a Marty Blake Night and present him with a traveling bag. A potential journalist popped from nearby, "It's a wonderful idea and I'll go on record as volunteering to pay the full price for a one-way ticket so the bag won't go to waste."

### Seven Matches Set For Wilkes Tennis Team

Candidates for the Wilkes College tennis team will be called out as soon as the weather permits, according to George Ralston, director of athletics.

This year will mark the second year of tennis competition for the Colonels and many of the netmen who were members of last year's club will be back on the courts for the college this season.

The first match is scheduled for April 16, when the Colonel net squad will play host to Hartwich College team in the Kirby Park court area.

Expected to be back in action for the Wilkes tennis team this year are: John Glowacki, Bill Davenport, Joe Danielewicz, Bob Mikulewicz, Edward Burtsavage, Hank Collins, and Kenny Widdall.

The schedule is:

April 16, Hartwich, home; April 17, Lycoming, home; May 1, Lycoming, away; May 8, Hartwich, away; May 15, Susquehanna, away; May 22, Triple Cities, away; May 28, Triple Cities, home.

### Cobleigh Named Music Dept. Head

Cobleigh Appointed—

Donald E. Cobleigh, former Dartmouth instructor, is replacing the late Professor Paul Gies as head of the Music Department at Wilkes College, it was announced by Dr. Eugene S. Farley, President of Wilkes College.

Mr. Cobleigh is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College and has been a member of the faculty since 1932.

He received his degree of music from the University of Wisconsin. He studied music at Ecole Normale de la Musique in Paris and was a student of the famous Nadia Boulanger.

In addition to being a member of the faculty of Dartmouth College, Mr. Cobleigh was associated with the Dartmouth Glee Club. He is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Office of Strategic Services as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

He taught music appreciation, history, theory, and modern music at Dartmouth. Mr. Cobleigh assumed his duties here at the beginning of the semester.

### SECOND ANNUAL SPORTS DINNER-DANCE AT 6:30 IN WILKES CAFETERIA

The second annual Wilkes College Athletic Banquet, which was originally scheduled to take place last Monday, will be held next Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Wilkes College Cafeteria, according to an announcement made yesterday by George F. Ralston, director of athletics at this college.

Over 150 persons, including members of all past athletic teams, who are still in school, and Wilkes College lettermen, are expected to attend the combined banquet and dance, which will honor the athletic teams of the past year.

The Athletic Council, working in conjunction with George Ralston, have arranged a program which will top last year's sports dinner-dance in every department, food, entertainment, and speeches.

#### No Outside Speakers

According to the director of athletics, there will be no outside speakers at this year's affair, but addresses will probably be made by several local college men as well as the captains of the various athletic teams, which are being honored.

Among those who will be present at this year's banquet are:

Clayton Karambelas, William Rice, Steve Wolff, James Farrell, Crane Buzby, Jack Jones, James Davis, James Brennan, Marty Warmus, Joe Baltrushes, Tom Moran, Jack Kloeber, Jack Reese, Jack Feeney, Francis Brokus, Clem Hiller, Henry Heineman, Norbert Olshefski, John Vale, James Trumbower, William Nancarrow, Chester Knapich, Sammy Elias, Ed Gill, Millard Skalla, Bill McDonough, Lew Jones, Osea Galletta, Joe Danielewicz, John Glowacki, Bob Mikulewicz, William Davenport, Jack Josephs, Bob Gorgas, Paul Thomas, George Lewis, Bill Eckert, Melvin Barry, Francis Pinkowski, John Florciewicz, Kenny Widdall, Bob Waters, Joe Swartwood, Bill Harvey, Gerard Washco, Walter Hendershot, Earl Fritzges, Al Morse, Joe Savitz, Danny Norman, Bill Borman, Bill Luetzel, Don Casey, Venton Lugg, and Jack Cain.

### WHAT ABOUT—SCHOOL SPIRIT...

School spirit seems to be like the weather.....

Everyone talks about it—no one does anything about it!

Well, what is school spirit anyway? Chances are, one could get as many interpretations as there are personalities. However, there are various other names, such as morale, esprit de corps and oomph—which connote about the same meaning.

Let's see how this applies to Wilkes College. We have here in school unlimited opportunities for student expression in sports, dramatics, student government, enterainment and many other fields of interest for young people.

The student body in general has responded admirably—and with a wealth of talent.

We have a splendid football team. The basketball team has compiled an enviable record. We have had great plays in the past (thanks to our many talented dramatic students) and can certainly look forward to many more. We have conducted many successful dances: formal and semi-formal.

We have done much.....

In spite of all this there appears to be a lack of that whole hearted enthusiasms by the student body that could be described as . . . school spirit.

What's the matter?

In all probability there is more than one reason. And there are a few which appear conspicuous enough to merit attention.

Perhaps the most important of these factors is that the great majority of students have predominantly local interests, not necessarily connected with the school!

They have long established friendships, membership in clubs and associations and other neighborhood attachments which lay first claim to their time and attention. Quite naturally a conflict arises when a transfer of loyalty and sentiment to the school is attempted by the student.

Then we have the problem of the hard pressed married student, who gets along as bravely as he can, on the present subsistence allowance under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

There are also many students with outside employment, who consequently have scant time for participation in student activities.

Many students take education as no light matter and devote as much time as possible to studies.

Last we find a few students who cast a cynical eye on all efforts to promote student affairs as so much hoopla and whoop de do.

Now facts like these are not discouraging..... They point up a decisive challenge to those capable people who are willing to work in the grass roots of the student body as a whole: and to whip up a program acceptable to the greatest majority of students possible.

Due attention should be paid to current flow of student opinion.

Maturity and curiosity should be cultivated in the student, insofar as it will lead to his spontaneous and whole hearted interest in scholastic affairs.

Dignity of the individual should be the keynote of the movement. All the tools, all the means, all the skills are present.....

Let's put them to use!

Edward J. Wasilewski

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# King's Quintet Next Colonel Cage Foe

## WILKES GRAPPLERS FACE PRINCETON ON SATURDAY, F. & M. SQUAD THURSDAY

The Wilkes College wrestling team will enter its busiest week of the season tomorrow, when it will travel to Trenton to engage the Princeton Junior Varsity in a wrestling meet; and on Thursday, it will join hands with King's and the Y. M. C. A. against Franklin and Marshall in a benefit match for the Crippled Children's fund.

After a short and not too successful season, the matmen finally pulled into the win column with a resounding 18-15 triumph over King's College last Saturday. Tomorrow, Wilkes matmen hope to add the Jersey men to what they hope will be a growing list of victims.

The Tigers of Princeton will be hard to handle, and a win for the Colonels will bring some desired prestige which they will use in adopting a full four-year college schedule for next season.

The Princeton squad has a rich background in the field of sports,

not the least of which is wrestling. It will bring into the squared ring years of experience against the best the Ivy League was able to throw at them. However, Coach Cromwell Thomas of Wilkes feels that his men are ready for the bigger fields, and is confident that his team will make better than a creditable showing. He promises trouble for Princeton and thinks highly of his squad's capabilities.

The Thursday encounter will have an All-Star team composed of Wilkes, King's and the Y. M. C. A. in an engagement against the famed Franklin and Marshall Wrestlers. This match will be sponsored by the West Side Lion's Club for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Fund. Preparations for the event are being handled by Frank Walp, Supervising principal of the Forty Fort schools.

The encounter will take place at 7:30 in the Kingston High School Gymnasium.

## Failure to Receive Court Barber Job Angers Feelzwell

Appointment of Henry Heineman, Wilkes Letterman, as court barber recently caused considerable speculation in the Beacon office as to the stand Herkimer Feelzwell, professor of exterior decorating on campus, would take.

It was common knowledge to Beacon reporters that Feelzwell, long acknowledged as campus barber instructor, never so much as

had Heineman as a student. Feelzwell, who does not take kindly to shunning, was seen to go as far as reporting the new barber to the union. Events were seen to take a serious turn, for Feelzwell, a glib clip hadn't been heard from publicly for some time. When the good professor is quiet it is generally conceded that he is conceiving a sheer headache for someone.

News reporters and feature writers alike sought interviews with Feelzwell to no avail. On one occasion he wasn't in, but reporters in combing his office noted the professor's diploma (Lather College) proudly displayed on the wall, his elegant chair with the reversible hoist, a shelf containing bottles of shampoo invented by the professor and recognized as a famous dandruff and scalp remover, and a card from Petrillo permitting him to whistle while he worked. All this, the writers thought, and he didn't get the court job.

Apparently Feelzwell agreed, for the next day a quartet of reporters seeking an interview, were brushed off when he would not permit entry into his office, shouting bitterly from inside, "I disaffiliate".

Asked for an interview, the professor retorted, "I'll send my an-

## Eleven Contests Face Wilkes Nine; First Game Apr. 16

The baseball schedule, which was released by the Athletic Department yesterday, revealed that Wilkes College diamond squad will play a total of 11 games during a six week period, with the first contest scheduled to take place at home with Hartwich as the opponent on Friday, April 16, in Kirby Park.

The club this year is expected to be one of the strongest that ever represented the blue and gold on the diamond. New equipment and uniforms have been purchased for the members of the squad and there is a good possibility that an early season drill shed may be obtained for the pitchers and catchers to work out.

During the season, the Wilkes nine will play six home games, all in Kirby Park, and five away.

The schedule is: April 16, Hartwich, home; April 17, Wyoming Seminary, home; April 28, Rider College, away.

May 1, Keystone, away; May 4, Wyoming Seminary, away; May 8, Hartwich, away; May 12, Keystone, home; May 15, Rider College, home; May 19, King's, home; May 22, Triple Cities, away; May 29, Triple Cities, home.

## 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
'6	Lycoming	61

Remaining Schedule:  
Saturday, Feb. 28—King's College away  
Wednesday, Mar. 3—Triple Cities away  
Saturday, Mar. 6—National J. C. home  
Saturday, Mar. 13—N. Y., A & S away

## Spanish Club To Hold First Meeting Tonight

The first "Coffee Hour" of the current semester will be held by the Spanish Club on Monday, March 1, at 3:00 P. M. in room 204 of the Shoemaker building.

Pablo Diaz, a Wilkes student from Bogota, Columbia, and Henrietta Rivas, a Mexican "Senorita", will speak on life in South America.

Arrangements for this affair are being handled by Marty Blake and Kieth Rasmussen, two students studying Spanish 103.

All Spanish students who attend this meeting are asked by the Spanish Department to submit a copy of their schedules so a permanent meeting time can be established.

wer. It's a singe you'll have a cutting reply from me". Feelzwell promised he could be dandruff about this incident.

Reporters felt certain that a serious crisis was in the making and that last of the issue had not been heard.

## WEAKENED WILKES FIVE HOPES TO AVENGE EARLY SEASON DEFEAT SATURDAY

GAME AWAY AT 8

By TOM MORAN  
Beacon Sports Editor

Although considerably weakened by the loss of several key players, a determined Wilkes College quintet will try to avoid what seems almost inevitable when the blue and gold Colonels face a more powerful and experienced King's College cage team tomorrow night at 8 in the King's College Gymnasium in Kingston.

King's will reign as the favorites in tomorrow night's contest because of the one-sided shellacking the Monarch cage team handed this institution's five in the first meeting of the two clubs earlier this season. This second contest between the two Wilkes-Barre colleges will see Coach Tom Brock's cage machinery even stronger than it was on January 24, while the blue and gold banner men will be playing with a squad that is considerably weakened by the loss of Bill Johns and possibly one other courtman, who may be out on injuries.

### Colonels Hopeful

Undoubtedly, the Colonels will play with a "do or die" spirit, since all hopes of copping any grand and glorious honors as a result of the 1947-48 cage season have long since been blown into nothing. But there is always the chance that one of those strange and seldom seen phenomena will occur in the King's gym in the form of an unexpected Wilkes victory.

Coach George Ralston has a

group of top-notch cagers on his roster and all of the courtmen have plenty of scholastic experience under their belts, but the big question is whether it will be enough to prevent the Brock aggregation from conducting one of its now famous scoring sprees.

### Starting Five Doubtful

With the loss of Johns in the Wilkes line-up, Coach Ralston was not too sure as to just who would be in the starting five, but with such regulars as Danny Norman, Paul Huff, Paul Zlonkiewicz, Joe Swartwood, Bill Harvey, Don Casey, and Charlie Jackson to pick from, the Kingsmen may be the recipients of many surprises.

While the peace offerings are being offered to the Gods of Basketball in abundance by the Wilkes cage followers, it must be remembered that King's is going to have plenty of power in the form of Tom McLaughlin, one of the finest ball players in the smaller circles, McGrane, Mulvey, Engle, Dragon, Wawer, and Murphy.

## Wilkes Grapplers Nose Out Rival King's Club, 18-15

### FIRST COLONEL VICTORY

Saturday, February 21, at the St. Stephen's Gym, the Wilkes College wrestlers defeated King's College in a gruelling meet that saw the traditional rivals go to the last match before the contest was decided. The final score was 18-15.

It was a well earned victory, and one badly needed by the Blue and Gold Colonels. It seemed that Wilkes would have to content itself with a lone football victory for the year. The basketball team has never found the range in its matches against the Monarchs, and the wrestling team lacked much needed experience. But experience left by the back door when the determined Wilkes grapplers set out to emulate their brothers in arms, the victory-minded gridders.

The meet opened with an exhibition between Joe Berger and Larry Barret, which saw the bout go the limit before Berger emerged the victor by a 10-2 decision.

In the first regular match, Art Rice, although outweighed by eight pounds, wrestled a smart match until Dougherty of King's, by sheer force of weight, gained the upper hand, and in the second period, Rice was pinned. In the 128 pound division, Bill Rice staged a good match, but was extended all the way by George Ther of King's before Ther gained an exciting 6-2 decision.

Wilkes had no contestant in the 136 pound class and forfeited the match to King's. In the 145 pound class, Norris Kagan of Wilkes and Chick Armstrong of King's battled evenly to an 8-8 draw. In the 155 pound weight, Bill Leddo of the

Monarchs quickly achieved an advantage over Bill McGinley of the Colonels, and held on doggedly, although McGinley threatened several times to reverse the position. The decision went to Leddo 2-12.

The 165 pound match, Lasky of Wilkes mauled Bill Meier. Meier was nearly pinned several times, but held on only to lose a decision. After a slow start, George Lewis in the 175 pound bracket suddenly came to life, and in amazingly quick fashion, Gallagher of King's found himself pinned in 1:56.

For the first time, Wilkes saw victory within striking distance. It needed only five points, but those five points weighed heavy on the broad shoulders of Norman "Crusher" Cross. He had to come through. Essef of King's had the unfortunate experience of meeting the "Crusher" and the Colonels were determined to settle for nothing less than victory. Like a raging bull, the burly Cross battered his man to the canvas time and again, and would have, undoubtedly, pinned Essef if injury hadn't forced the Kingsman to default. Cross' victory was the deciding match, making the score 18-15 in favor of the Colonels.

Other members of the squad are to be commended for their work in preparing the squad for victory. They are, namely, Ted Smith at 128, Joe Evans at 155, Nick Heineman at 145, Tom Check at 175, and Joe Berger at 150.

The Colonel's Queen, Who Is She?

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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

By TED WOLFE

The horse-laugh this week comes from the Council member who was dubious about holding the "Winter Carnival" on Friday the 13th. All winter long we were blessed with perfect weather for winter sports, and then the day on which the carnival was held brought forth miserable conditions. In spite of this, the students made the best of it, and managed to have a good time. Some of them said it really seemed good to breathe Wilkes-Barre air again after that nerve-racking trip home, down icy mountain roads.

Many of the students who were looking forward to the trip were disappointed and peeved when the reservations for it were cancelled two days before they were scheduled to have been. To them, it's another black mark against the Student Council.

Sheldon Fried can be called the parenthesis of the current success "Antigone". He appeared for two minutes at the beginning and two minutes at the end.

Some enthusiasts noted that last edition's revue of that presentation failed to mention that the lighting effects for the play were exceptionally fine. For shame, Beacon, and did you notice that the ushers' finger-nails were beautifully manicured, too?

Orchids to the technical crew and apologies to the readers.

Both the Student Council and the Lettermen's Club are smarting under the verbal lashing given them by Dean Ralston at the meeting of January 27. It seems that both organizations were going about things in the wrong way, the Council unconstitutionally, and the Lettermen unconventionally. In spite of all this to-do, the Lettermen emerged clothed in smiles of victory, and a blue-and-gold sweaters. The Council? Well, all they could say was, "Darn that Pre-Med Club!"

The idea for a student-sponsored scholarship for some worthy person, foreign or domestic, fell through. The reason was that such an undertaking would conflict with plans for a Cinderella Ball, as far as funds were concerned. Either affair would help to popularize Wilkes, and it was just a question of which one would be chosen. Also, each one would have to be financed from the Student Fund. It was decided that the students would rather pay for entertainment than for someone else's education.

Now wouldn't it be fine if whatever band-leader chosen for the Ball ("Tex" Beneke was mentioned) could be persuaded to use the money paid him to finance some lucky person's education? That way, everything would work out wonderful, and Wilkes could be sure of doubly-effective popularity.

What dreamers some people are!

For some real, rib-tickling entertainment, read Librarian Joseph Meyer's "Guide to the use of Wilkes Library". Copies may be obtained at the loan desk in the Library.

The newly-formed Breeze-batters Club of Wilkes is looking for recognition from the Student Council. The Club meets every Friday morning in the Cafeteria, and the members drool over coffee and debate over pressing issues. Members include Bill Griffith, Tom Lasky, John Haracz, Sheldon Fried, Harold Morgan, Vince Macri, Norbert Olshefski, and Ted Wolfe, with Cedric Glub as temporary president. The problem being discussed currently is "How to relieve the congestion of students in the Cafeteria during lunch hour". Best suggestion thus far—dynamite.

Some of the incoming freshmen got drift of the initiation that was in store for them. They heard the rumor that they would have to go around with their head in a bucket instead of their books. Simultaneously, it was reported that local drug stores are completely sold out of nerve-tonic.

The Manuscript came out with the New Look this year, from a white cover to a blue one. Even the stories had a variety in color, ranging from melancholy-blue to blood-red.

Recently, many of the students have expressed the opinion that the Beacon should feature a "who's ga-ga about who" gossip column whose main purpose would be to bring the love-life of the students into the limelight. Various inquiries were made, and some interesting ideas, pro and con, were noted. The climax of the whole affair was a letter received from one of our most popular students, Cedric Glub.

Cedric is an Arts student, who, in spite of a scarcely noticeable hole in his head, manages to maintain a passing average. He is a rather conscientious student both in studies and in extra-curricular activities. Some of his deals are a little on the shady side. He has done some heavy speculating in the used text book market, and recently it's been rumored that he is the local dealer in black market term papers.

Here is what he has to say:  
Dear 4th-estaters:

I understand that some Wilkes students would like to see a gossip column appear in the Beacon. Without going into detail, I would like to express my opinion on the matter.

I am definitely against it. Not, however, because I realize that I wouldn't be one of those talked about. After all, I can't help it if I have two noses. But I think it's a childish idea. When I was ten, my father and I had a heart to heart talk in his place of business. As we sipped our beer, he said, "Son, life is a funny and complicated matter. You've got to grow into it. When you become a man, put away childish things."

I often recall that scene. I'll never forget how papa looked as he sat there playing with his yo-yo and giving me that advice. All I can say about the matter is, what is this a college or a high school? People are grown up when they get to college, or at least they're supposed to be.

And gossip is an awful thing. It's the only thing that runs down more people than automobiles. But if it's gossip they want, all they have to do is glance in at Chase Lounge every day around noon to see who loves who.

Please don't think my comments are too harsh as I want to remain on friendly terms with the college.

Sincerely,

Cedric Glub.

Thank you, Cedric.

Many students have given up the idea of trying to see Dean Ralston concerning schedule changes. After one look at the waiting line, they throw up their arms in disgust and retire to the Cafeteria to drown their troubles in coffee. One fellow tried to run the gauntlet and came out with two broken legs, which goes to show you just how bad the situation really is.

The Colonel's Queen, Who Is She?

SPEAKERS URGE

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to become even greater, we must build on the spirit of friendliness.  
Don't Bury Heads  
Attorney Daniel J. Flood, ex-

congressman and one time Deputy Attorney General of Pennsylvania, began by noting that Wyoming Valley has finally reached maturity by harboring a college this size.

He then went on to say that since we are college students, we should abhor the word ignorant, and that ignorance is the nurturer of prejudice and intolerance.

He expressed the desire that at the end of American Brotherhood Week, we don't rush back and bury our heads in the sands of indifference.

Attorney Flood concluded by saying that there are still millions of people who are being strangled by the serpents of intolerance.

Who Is the Colonel's Queen?

THE PHILOSOPHY

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and away from City Hall.

I don't enjoy philosophy class any more. It's interesting, I suppose, but now I feel that it is entirely theoretical, too much so for me. I like subjects that have a practical application, so that leaves philosophy out. It's not practical. I proved that.

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