



HUGE CROWD AWAITS 'CHRISTMAS FORMAL'

Debating Teams Away

**Novices and Varsity
Argue Saturday at
Princeton, Bucknell**

By T. R. PRICE

King's College, defeated by the Wilkes debate team at Muhlenburg, will be among those entered in the Bucknell tournament to which the Wilkesmen travel Saturday morning.

In addition to the Bucknell event, Wilkes is entered in the Princeton novice debate, also held on Saturday. In order to accept both Bucknell and Princeton invitations, the team was forced to forego an invitation to the N.Y.U. "Hall of Fame" held on the same day.

In the past, the local debaters had emerged second at N.Y.U. twice in a row, defeating Annapolis, Howard and Johns Hopkins last year, and Howard, Columbia, Fordham, Rhode Island and C.C.N.Y. the year before.

The varsity team at Bucknell, will be Lesley Weiner for the first will be Lesley Weiner, first affirmative, and James Nevers for second. Jesse Choper will handle first negative, backed up by J. Harold Flannery, Jr. The team's coach, Dr. Arthur Kruger, will accompany them to Bucknell.

Assistant coach Robert Darrow will urge on the novices at Princeton. They will be Bruce Marshall, Hermina Fried, and Virginia Brehen.

A cup goes to the winner of the Bucknell tournament, and a medal to its best speaker. Dr. Kruger, interviewed Tuesday, expressed confidence that Wilkes would win at least one of the events.

Choral Club, Dramatists In Christmas Assembly

By LOIS LONG

The Choral Club and Cue 'n' Curtain will combine to present the annual Christmas assembly next Tuesday. The theme of the program will be "The Universal Appeal of Christmas", and the two departments hope to bring out the true spiritual meaning of Christmas.

During the program, the Choral Club will sing two groups of songs which will include "Alleluia", "Go Tell It On The Mountain", and many Christmas carols. Jane Obitz will then present a reading from the immortal Dicken's "Christmas Carol". The audience will also participate in the Christmas program.

Kirby Lists Holiday Schedule

The Wilkes College Library will be open during the Christmas holidays from December 16 to January 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Dec. 24 and 31, when it will be open from 9 to 1.

Hazing, 'Honor' Issues Sidetracked by Budget

By HELEN M. KRACHENFELS

The student council meeting which was held on Nov. 22, was scheduled as a meeting for the discussion on two important issues, freshman hazing and the questionable "honor" of Wilkes students, but because of several unexpected developments at the meeting, (such as a lengthy discussion on the two "open letters" which were circulated on the campus during the afternoon of the meeting) the two topics scheduled for that meeting were not considered.

Today at 11 a.m. the student council met with the administration to attempt to settle this year's budget appropriations and to formulate some policy which can be applied in future years. The results of this joint meeting will be reported in next week's BEACON.

It has been suggested that a more complete and correct representation of the student body by the elected council members would be desirable. Perhaps the students should be reminded that if they want to be represented they must make their wishes known by informing their elected representatives of their opinions and desires on the issues under consideration.

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WC ECONOMICS CLUB VISITS BLOOMSBURG CARPET FACTORY

By IRENE TOMALIS

Members of the Economics Club were guests of the Magee Carpet Company at Bloomsburg during a recent field trip.

A complete tour of the company was made, preceded by a discussion in which the general business aspects of the organization were explained. The club observers followed wool from the raw product through the various stages of production.

After lunch at the Hotel Magee, the students were taken on a tour of the Magee museum and radio station WHLM.

As a souvenir of the trip, members were given scarlet velvet (6x9) rugs - 6x9 inches, that is.

Members of the club who made the trip were Mollie Beard, Lois Long, Charles Ciesla, Frank Cuscela, Mel Parkas, Howie Gross, Seymour Holtzman, Bill James, John Kearney, Chet Miller, Len Mulcahy, Bill Zdanewicz, President Lou Steck, and Irene Tomalis.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ON WC CONTEST

By AGAMEMNON J. SCHULTZ

Upper Slobovia, December 9 (PU)—The Beacon foreign correspondent heard a rumor from Upper Slobovia that there will be an Ugly Man's Contest on the Wilkes College campus immediately following the Christmas vacation.

We are not sure of the veracity of this rumor, but we feel that ugly men are few and far between on the campus in Wilkes-Barre.

Council to Issue Parking Stickers In New Year

By DICK JONES

During an interview with Art Hoover, President of the Student Council, the Beacon was informed that the proposed system of issuing parking stickers to those students having long lab periods had been approved by the Council.

President Hoover stated that "the Student Council will pay for the stickers, and the Beacon will have the responsibility of issuing them." The Beacon has followed this policy and has formulated a design and a plan for the issuance of the decals.

"The Council will purchase the decals as soon as possible after the Christmas vacation and the system will most likely go into effect at the commencement of the Spring semester," stated the President.

The time delay is due to various factors such as the Christmas holidays, the time element involved in printing, and the coming of finals.

8th Wilkes Day Nets Third Largest Blood Take

Wilkes College's eighth visit to the blood bank last Friday proved very successful. For the eighth consecutive time 105 Wilkes students voluntarily gave blood in the Wilkes College annual blood drive.

It was the third largest supply of blood that Wilkes students have donated.

Students who were unable to give blood last Friday may do so in the future by calling General Hospital for an appointment.

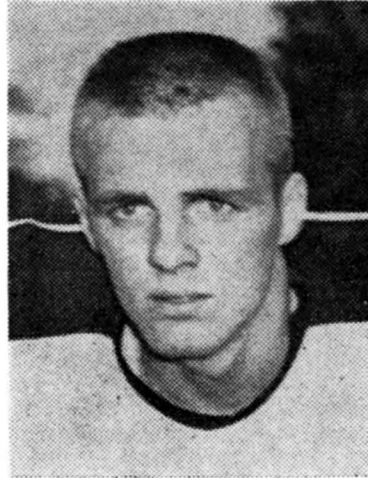
Tomorrow Night's Tux - Gown Affair To be Held in Gaily-Decorated Gym; Lettermen Busy with Final Details

Advance tickets sales promise one of the largest turnouts in the history of the Christmas Formal, it was revealed yesterday by Russell Picton, president of the Wilkes Lettermen.

The annual pre-holiday dance, which is Wilkes' only strictly formal affair, will be held at the Wilkes gymnasium tomorrow night, featuring Lee Vincent's Orchestra. Dancing will be from 9 to 12.

Tuxedos and evening gowns are proper as are corsages for the once-a-year completely formal event.

"This dance looms as the best we have ever sponsored," Picton stated, and "from ticket sales, we expect a record or near-record turnout."



NEIL DADURKA

... Heads Decorations Committee

THATCHER STRESSES 'AGE OF DESTINY' IN ASSEMBLY TALK

"We must realize in dealing with the world situation that if we do not have co-existence, we will presently have war and no existence at all," Dr. Harold W. Thatcher, head of the Wilkes history department, declared Tuesday at assembly.

Speaking on "This Age of Destiny" by which he meant the age facing the present generation, Dr. Thatcher cited Toynbee as saying that to avoid destruction, humanity must live as one family.

This is an age of destiny, the Wilkes historian went on, because this generation will face the problems bequeathed it by his own. That generation left this one the problems of today's world and the instruments to cure or destroy it. How it will use those instruments is the tremendous problem this generation must face, he concluded.

Pay Up, Folks, You're Due!

Underclassmen wishing to keep pictures taken for the Yearbook may pay for them at the Lazarus studio.

If you do not want the pictures, return them to the photo studio.

The spacious gymnasium will be transformed into a beautiful ball room with a winter's night theme of decoration. The traditional backdrop mural on the bandstand will, this year, represent a winter evening scene, with pine trees, sleigh and, of course, snow. The gymnasium will reflect Della King's mural with decorations designed to continue right out from the backdrop.

Giant Christmas Trees

Two giant 20-foot Christmas trees have been purchased, one to stand at the entrance end of the gym and the other in the middle of the dance floor. A large quantity of pine will be scattered throughout.

Santa Claus, in the person of just who nobody seems to know, will be on hand to greet ladies as they leave the receiving line and present them with favors.

The dance floor, according to reports from Dance Chairman Glenn Carey, will be surrounded on four sides, with entrances in strategic places through colorful archways.

Nearly every Letterman now active on campus as well as a number of friends of the club will spend tonight and most of tomorrow's wee hours getting the gym ready for the dance.

Chorus to Sing

The Lettermen's Chorus, led by Advisor George Ralston will sing (continued on page 2)

High School Students Hear Noted Educator

By CLIFF BROTHERS

High school students, 115 strong, interested in teaching as a profession, met last Friday in the second of a series of nine career counseling sessions to be held at Wilkes.

The day's crowded program was climaxed by a panel discussion on the topic, "Why I Want to Teach." Panel members were education majors from Wilkes, and the discussion was moderated by Dr. Eugene Bertin, assistant executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Accounting will be the subject of the next session to be held in February, according to John Chwalek, director of placement and guidance at the college.

BEACON EDITORIALS

A Statement of Policy

The editor is entrusted with the responsibility of making and carrying out policy of a newspaper, certainly a large and serious responsibility.

The editor, among his other duties, is charged with the right and responsibility (according to Webster) of presenting arguments or opinions in the paper's editorials.

Often editors, as is the case with the average man on the street, must step back and have a look at themselves or re-examine their views and opinions. We must, every so often, take ourselves into a corner and have a chat.

As a result of the recent furors here at Wilkes, the editor felt it was time to go into that corner and have a look-see. It's amazing just what you can see — if only you take the trouble to stop, to take time out from the furious pace of things.

At the beginning of the year we stated editorially that "The college paper must act as a two-way street," and further that it must be the "voice of the students." We also said, to the agreement of the administration, that the paper must be given a free hand to operate and "to fulfill its obligations, of nature, to its readers, the majority of whom are students."

Perhaps we have taken the task too seriously. Perhaps we have been over-impressed with the responsibility of being an editor. Still, the best an editor can do is to support those issues which he thinks right (from what student opinion he can gather), and he must speak out against what he thinks wrong.

INTERPRETATIONS DIFFER

These responsibilities, we realize, may be interpreted differently by each and every editor, particularly to the degree that they should be fulfilled. As humans, we of the Beacon editorial staff have tried to live up to our sincere interpretation of those responsibilities.

In three of our 11 issues we have taken editorial stands on issues, and our stands have been controversial. But, from the corner where we had that little talk, we found that possibly we have erred in some respects. On the basic issues we feel sincerely that we have been right. Ideals are ideals, and we have ours, to which we must cling. It is a sad individual who cannot stick to his gun on basic issues—if he is deeply convinced that he is right.

We feel that in every issue we must "stick to our gun." What we did discover, however, is that the angle from which we presented our views and arguments has twice been questionable.

No matter how strongly we have felt, we now conclude (and we might add this is not an opinion resulting from coercion) that in a college it is wrong to single out individuals, no matter how right or wrong they may be. There are other means of dealing with individual problems which arise besides through the college paper. Neither do we profess to close kin to the Gods, nor do we feel qualified as judges.

Fears that this year's paper might develop into a "monster" all-powerful and dictatorial, are unfounded, we know, but the fact that they did arise perhaps shows that methods have not always been the best. It is easy to let enthusiasm and zeal run away at the typewriter. From time to time writers do get to acting with the haste of a knight on a white charger.

So-called 'attacks' on individuals, though they be impersonal in nature, can have deep emotional and social effects on those persons a newspaper might single out. Since college aims toward development of well-adjusted individuals, no newspaper should do anything which might have adverse effects. This will happen no more. Issues — yes, as strongly as ever, but individuals — no.

But let us in the future concern ourselves with the issues of importance and not petty ones. They are a waste all around.

Message of Sympathy

To Lee Vincent, a friend to many of us and a friend of the college as a whole, we wish to express our deepest and most sincere sympathy on the death of his wife last week. Although Vince will not be on hand to direct his orchestra at the Christmas Formal, the thoughts of many of us will go out to him. The Students, Lettermen, and the entire college join in sending condolences to Lee and his family.

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a number of carols at intermission. The dance, the college's socially cosmopolitan event, annually has perhaps the warmest atmosphere of any Wilkes event. It truly is one of the biggest, if not the biggest event of the entire social calendar.

It also is a kickoff of the holiday season at the college and sets student sights on the holiday vacation which begins the following Friday.

Chairman Glenn Carey, who is handling tickets and financial arrangements, has been assisted by consisting of Lettermen:

Decorations: Neil Dadurka, chairman, Joe Jablonski, Ahmad Kazimi and the entire club; tickets and program: Joe "I really am Curly" Trosko; favors: Gene Snee; refreshments: John Bresnahan and Walt Chapko; publicity: Howie Gross.

Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Mr. Editor:

I enjoyed the dancing in "Girl Crazy", and Mr. Warmouth seemed to neglect mentioning that Lois Long did an excellent job in choreography. The dances were very colorful and, although not all of them were professional, they were done well.

Since there are people who enjoyed the dances, and that was their purpose I imagine, they weren't extraneous after all.

Miriam Jeanne Dearden

Tickets are available from any Letterman at three dollars per couple and there is still time to get in the Christmas spirit.

Nearly everyone will move to a friendly haunt off campus after the dance for further fun, fellowship, etc.

HOW SO, WILL?

Kirby Finds Shakespeare Text Errs; Other Interesting Books Available

By T. R. PRICE

Was Shakespeare's seamanship shaky? Was he all at sea when it came to ship handling? When we read the English 215 text, we wondered. In the first scene of "The Tempest" it has the bosun bawling for the sailors to "take down the topmast", an order that would tumble tangled tophammer on top of the tempest-tossed tars.

Naturally when we noticed this nautical nonsense, we noted that we had nosed nothing notable about the master of drama as master of a ship — drop the topmast and one would have a ghostly galleon, egad.

Fortunately the First Folio, or rather its reproduction which has come to close-by Kirby, has the bard's bo'sun bellowing for his mighty mariners to "take down the top-sail", so Shakespeare's sailing science was solid, or perhaps he knew some knave in the navy. Evidently an editor erred, and the catiff should be carefully, but not too kindly, and completely, keel-hauled.

This vindication of Shakespeare's seamanship is not the only new matter at the College library. It is the Christmas season, the season of Tiny Tim and Scrooge, and for an early Japanese version of what the hard-fisted partner of Marley looked like before the visit of the Christmas spirits, we recommend a sketch to be found in "Fifty Centuries of Art", which might well pass as a portrait of one of Nast's grasping trust owners at the turn of the century.

Another art book, "Maunal of Historic Ornament" traces man's means of decorating himself and his possessions down through the ages, but we were not so much interested in this as in "One hundred Pennsylvania Buildings", which pained us greatly in that the only local building was the Forty Fort Meeting-house, a blow to our Wilkes-Barrean civic pride scarcely allayed by the confession of a Forty Forter that it was warmer here on Monday than up the line.

To our great delight, Kirby also has "The Reno Court of Inquiry", the record of the government attempts to fix the blame, if any, in the case of the Custer massacre (around here only one battle is Massacre) and the vindication of Major Reno, Custer's second-in-command at the Little Big Horn.

Wasleski Needs Parts For Math Project

By IRV KAYE

Evening School Director and Mathematics Professor Stanley Wasleski yesterday made a request to the student body for old erector sets or parts thereof as well as parts from a similar type set called meccano.

Wasleski stressed that he can use the parts, no matter what their condition. No new building in the making — Wasleski is working on a math project for the college and needs the parts for construction purposes. Sets can be delivered to Room 202, Barre Hall.

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AT EASE!



By DICK JONES

A new bill to aid ex-servicemen in financing their schooling is in the discussion stage. It seems too many Vets are quitting college because of financial difficulties. The thought provoking bill would allow, in addition to payments presently provided for under PL 550, a sum equaling fifty per cent of the tuition cost of the school to be paid directly to the institution. A great majority of people do not realize that veterans attending college under PL 550 receive approximately \$990 to finance the entire school year, and at times it's hard to make ends meet.

MEET ANOTHER EX-GI

Arthur R. Boote, an erstwhile member of the Army Corps of Engineers, served as chief clerk in the China-Burma-India theater headquarters in New Delhi, India for thirty-two months, after entering the Army in 1942.

After being discharged in 1946 Art was employed in the "Havoc Center", better known as the Veterans Administration regional office, in Wilkes-Barre.

He entered Wilkes as an accounting major in September, 1952 and at present is undecided whether to pursue a career in public or private accounting, but he is investigating all possible openings in both fields.

Boote is interested in photography, especially pictures of his six-month old son, and when time permits he also raises tropical fish.

DORMS INVITE CAMPUS TO ANNUAL YULE PARTY

By FRED A. BILLSTEIN

Everyone is invited to put on their best finery and attend the Christmas party to be given by the combined dormitories of Wilkes College. It will be held at Sterling Hall on Wednesday evening, December 15, from 8-12.

Faculty and students are cordially urged to attend this affair, which will be held beneath the lights of a large yule tree. Singing by the popular quartet, the Harmonaires, and dancing to the strains of 45 RPM records are two of the highlights of the evening. Not the least of the enticements will be the buffet that Fred Wall, the dorm chef, will put out "for free."



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COLONELS EDGE STROUDSBURG STC 78-75

Groaners Open Today Against Brooklyn Poly

By JOE JABLONSKI

The Wilkes College wrestling team will open its season today as the grapplers travel to New York to meet Brooklyn Polytechnical at 5:30.

The groaners, under the close scrutiny of Coach John Reese, have been training diligently for the past three weeks in an effort to be in top shape for the season's inaugural.

Last year's team was a pleasant surprise to both the student body and Reese, ending up with a winning season with a record of five wins and four losses.

Matmen Wanted

Although Reese is pleased with the turnout this year, he said that there is still a dire need for more candidates, especially in the heavier weights.

He stressed the point that High School experience is not necessary in order to wrestle and that he will more than welcome anyone that is interested.

The squad has only three veterans from last year on hand. They are Jerry Elias, Bob Masonis, and Don McFadden. Masonis, former Kiingston standout, will be out of action for this meet though, due to a heavy cold. Reese hopes that he will be ready for action within a week.

The probable starting lineup:
123 lb.—Bob Morgan; 130 lb.—Ed Masonis; 137 lb.—Don Reynolds; 147 lb.—Dennis Kravitz; 157 lb.—Don McFadden; 167 lb.—Dave Thomas; 177 lb.—Stan Abrams; Unlimited—Jerry Elias.

Intra-Mural Cagers Start Play This Week

The always successful Intramural basketball league will get under way this week. According to Intramural Director, Mel Schmeiser, the league will be composed of thirteen solid teams.

This year's campaign is expected to be the best yet to be seen at Wilkes. All the teams seem to be well balanced, talented, and spirited and it appears that no one team is capable of running away with the loop honors.

Bob Partridge is especially impressed by the large number of team rosters submitted to him and Mel Schmeiser, and says that it will easily be the largest number of teams that has ever participated in intramural basketball here at Wilkes.

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(Second in an annual series of articles by Wilkes coaches reviewing their seasons.—Ed.)

By GEORGE F. RALSTON, Head Football Coach, Wilkes College

PREDICTION CLOSE

The ninth year of Colonel football turned out almost exactly as predicted. Before the season began it was thought that possibilities for winning all but the Bloomsburg and Hofstra games were good. The Moravian game was considered a toss-up.

Looking back on the season and in consideration of our prospects, the schedule came out just as predicted. The Moravian game could have meant a great boost. A victory over the Greyhounds would have meant a great season.

The team this year was the best of our teams during the past few years. From the standpoint of size, it was a small team but the members were not without strong hearts and courage with speed to offset the need in over-all size.

In the line there was courage, maneuverability and spring-steel resiliency. We changed our defenses toward the end of the season to take advantage of these qualities to meet the overall weight advantage which most opponents possessed. Throughout the season it was a joy to watch the line fire out on offense and give blocking support as fine as Wilkes has ever had.

BACKFIELD CAME THROUGH

Our backfield showed the qualities of the line. There was more speed than any previous Colonel backfield has known and with it there was ready courage. What was lacking in size was evident in speed and there was surprising durability despite opposing weight advantages.

Our greatest improvement for the season could have been in pass defense. The play in this phase of the game was spotty, but all in all, it was an improvement and it added much to the success of our season. In this respect, backfield speed and maneuverability should receive credit.

As in other years, a lack of depth necessitated chess-like strategy in order to maintain a team on the field. Because of injuries in the backfield it was necessary to play men in unfamiliar positions which decreased efficiency.

In 1954 we could have desired two main things: An adept ball-handler in the backfield; and a consistently accurate passer. These needs were great and because of a constant shuffle of personnel the backs did not get a fair chance to make a maximum contribution.

COURAGE PLUS

The greatest praise goes out to our 1954 team for courage and sportsmanship. In these factors the squad was unsurpassed. It was a squad of which the college can be exceedingly proud for it played good football and never faltered as gentleman and sportsman.

We are thankful for a fine record which our 1954 squad established and very enthusiastic about the prospects for 1955, for they seem to be brighter than ever before.

TO BLOOMSBURG STC CAGERS LOSE, 82-72,

The Huskies of Bloomsburg came from behind last Saturday night to hand the Colonels their second straight loss of the current basketball season by the score of 82 to 72.

Bob Kozik, as expected, was a large thorn in the side of the Colonels as he dented the cords for 19 points along with teammate Fred Betz who also garnered 19 markers.

Harry 'Skinny' Ennis led the WC attack with 25 big points. The lanky center just couldn't be stopped and put on his best scoring show in quite some time, but it was not enough.

John Bresnahan was next in line as he hit for 15 points, floating in some fine one-armed push shots. Jim Ferris contributed 14 to the Colonel cause.

Wilkes started fast with Ennis and Ferris giving them a jump off lead of 10-1, but the Blue and Gold just couldn't hold on and the Huskies overtook them, thanks to the sharpshooting of Larry Bush and Elmer Robinson, to lead at the half-way mark by the score of 48-32.

The second half started off with Kozik and Betz becoming very effective and Harrison Morrison making ringers from the foul spot every few minutes.

Ennis tried in vain to keep the Colonels in the ball game and put on a scoring burst in the last five minutes that netted him seven points.

The Huskies kept plugging away from all angles though and went on to increase their lead until the final whistle.

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HOOPSTERS BREAK INTO VICTORY COLUMN AS FERRIS CLINCHES GAME AT FOUL LINE IN CLOSING MINUTES TO THWART TEACHERS

By RODGER LEWIS

Wilkes College basketball squad broke into the win column last night as they took the measure of East Stroudsburg State Teachers College by a 78 to 75 margin. Jim Ferris led the Colonel attack with driving shots and superb foul shooting to gain scoring honors with 32 tallies.

SPORTIN' AROUND

with Al Jeter

What's This?

We've been hearing neat little rumors already from some of those who are always quick to criticize, that you can discount the Colonel basketball crew as a threat. Some of these guys mean well and are just natural pessimists and others are jokers that would gripe if someone handed them a million dollars just because they wouldn't feel natural if they didn't have something to say.

This just might be a tough year on the cagers, but you can bet your last buck that they're going to look a lot better than they have showed so far. As a matter of fact, we can't see where they have done any thing to be ashamed of right now. One thing we have never had to say about a Wilkes team of any kind is that it ever quit fighting. In our minds this means more than all the winning seasons in the world.

The coaching staff has a job on its hands and it knows it. Rebuilding years are



AL JETER

No Towers

Apparently the team's main weakness, as it has been ever since we first came to Wilkes-Barre many moons ago, is the lack of height. Some of the Wilkes cage teams have been so small that we have wondered whether there was a limitation to height in the college entrance exams. Of course, there isn't, and there must be another reason for it. The only one that we can think of is that we just aren't lucky that way.

But no matter what, we predict that within the next two weeks you will see a drastic improvement in the squad. In our mind it is potentially a good team and one that will cause lots of trouble throughout the year even if it doesn't live up to last year's aggregation as far as wins and losses go. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if it did though.

The cagers hurt last week when they lost the services of Carl Van Dike due to an arm injury. The 'quiet man' from western Pennsylvania came through in the first game with 19 markers to dispel the myth that he was a good floor man and not much of a scoring threat. He seems to have found his stride and we are watching for him to become a consistent high scorer this season.

Colonels Come Through

Last week, Cliff Brautigan and Glenn Carey were selected on the Bloomsburg "All Opponent" football team. This we think is high praise for the pair seeing as how the mighty Huskies had little or no regard for the Colonels as a whole on the fateful day. For these two boys to be remembered by Bloomsburg and to be selected on the team speaks mighty well for their work.

Foul shooting proved to be the difference in the game as the Ralstonmen proved almost perfect in that category making 36 for 45 free throws. The new rule of a bonus shot if the first try is made was the main aid for the Colonel cause. Jim Ferris made 16 of 17 and Harry 'Skinny' Ennis hit 12 for 12.

Wilkes jumped to an early lead and scored seven points before the visitors were able to light the scoreboard. The teachers gradually whittled away at the Colonel lead until they forged ahead at half-time by a 31 to 29 score.

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COLONELS EDGE STROUDSBURG STC 78-75

Groaners Open Today Against Brooklyn Poly

By JOE JABLONSKI

The Wilkes College wrestling team will open its season today as the grapplers travel to New York to meet Brooklyn Polytechnical at 5:30.

The groaners, under the close scrutiny of Coach John Reese, have been training diligently for the past three weeks in an effort to be in top shape for the season's inaugural.

Last year's team was a pleasant surprise to both the student body and Reese, ending up with a winning season with a record of five wins and four losses.

Matmen Wanted

Although Reese is pleased with the turnout this year, he said that there is still a dire need for more candidates, especially in the heavier weights.

He stressed the point that High School experience is not necessary in order to wrestle and that he will more than welcome anyone that is interested.

The squad has only three veterans from last year on hand. They are Jerry Elias, Bob Masonis, and Don McFadden. Masonis, former Kiingston standout, will be out of action for this meet though, due to a heavy cold. Reese hopes that he will be ready for action within a week.

The probable starting lineup:
123 lb.—Bob Morgan; 130 lb.—Ed Masonis; 137 lb.—Don Reynolds; 147 lb.—Dennis Kravitz; 157 lb.—Don McFadden; 167 lb.—Dave Thomas; 177 lb.—Stan Abrams; Unlimited—Jerry Elias.

Intra-Mural Cagers Start Play This Week

The always successful Intramural basketball league will get under way this week. According to Intramural Director, Mel Schmeiser, the league will be composed of thirteen solid teams.

This year's campaign is expected to be the best yet to be seen at Wilkes. All the teams seem to be well balanced, talented, and spirited and it appears that no one team is capable of running away with the loop honors.

Bob Partridge is especially impressed by the large number of team rosters submitted to him and Mel Schmeiser, and says that it will easily be the largest number of teams that has ever participated in intramural basketball here at Wilkes.

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Gridders Lived Up to Prediction On Courage and Speed - Ralston

(Second in an annual series of articles by Wilkes coaches reviewing their seasons.—Ed.)

By GEORGE F. RALSTON, Head Football Coach, Wilkes College

PREDICTION CLOSE

The ninth year of Colonel football turned out almost exactly as predicted. Before the season began it was thought that possibilities for winning all but the Bloomsburg and Hofstra games were good. The Moravian game was considered a toss-up.

Looking back on the season and in consideration of our prospects, the schedule came out just as predicted. The Moravian game could have meant a great boost. A victory over the Greyhounds would have meant a great season.

The team this year was the best of our teams during the past few years. From the standpoint of size, it was a small team but the members were not without strong hearts and courage with speed to offset the need in over-all size.

In the line there was courage, maneuverability and spring-steel resiliency. We changed our defenses toward the end of the season to take advantage of these qualities to meet the overall weight advantage which most opponents possessed. Throughout the season it was a joy to watch the line fire out on offense and give blocking support as fine as Wilkes has ever had.

BACKFIELD CAME THROUGH

Our backfield showed the qualities of the line. There was more speed than any previous Colonel backfield has known and with it there was ready courage. What was lacking in size was evident in speed and there was surprising durability despite opposing weight advantages.

Our greatest improvement for the season could have been in pass defense. The play in this phase of the game was spotty, but all in all, it was an improvement and it added much to the success of our season. In this respect, backfield speed and maneuverability should receive credit.

As in other years, a lack of depth necessitated chess-like strategy in order to maintain a team on the field. Because of injuries in the backfield it was necessary to play men in unfamiliar positions which decreased efficiency.

In 1954 we could have desired two main things: An adept ball-handler in the backfield; and a consistently accurate passer. These needs were great and because of a constant shuffle of personnel the backs did not get a fair chance to make a maximum contribution.

COURAGE PLUS

The greatest praise goes out to our 1954 team for courage and sportsmanship. In these factors the squad was unsurpassed. It was a squad of which the college can be exceedingly proud for it played good football and never faltered as gentleman and sportsman.

We are thankful for a fine record which our 1954 squad established and very enthusiastic about the prospects for 1955, for they seem to be brighter than ever before.

TO BLOOMSBURG STC CAGERS LOSE, 82-72,

The Huskies of Bloomsburg came from behind last Saturday night to hand the Colonels their second straight loss of the current basketball season by the score of 82 to 72.

Bob Kozik, as expected, was a large thorn in the side of the Colonels as he dented the cords for 19 points along with teammate Fred Betz who also garnered 19 markers.

Harry 'Skinny' Ennis led the WC attack with 25 big points. The lanky center just couldn't be stopped and put on his best scoring show in quite some time, but it was not enough.

John Bresnahan was next in line as he hit for 15 points, floating in some fine one-armed push shots. Jim Ferris contributed 14 to the Colonel cause.

Wilkes started fast with Ennis and Ferris giving them a jump off lead of 10-1, but the Blue and Gold just couldn't hold on and the Huskies overtook them, thanks to the sharpshooting of Larry Bush and Elmer Robinson, to lead at the half-way mark by the score of 48-32.

The second half started off with Kozik and Betz becoming very effective and Harrison Morrison making ringers from the foul spot every few minutes.

Ennis tried in vain to keep the Colonels in the ball game and put on a scoring burst in the last five minutes that netted him seven points.

The Huskies kept plugging away from all angles though and went on to increase their lead until the final whistle.

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HOOPSTERS BREAK INTO VICTORY COLUMN AS FERRIS CLINCHES GAME AT FOUL LINE IN CLOSING MINUTES TO THWART TEACHERS

By RODGER LEWIS

Wilkes College basketball squad broke into the win column last night as they took the measure of East Stroudsburg State Teachers College by a 78 to 75 margin. Jim Ferris led the Colonel attack with driving shots and superb foul shooting to gain scoring honors with 32 tallies.

SPORTIN' AROUND

with Al Jeter

What's This?

We've been hearing neat little rumors already from some of those who are always quick to criticize, that you can discount the Colonel basketball crew as a threat. Some of these guys mean well and are just natural pessimists and others are jokers that would gripe if someone handed them a million dollars just because they wouldn't feel natural if they didn't have something to say.

This just might be a tough year on the cagers, but you can bet your last buck that they're going to look a lot better than they have showed so far. As a matter of fact, we can't see where they have done any thing to be ashamed of right now. One thing we have never had to say about a Wilkes team of any kind is that it ever quit fighting. In our minds this means more than all the winning seasons in the world.

The coaching staff has a job on its hands and it knows it. Rebuilding years are



AL JETER

No Towers

Apparently the team's main weakness, as it has been ever since we first came to Wilkes-Barre many moons ago, is the lack of height. Some of the Wilkes cage teams have been so small that we have wondered whether there was a limitation to height in the college entrance exams. Of course, there isn't, and there must be another reason for it. The only one that we can think of is that we just aren't lucky that way.

But no matter what, we predict that within the next two weeks you will see a drastic improvement in the squad. In our mind it is potentially a good team and one that will cause lots of trouble throughout the year even if it doesn't live up to last year's aggregation as far as wins and losses go. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if it did though.

The cagers hurt last week when they lost the services of Carl Van Dike due to an arm injury. The 'quiet man' from western Pennsylvania came through in the first game with 19 markers to dispel the myth that he was a good floor man and not much of a scoring threat. He seems to have found his stride and we are watching for him to become a consistent high scorer this season.

Colonels Come Through

Last week, Cliff Brautigan and Glenn Carey were selected on the Bloomsburg "All Opponent" football team. This we think is high praise for the pair seeing as how the mighty Huskies had little or no regard for the Colonels as a whole on the fateful day. For these two boys to be remembered by Bloomsburg and to be selected on the team speaks mighty well for their work.

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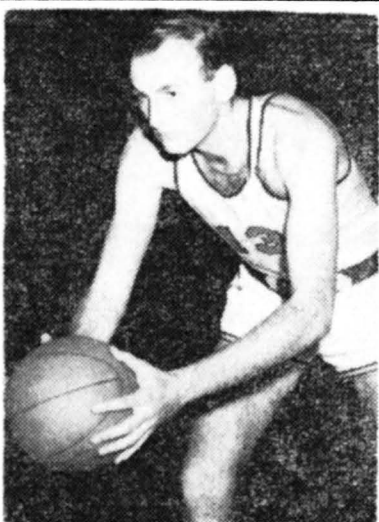
BRESNAHAN NABS 'PLAYER OF WEEK' TITLE

Steady All Round Play Earns Lanky Forward Week's Top Position

Scintillating floor play and jack-rabbit rebounding in the first two basketball encounters of the season send this week's sporting laurels to the rangy Colonel forward, John Bresnahan.

Apparently of the school of thought that a team that doesn't have possession of the ball doesn't score a point, the former Plymouth star used his six-foot, two-inch frame to every possible advantage by controlling the backboards for Wilkes. A missed shot by the opposition frequently became a rebound by Bresnahan and a Colonel score.

The talents of "Prodigious John" found no satisfaction in these deeds however, for while ball-hawking he found sufficient time to stifle the opposition with his tricky push shots, swishing the nets for an average of fourteen counters a game.



JOHN BRESNAHAN

A player's merits are usually best expressed by his coach, and Coach Ralston said unhesitatingly of John, "... definitely one of the bright spots of this year's team, mainly because of his hustle and rebounding ability. I am for the selection 100 per cent."

Early Start

A native of Plymouth, Pa., he got his start in basketball at an early age, playing on make-shift outdoor courts. On entering high school it was not long before it recognized that he was of the caliber that could go on to play varsity ball.

John served his apprenticeship with the junior varsity for one year, then played two years with the first stringers. He was chosen co-captain of the Plymouth High five which won the Conference Championship in 1951-52. After graduation he decided to enter Wilkes since he felt it afforded him the educational opportunities of most other schools, while offering the additional advantage of being able to cut expenses by living at home.

Soccer also draws John's attention at Wilkes and he participated in that sport with this year's winning season booting crew.

What do you think a guy like this has for a hobby? He takes a busman's holiday and turns basketball spectator, watching the Valley teams go through their paces.

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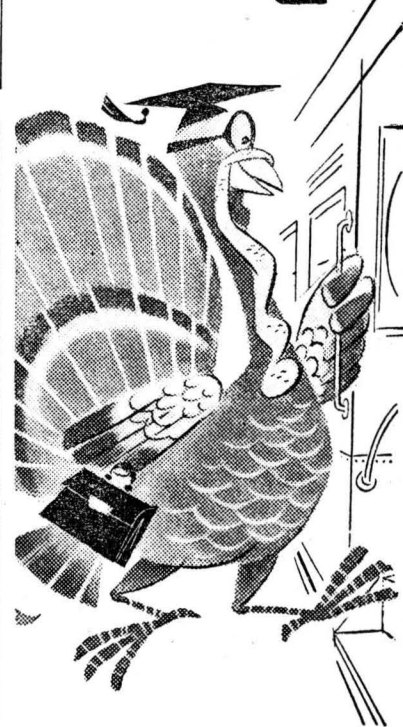
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