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ONE FOR THE POST OFFICE

The high cost of producing a magazine--coupled with the "felt need," as the Educators say, for hashing things over with you more often than quarterly publication permits--prompts us to consider substituting a bi-monthly offset BULLETIN in newsletter format for the letterpress booklet. This one, intended primarily for perusal by the Post Office, will determine whether or not our second-class mailing privilege will withstand the change.

A writer in the AAC NEWS, bi-monthly publication of the American Alumni Council, submits a newsletter of the sort we mention "would be acceptable to alumni bodies." We await your reaction.

NEW HANDS AT THE HELM

Names of Association officers for 1953 were announced by retiring president Dan Williams, BUJC '44, at the Christmas dance, a whopping success in the Manfield Ballroom, Wilkes-Barre, December 26.

President is Tom Brislin of the snowy locks, BUJC '41, Wilkes-Barre attorney; vice-president, Loretta Farris, BUJC '44 (Bill Luetzel, '50, who is now working in Philadelphia, actually leaped to veep, but he had withdrawn from the race after the ballots were mailed on the ground major offices ought to be held by Valley residents.); secretary, Elaine Williams, BUJC '45; treasurer, Tony Wideman, '49 (re-elected); members-at-large, Louise Brennan, '52, Wilmington, Del., and Bill Griffith, '50, Hellertown, Pa. Now we have a Philadelphia chapter of the Association and clubbable alumni in the New York and Washington areas have asked to be placed on a waiting list, Louise and Bill have their work cut out for them, 'twould seem.

All good to the six. From all indications they've a full year ahead.

HOMECOMING HASSLE

Dan Williams, who presided at the general meeting of the Association in Hotel Sterling during the homecoming weekend, had his hands full when heated members pressed to know why the College intended to terminate athletic relations with its neighbor across Northampton Street. There were demands for an explanation from the administration.

No tall order, that. We need only cite a WILKES COLLEGE BRIEF you received in 1950. Called "Athletic Code," the folder sets forth College policy on athletics, which policy is based on the assumption extra-curricular activities "must be subordinated to the intellectual and scholastic objectives of college work, for the primary purpose of the College is the development of critical and constructive thinking based on sound knowledge.

"Athletics are an integral part of the activity program at Wilkes College," the statement continues, "and as such are subject to the policies set by the faculty and administration and approved by the Board of Trustees." These policy-setting bodies, says the BRIEF, recognize there can be "neither fair competition nor good sportsmanship in athletic contests if relations are not confined to colleges adhering to similar policies."

We have very little difficulty seeing the logic of the College's position, and we doubt many of the alumni have, either. To those who mutter "Methinks he doth protest too much," we reply young Wilkes is unlikely to continue to build the kind of reputation we all of us want her to enjoy by refusing to admit she's no match, sportswise, for outfits whose values are not her own. We're persuaded she can well afford to recognize her limitations on that score.

If it be objected other colleges on Wilkes' present football schedule haven't the cleanest of noses, we submit the consummation devoutly to be wished cannot be reached overnight. But we've got to make a beginning.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The College library staff apparently knew what it was doing when it chose to keep Kirby Hall open throughout most of the Christmas recess.

Miss Frances Dorrance, formerly in charge of the Hoyt Library, Kingston, and Edward J. Stryjak, '48, chose the slack season to present to the College two welcome book-gifts. Miss Dorrance, who graced our library as circulation and reference librarian last semester, gave a valuable collection of her own translations of important German reference works on plant anatomy and pathology, and Ed, who recently took his M. S. at Penn State, a bound copy of his master's thesis on the nervous system of the milkweed bug, the first detailed study of that part of the little chap ever undertaken.

Ed's gift moved Mrs. Nada Vujica, librarian, to urge us to ask other alumni holding advanced degrees--they must be legion--for copies of their theses or dissertations. Any takers?

REPORT ON RESEARCH

Last month the American Academy of Allergists, gathered in Boston, heard a paper on research done in the College biology labs by Dr. Sheldon G. Cohen, whose associate here was Walter Mokychic, '50, now attending Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia.

MAT ROUNDUP

Lehigh walked off with the cup again at the Open Wrestling Championships held at the College during the Christmas vacation. An up-set victory by Werner Seel over Bill Kerslake, Case Institute heavyweight and Olympic grappler, gave Gerry Leeman's matmen valuable points to edge a strong Cornell squad.

Bigger than ever, the Open attracted more than 130 wrestlers from almost 30 colleges and several YMCA clubs. Frank Bettucci, Cornell, copped the Outstanding Wrestler trophy by virtue of his flashing style and fierce competitive spirit. Local Olympian Joe Krufka of Plymouth won in the 177-lb. class while Wilkes' great hope Bill Foote went out in the semi-finals with an injury finishing him for the season.

Held for 20 years under W-B YMCA auspices, the tournament shifted to the gym last year, and was completely under the Blue & Gold aegis for the first time.

FOR THE FUTURE, PROMISE

George Ralston's quintet has played hot-and-cold basketball this season, winning six and dropping eight so far.

Lenny Batrone, forward from Georgetown, became the all-time pointmaker at Wilkes early in the season by topping Bob Benson's three-year mark of 783 tallies. Streaking along at a meteoric 21-per-game average, Bart now has 1003 points in less than three seasons.

Facing another NCAB leader, Vince Leta of Lycoming, the other night, Len played to the hilt and shaded the Williamsport ace 30-26 in their personal scoring battle.

Parker Petrilak is back from Korea to swell the ranks of Wilkes talent. Jim Atherton, Eddie Davis, Joe Sikora, John Milliman, and Marsh Karesky, Batrone, and Petrilak comprise the starting line-up. Without a senior on the roster, it appears Wilkes has the making of a winning squad next year.

NEWS OF THE CLUBS

True, the Philadelphia club is all we have so far, but gears will be grinding in Gotham, we hope, by the time this reaches you. Owing to bad timing, a recent attempt to round up a steering committee in New York fell through, but nobody has lost heart.

The Philadelphia group, some 65 strong at the time, forgathered spiritedly at the Penn-Sheraton in November to adopt a constitution (a model of brevity), elect officers, and hear Dr. Farley on the future of the College. Wyoming Valley guests were greatly impressed.

Now headed by Fred R. Davis, '52, the club met again in January. According to Dean Ralston, who spoke, dirty weather failed to keep the crowd at their firesides. So may it ever be.

"The Old Familiar Faces"

James H. Rittenhouse, '47, is a kiln supervisor with the Penn-Dixie Cement Corp., Kingsport, Tenn. He was married to Katherine Hale of Kingsport in 1950... "Wanna See Ike?" asked the W.-B. SUNDAY INDEPENDENT recently, and then went on to give an account of Ralph Walters' move to the White House. Formerly a junior executive with Standard Oil, Ralph, BUJC '41, is now a top assistant to Sherman Adams, the President's executive assistant... Another oil man, Dave Secunda, BUJC '40, goes to Sumatra for his company next month. Now living in Summit, N. J., he hopes--and is working--to see the organization of a New York club before he leaves.

At the last meeting of Town Hall Associated of Wyoming Valley in the gym we came upon John Milano, '49, who, having received his law degree from John Marshall, is practicing in Chicago... A pleasant letter from the former Katherine Vanderlick, '48, conveys the news she is living in Hartford, Conn., looking after Richard Michael McCloskey, age five months. Her husband, Dr. Edwin M. McC., is specializing in anesthesiology at St. Francis Hospital and Yale University.

Quite an accumulation on '50---From Dan Sherman, now living in Collingswood, N. J., and working for the Philadelphia club, a copy of the RCA SERVICE COMPANY NEWS containing a feature on Ed Johnston, who "invested his GI grant at Wilkes" and later joined Station WBAX, W.-B. Ed's duties, says the article, keep him in the air-planes throughout Europe, England, the Azores, Africa, and the Middle East. He took a hand in the development of a global communications network, and received one in Weisbaden, Germany, where he was recently married... Agnes Novak has been admitted to the Graduate Faculties at Columbia, in biology, according to a hitherto mislaid note from our Professor of Biology, who also tells us Grant Barlow, now with the research division of Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill., had an article published in the November 21 issue of SCIENCE. Quite a feather in his cap, says Dr. Reif... George F. Ermel, elected to Pi Lambda Sigma, national library science honorary society before he received his M.S. in library science at Syracuse in January, became circulation and reference librarian at the College last month... William C. Kashatus is serving as an instructor in chemistry at Bucknell, where he's working toward the Ph.D... George E. Hudock, Jr. has been working with the staff of a blood-center at Fort Jackson, S. C... The Philadelphia club has an interested new member in Lester Gross, now studying at Philadelphia Divinity School (Episcopal) after a year of secular work.

Also studying theology is Art Bloom, '51, who has been named assistant at the St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. With him at Drew University seminary is Bob Benson, '52... Norb Olshefski, '51, is with AP in Little Rock, Ark... Bill Sabanski, '52, was in the other day with a picture of his classmate Ann Belle Perry and other comely American Airlines stewardesses checking bundles for flood-stricken Holland; 'twas clipped from a Newark, N. J., paper. Bill himself, who is married to the former Jean Ryan, '50, is a chemist with Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Newark... Dean Williams to the contrary, David Charles Foxlow, born January 27, has not yet been admitted to the College... Numerous nuptial notes will have to wait.