

"He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves, and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper."

—Burke.

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SOCCKER TEAM WINS FINAL GAME

PARTRIDGE REVIEWS SEASON

'53 Team Gained Confidence, Dignity; Leaves Behind Inspirational Heritage

(When approached about writing an article summarizing the first victorious soccer season, Coach Bob Partridge stated, "I always could find something to say when we were losing, but now that we have a winning season, I'm lost for words." After some severe arm-twisting, Coach Partridge consented to write, in his own words, the article below. — Sports Editor)

By Robert W. Partridge, Soccer Coach, Wilkes College

LIVING TESTIMONY

It's tough to fight your way up from the bottom of the pile. The soccer team at Wilkes College is living testimony to that truism.

For four years, due to one circumstance or another, victory passed us by. We have had teams during that period which would have won a game or two, but for unfortunately the case was not such.

There were two elements grossly lacking in Wilkes soccer teams of the past — confidence and dignity.



Soccer is a comparative newcomer to the Wyoming Valley scene. It's true that a generation or two ago, this area knew soccer, in fact, it was one of the chief athletic attractions in the coal regions. Its popularity waned, however, as football (an offspring of soccer) came on the scene.

Introducing soccer at Wilkes College in the spring of 1949, and watching it grow over the ensuing five seasons can be likened to the father who has high hopes that his son will be a great athlete and with great anguish watches him stumble his way through his early years.

Then, suddenly for no apparent reason, the youth begins to walk in a more steadfast manner, his confidence in himself assured despite repeated setbacks. Ere long the boy finds that he is as big as the other guys who have been bullying him and he strikes back. There is pride in the father's eye and jubilation in the heart of the boy when suddenly he finds that he is a man and is able to walk away from other men with dignity and respect.

The defeats he had suffered had been hard to take, but each one had had a meaning in the pattern of his young life. Each one added to the experience which one day saw him a victor.

SPARK WAS THERE

Satisfaction is not exactly the term that could be used to describe our feelings after the victory over Rider College in the opening game of the season, our first victory in history. We were happy, of course, but we were not at all sure that it wasn't a "fluke."

It gave us a spark, however.

A less valiant group of men might have said, "What's the use?" when we seemed to revert to form in losing to powerful East Stroudsburg, but there was certainly no doubt in anyone's mind concerning our 6-1 victory over Lock Haven, a team which had come to us fresh from a stalemate with one of the strongest teams in the country.

Losing to Lafayette, 2-1, at Easton was a setback that could dampen the spirit of the staunchest of men. It looked as though just that had happened as the Wilkes team played its lack-lustre worst in bowing to Elizabethtown College the following Sunday by a 5-1 score.

Over a five-year period, I considered this game the nadir. In it, the soccer performers' disappointment was great, but faith had not faded. Three days later, the same team, injury-riddled, to be sure, but with great heart, rose to the occasion and reversed the score over Elizabethtown on the losers' home grounds.

That meant that over a three-day period, we were just eight goals better. What had happened?

DESPAIR TO VICTORY

Who can tell what strikes the hearts of men and makes it possible for them to rise from the depths of despair to the heights of victory?

Four days later, a team which had battled to a scoreless tie with East Stroudsburg, one of the five top teams in the nation, came to Wilkes-Barre to fatten its record in the win column at the expense of a team generally considered to be a pushover.

Either the Trenton State team hadn't read of our exploits, or the Wilkesmen hadn't read of theirs. Regardless of which was the case, this much is true. The Wilkes College soccer team, with seven men in the starting lineup suffering from injuries and two others — potential starters — sitting on the bench with ankles and legs taped, smote down the titan from Trenton in a most convincing manner.

Our side had reached a peak in experience, confidence and heart.

The Trenton men were actually stunned as time and again we took the play away from them. The 4-0 shutout, first in our history, was certainly a tribute to the fine defensive work of seniors Jim Moss, Dick Hawk, Bill Mergo, Lefty Kemp, and Charlie Zezza and newcomer Koo Younsu.

Playing perhaps his finest and most determined game, Flip Jones switched from his regular center halfback post to center forward and went out in the proverbial blaze of glory, leading the offensive attack with three goals.

GOODBYES NOT EASY

Dick Polakowski and Hank Deibel flanked the team's attack in a most commendable fashion. The improvement in the play of these two since last year, plus fine newcomers Ahmed Kazimi, Carl Van Dyke and Jim Ferris, along with the steady foot and head of Dean Arvan,

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Engineers' Dance Tonight In Gymnasium

Dum da rum dum! My name is Ima Engineer. I work out of Conyngham. I've been given the case assignment Square Dance. The time is Friday night at 8 p.m. working out of Wilkes Gym. Your job, Be there. Abe Bellas and the Wanderers will pick up those attending on a 903.

A 903 is punishable by a fine of not more than 50 cents. The sentence will be for four hours of solid entertainment.

Dancing will be both round and square. So for the time of your life with fun, dancing, socializing, attend the Engineer's Dance tonight at 8.

Katia Karas is general chairman of the affair. She is being assisted by the following committees:

Refreshments, Hank Deibel, Allen Quoos, Thomas Sarnecky;

Tickets, Harold Groff, Lawrence Roeshot, William Foley, John Finn; Decorations, Milton Johnson, Ben Howells, Dan Stusnick;

Entertainment, Joe Miozza, John Thomas;

Advertising, Thomas Goblick, Ed Pasternack, Anthony Arch, Felix Serafin, Charles Acore.

Teachers Institute Hears Wilkes Teachers

On October 29-30, 1953 the Pennsylvania State Education Association in joint meeting with the Annual Education Meeting of Luzerne County Teachers held its 29th Annual convention. The P.S.E.A., in common with the profession organization of teachers spends about half its time with working on status of teachers and education and the remainder of its time improving the school program. The theme this year was "Learning to Live With Others." Four of the Wilkes faculty attended these meetings: Doctor H. W. Thatcher, Head of History Department; Doctor Virginia Neel, Dean of Women; Miss Ruth Jessee, Department of Nursing Instruction; and Mr. Verne Bunn, Instruction in Retail Merchandise.

On Friday, the thirtieth, many of the sections broke up into departments according to teaching interest. In the Social Studies section, the address given by Dr. Thatcher was "Learning to Live With Other Nations". "How Do You Advise" was the topic chosen by Dr. Neel. Mr. Bunn was the leader for the panel "Visual Aids in Commercial Education" while Miss Jessee's address was "Nurses are Teachers".

C'n' C Sponsors Tuesday Assembly

"Savage and Encounter", radio play by Norman Corwin, will be the feature of Tuesday's assembly. Presented by the Cue 'n' Curtain and directed by Mr. Alfred Groh, the play will be presented as a simulated radio broadcast with a musical background and sound effects. This Armistice Day program has at its theme "the necessity of a person to fight as hard in peace as he does in war".

ATTENTION!

The Wilkes Blood Drive will be held December 11, 1953, at the Red Cross Blood Center. Watch the BEACON for further information.

Completes First Winning Season, Defeats Trenton STC For Fourth Win

By AUSTIN SHERMAN

The fourth victory this season! A winning season for the first time in history! Mr. Partridge is carried off the field by happy team members! Dr. Farley prepares to buy steak dinners for sixteen people! What's all the shouting about? Well, the Wilkes soccer team won its final game of the season last Saturday afternoon by beating Trenton State Teachers by the score of 4-0. It was this Trenton team which tied East Stroudsburg, the fifth ranking team in the East. This same New Jersey team also held Seton Hall soccer team to a tie.

The injury riddled Wilkes team outplayed the boys from Trenton the whole afternoon. Wilkes kept the ball constantly in its opponents territory. Wilkes goal keeper, Jim Moss, had a relatively easy day as Trenton could manage only five shots at the Wilkes goal.

Co-captain Flip Jones was the star of the game. The Flipper scored three of the four Wilkes goals. The other goal was sunk by Ahmed Kazimi.

The first quarter ended with neither team scoring.

With three minutes gone in the second period, Flip scored the first goal of the afternoon. Ten minutes later in the same period, the Flipper repeated his earlier performance. The half ended with Wilkes leading, 2-0.

The third period was hotly contested with Trenton doing most of its threatening then. The fourth period found Flip (that man again) scoring his final goal of the game with a shot from 25 yards out. With ten minutes gone of the last stanza, Ahmed scored his goal. This was done only after some fine ball-handling from Jones, Hank Deibel, and Carl Van Dyke.

The backfield played an outstanding game. The backfield included Bill Mergo, Lefty Kemp, Charlie Zezza, and Dick Hawk.

After the final whistle was blown, Coach Partridge was carried off the field on the team's shoulders. Also, the Wilkes team had a winning season.

The victory over Trenton State brought down the curtain for the 1953 edition of the Wilkes soccer

team. The Cinderella Team started its season by winning its first game in Wilkes soccer history. They beat Rider College, 2-1. Then on October 5, the Wilkesmen played their first home game of the season. They tangled with the powerful East Stroudsburg State Teachers team. They came out on the short end of a 2-0 score in a bruising ball game. The next tilt, which was played at home, found Wilkes meeting the Lock Haven State Teachers. Wilkes playing about its best game of the season beat the future teachers, 6-1. On Saturday, October 17, our booters traveled to Easton to play Lafayette College. The boys from Wilkes lost a heart-breaker, 2-1. Lafayette's winning goal was scored with less than three seconds remaining in the game. What makes it more difficult for the team to digest this loss is the fact that the winning goal was scored on a hotly disputed play. The following Saturday saw Wilkes lose its second game in a row. Elizabethtown scored a 5-1 victory. On Tuesday, October 27, Wilkes played Elizabethtown in a return game. However it was a different game which was played and this time the Wilkesmen came out on the long end of a 5-1 score. Then came last Saturday's victory over Trenton.

The Trenton game also meant the last game played for the seniors on the squad. The seniors on this year's record breaking team are: Lefty Kemp, Dick Hawk, Jim Moss, Charlie Zezza, Dick Polakowski, and the two co-captains, Bill Mergo and Philip Jones.

Education Club Holds Wiener Roast Sunday

This Sunday, November 8, 1953 the Education Club will hold its first social event of the school year. The wiener roast will be held at Mrs. Doris Merrill's home at Lake Silkworth at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

The affair is open only to members of the Education Club and their dates. All members who plan on going and who are not yet certain are requested to get in touch with either Bob Ichter or Art Hoover.

People from the Wilkes-Barre region will leave in a motorcade at 2:30 from the Library. This group will meet the Nanticoke group at the Nanticoke Bridge in West Nanticoke at 2:45.

Faculty Coffee Hour Next Wednesday P. M.

The Wilkes Faculty Women will sponsor a coffee hour at the cafeteria Wednesday, November 11, from 3 to 5:30. Dr. Virginia Neel, Dr. Mary Craig, Mrs. John Chwalek, and Mrs. Eugene Hammer will pour. Hostesses will be Mesdames Alfred Bastress, Edward Heltzel, Konstantin Symonolewicz, Donald Kersteen and Charles Moore. Faculty and students are cordially invited.

Town and Gown Series Begins November 15

The Town and Gown Series will present Mr. Wilbur Isaacs, baritone, in a program of songs at the Wilkes College Gymnasium on November 15, 1953 at 4:00 P.M. These recitals are open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Isaacs will sing excerpts of works by Schubert, Buxtehude, Debussy, Chabrier, Poulenc, Peel, Duparc, O'Conner-Morris and folk songs of America, England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. He will be assisted at the piano by Miss Vera Hall.

Many songs have been composed by Mr. Isaacs and some of these songs have been presented at a concert at Wilkes College last spring. He has also given a performance at the White House for the former President and Mrs. Truman.

There are six programs in the series: November 15, 1953, Mr. Wilbur Isaacs, baritone; December 6, 1953, The Madrigal Singers directed by Mr. John Detroy; February 21, 1954, Miss Phyllis Clark, pianist; March 21, 1954, Mrs. Eleanor Farley and Mr. John Detroy, duopianists; April 11, 1954, Wilkes College Chorus conducted by Mr. John G. Detroy; May 9, 1954, Wilkes College Band directed by Mr. Robert Moran. All recitals will be at 4:00 P. M.

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Wanted: Letters To The Editor, Signed

This year as in the pas, the BEACON welcomes letters to the Editor. Expression of student opinion is always desired by a campus editor. A writer of such a letter does have one obligation however, that is, he should sign his name to said letter.

If a person wishes to remain anonymous, that can be arranged simply by informing the Editor. Many students may ask, "Why should the editor know the author?" The answer to this is fairly obvious. The Editor is responsible for everything in the paper, including letters, therefore it logically follows that he should know the author of the published material.

However, the Editor can assure any prospective writer, that his or her name will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Now, how about those letters?

They Did It!

Not much more can be said about the soccer men. The many stories, articles, and features in today's BEACON tell the story rather well. All we can add is that we are proud of the way the Booters turned defeatism into victory.

It was a long wait, but this year proved the wait worthwhile. Well done, Booters!

Government Courses For Local Officials Offered At Wilkes

The Public Service Institute of the Department of Public Instruction has for years been conducting institutes for local governmental officials at the University of Pittsburgh and at the University of Pennsylvania. Through the co-operation of Dr. Hugo Mailey of the Political Science department, the Institute now offers several

courses at Wilkes for municipal officials in Luzerne County.

Every Wednesday afternoon an advanced police class meets in Butler Annex. Conducted by Detective Frank Flynn, an approved Public Service Institute instructor, the course is intended to give police an intimate knowledge of the duties, procedures, and techniques in police work. The course is offered free of charge.

Other classes especially designed for magistrates, borough and first class township officials will be offered by the Institute and the College.

Student Council Affairs:

Quite a volume of business was carried on at the regular meeting of the Student Council on Tuesday at noon. President Wayne Madden presided, and the following is a brief outline of the agenda.

Mr. Madden appointed a committee, headed by Nancy Hannye, to study the Student Council Constitution (particularly the section concerning Organizations and Finance) and make recommendations for its revision.

At the request of Dr. Neel, Dean of Women, two council members were appointed to serve as a public relations committee in respect to the major productions of Cue 'n' Curtain. Dick Bunn and Jim Moss will serve in this capacity.

Plans for the council's All College Dance, to be held November 27 were discussed, and Bill Crowder was appointed general chairman of the affair.

Tentative plans of the Winter Carnival were also discussed, and the date was set for February 1, rather than the 3rd, (as it appears on the calendar) because of a conflict with a home basketball game which will be played that night. The Carnival will be held at Split Rock Lodge again this year.

Dick Bunn presented a request for the council's approval of the square dance to be given by the engineers this Friday evening. The request was granted, but Mr. Partridge brought to the council's attention the fact that many of the organizations on campus have been advertising their social events without first gaining permission from the student council to hold the affair. This may seem a trivial matter, but the ruling was made for a purpose and must be adhered to.

Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor:

I wish to thank the student body, faculty, and the Beacon for their kind expression of sympathy which appeared in last week's Beacon. Sincerely,
Jane Carpenter

ATTENTION:

UPPER BOHEMIANS

Editor's Note: The editor appreciates the letter sent this past week. He wishes the author would come forth and identify himself for reasons mentioned in today's editorial. The letter is well worth printing.

BEACON'S GRAB-BAG

"There weren't many comforts back in Adam's day."

"That's true, but few men have had more fun with a spare rib."

Last week I saw a very unusual French movie. The boy and girl were married.

Mr. Jones was busily engaged in trying to dig his car out of the mud. A rather dense individual approached and asked, "Stuck in the mud?"

"Oh, no," said Mr. Jones, "my engine died and I'm digging a grave for it."

He: This is heaven.
She: Yeah, but I'm not your harp.

An inmate of an insane asylum was to be examined for dismissal. The first question he was asked was: "What are you going to do when you get out of here?"

He replied: "I'm going to break every ----- window in this place." After another six months in the padded cell, he was again examined, and the same question was put to him.

"Well, I'm going to get a job," was the reply.

"Fine," the examiner said, "and then what?"

"Then I'm going to buy a new car."

"Excellent."

"And then I'm going to meet a beautiful girl."

"Wonderful."

"Then I'm going to take her out driving on a lonely road."

"Yes?"

"Then I'm going to grab her garter, make a slingshot, and come back here and break every ----- window in the place."

The lady of the house was in the kitchen shelling peas when she heard someone coming up the back steps. Thinking it was her son, she called, "Here I am darling."

There was a long silence and then a deep voice boomed out, "This ain't the regular iceman, ma'am."

In the parlor there were three—The girl, the lamp, and he—Two is company and, no doubt That is why the lamp went out.

A college education: Something that enables a man to get a job from a man who never went to school.

Jimmy, age eight, was assigned by his teacher to write a paper on his origin. Seeking information, he questioned his mother.

"Mom, where did Grandma come from?"

"The stork brought her, darling."

"Well, where did you come from?"

"The stork brought me too."

"And me?"

"The stork brought you too dear."

Resignedly the young man wrote the lead sentence for his composition: "There hasn't been a normal birth in our family for three generations."

Father to son: I'm going to tell you a story.

Son: Okay, but keep it clean, the old lady may be listening.

Your Opinion . . .

What is your opinion of the college assembly programs?

Bill Saba: The assembly programs have improved considerably in the past three years. However, the schedule should include more musical programs.

Fred Kohn: The assembly programs at Wilkes College should be both informative and interesting. However, of late, they have been anything but that. Why not have assembly programs primarily concerned with the College and its problems?

Marilyn Williams: I think that they are very good on the whole, but some of the speakers should come back to college for a speech course.

Gloria Dran: They (the speakers) should realize that freshmen are not as worldly wise as the upperclassmen and keep their speeches directed for the masses.

Vicki Zavatski: One th whole I believe the assemblies cover a wide enough field to be of interest to anyone. I find the music programs particularly interesting.

Jack Lupas: I feel the assembly programs should be in a lighter vein.

Pat Stout: The assembly programs planned for this semester show a keen improvement over those of the past. The improved calibre of the speakers has already been well demonstrated, and the continuity of the topics makes them much more interesting. I believe that committee can be proud of its work.

Ralph Zezza: I think the assembly programs are well organized except for the fact that there are not enough programs along the musical lines.

NOTICE!

Notice to all club presidents:

No clubs or organizations on campus are to advertise social events to be held until the activity has been approved by the Student Council.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 8: Wiener Roast, Education Club;
Tuesday, Nov. 10: Orchestra Practice;
Friday, Nov. 13: Dance, Sophomore Class;
Saturday, Nov. 14: Football, Bridgeport, Home.

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COLONELS HAVE WEEK-END OF REST

Enjoy Respite From Grid Wars After Taking Adelphi Team, 14-13

By JACK CURTIS

The Wilkes grid team had a week of rest from the rigors of the small college football wars as it drew an open date on its rugged eight-game schedule.

Coaches George Ralston, Russ Picton and Fran Pinkowski even gave their boys two days free of practice on Monday and Tuesday after they notched the third win of the season last Saturday.

It was the all-round play of End Paul Gronka and the golden toe of Howie Gross that gave the Colonels a 14-13 win over a determined Adelphi crew at Garden City, L. I., Saturday afternoon in a gasser of a game.

Though all the scoring was done in the first half, there was action aplenty throughout.

Adelphi scored first in the tilt capitalizing on a Wilkes fumble inside the Colonel 10-yard stripe. Charlie Finger, the real threat for the Panthers, crashed over the goal from the 4 on his second try.

His try for the extra point went wide of the mark, and that was all the margin the Wilkesmen needed to later capture the game.

Behind, 6-0, Gronka and company went to work. Playing wing linebacker in a new defensive setup, the diminutive Nanticoke outsider stole away 57 yards with an Adelphi pass to tie up the ball game in the first stanza shortly after the home team had surged ahead.

Gross dropped back and split the uprights, giving the Ralstonmen a brief lead, 7-6.

A fluke pass interception, which was more of a block, behind the Wilkes line of scrimmage gave the Adelphi team its second score. Frank Zapolito, charging in from a defensive tackle post, picked up a deflected Gross pass and romped to paydirt.

A Gross-to-Gronka pass with only 20 seconds remaining in the first half once again tied the score. Gross winged a beauty to Gronka, who had faked himself into the clear beautifully, for 15 yards and a TD.

Gross again calmly dropped back and made the tie-breaking point after touchdown, and that was the ball game.

The two teams battled it out on even terms the rest of the way, the Colonels clinging to that slim one-

Wilkes vs. Bridgeport Home, Next Week

The Wilkes College football team will strive to go ahead in the win column in its final home appearance of the '54 campaign a week from tomorrow night at Kingston Stadium, when it faces the best team in University of Bridgeport history.

The Colonel gridmen, with two weeks rest behind them will rate one touchdown favorites in the tilt which will get underway promptly at 8.

A win will give the Blue and Gold eleven a record of four wins and three defeats and a chance to keep its promise to go the rest of the season undefeated, made after the Hofstra game.

After a shaky start, the injury-riddled team had done remarkably well and deserves the support of every appreciative fan. The largest crowd of the season is expected to be on hand for the home finale.

point margin, making sure to make one Yogi look good.

Only one of the Sunday Independent Yogi sportswriters displayed enough gumption to pick the local collegiate eleven. Needless to say which one that was.

The line played a particularly impressive game, stopping a near-touchdown surge of the Panthers with about three minutes left in the tilt.

Colonel Cagers Begin Drills At Gym Monday

Under the eye of Assistant Coach Bill Mock, the Wilkes cagers begin organized practice at the gym on Monday at 4 o'clock.

Coach George Ralston, still busy with football, announced this morning that all students interested in playing basketball should report to Mock at that time.

With the entire team back from last year, the courtmen should have a better than average season this winter.

A 19-game schedule has been arranged, beginning in mid-December.

Period Of Rest Prescribed By Coach

Head Coach George Ralston today announced a week of rest and light practice for the Colonels, aimed at reconditioning the players sidelined by injuries. Said he, "We're going to lick our wounds by reviewing and polishing what we already know."

To date, the Wilkes gridders have had to surmount gigantic odds in compiling their impressive three wins and three losses record. The Wilkesmen entered the season as an intricate piece of machinery that was soon to wear away. The giant Bloomsburg team crushed the machine in the first game, when it sent star passer Eddie Davis to the hospital. Lebanon Valley followed suit by knocking Howard Gross out of the lineup in their 15-6 win over the Ralstonmen. The spirited Colonels came back with an easy 27-6 triumph over Ithaca, and the mighty Hofstra gridders answered with a 39-20 rout of the Wilkesmen, sending Trosko out of the lineup and sidelining Howie Gross for one game, and George Elias for two. Chaump, Slavitsko, Nelson, and Chapko filled the vacated backfield slots and led the Colonel second string attack in the 31-7 sweep of Trenton. Howie Gross returned against Adelphi and booted the Colonels to a 14-13 victory.

In these six games, the Wilkes footballers struggled uphill in their battle against the powerful small college teams, and were bogged in their efforts by the famed injury jinx. It is interesting to note, however, that the Colonels established statistics comparable to those of the opponent teams, with their late-season comeback. The Wilkesmen, in the 3-3 record, scored 104 points, compared with 107 for opposing forces.

The remaining two games on the football schedule, against Bridgeport and Moravian, are seen as toss-ups. Coach Ralston said today that the spirited Colonels are expected to be in top shape for the games. That means that the pre-season footballers, minus Eddie Davis, should be ready to take the field.

Bridgeport boasts one of the toughest teams among the small colleges, and sports a fine passing game. Moravian, according to reports, is the most improved team on the Colonel schedule.

- - DIKE DIVOTS - -

By JACK CURTIS

ANOTHER WINNER?

The soccer team did it, notched a winning season, and it looks like the football team is entertaining ideas of following suit. Its chances are better than even as it stands now.

With a record showing three wins and as many defeats, the gridmen will have to win both games for better than a .500 mark. Whether they can do it remains to be seen, but that record is very commendable when one glances back to the beginning of the season.

The Colonels lost Eddie Davis and Bloomsburg in the first tilt and were outslipped by Lebanon Valley in the second, before hitting the win column at Ithaca.

Then the Hofstra thriller came along. They have not lost since. 31-7 over Trenton and that 14-13 thriller over Adelphi last weekend evened the record book. Only University of Bridgeport, a week tomorrow, and Moravian remain.

Even with a thus far so-so record, the Colonels have been able to outscore the opposition. Wilkes has piled up 109 points while the six opposing teams have run up only 105.

Youknow, when Davis was sidelined in the first fiasco, we figured we were in for the worst of seasons. You've got to hand it to the boys, they faked us out. We'rehappy to admit we were wrong. Of course, we weren't the only one. A glum George Ralston was no little worried Shows to go ya that you should never underestimate a Colonel crew that is too pig-headed to lose when it is supposed to. Give up? Man, it took them a couple of games to get started.



JUST A LITTLE GUY, BUT - - -

One of the main reasons for the surge that brought back new hope for the first winning grid season in three years has been Paul Gronka.

A touchdown per game average has put the Wilkes end among the leaders in Pennsylvania collegiate scoring circles.

According to an Associated Press survey conducted last week, Gronka stood ninth in the commonwealth, big and small colleges included, with a record of six touchdowns and 36 points.

The 5-7, 160 pound sophomore wingman from Nanticoke, has scored one TD in all but two games. He went scoreless at Trenton State Teachers College, oddly enough, in the Colonel's highest score of the season, but made up for that pointless performance last week by notching two tallies at Adelphi.

Gronka is generally accepted as the best end ever to perform at Wilkes College. End Coach Russ Picton, who is one of the loudest singers of Paul's praises, will tell you that Gronka had Adelphi's backs crawling into holes out of embarrassment. They put five different backs on him in the afternoon and each one in the order they came was made to look worse.

A COUPLE OF TRIBUTES

Paul owes his rapid rise from third to first stringer to his own hard work. He is a perfectionist and is never satisfied with doing a job halfway. Russ says Paul has his fakes, so important to an end trying to get in the clear for apass, down perfect.

"He's the best I've ever seen," Picton stated last week. "Even in service ball?" we inquired, knowing some of the top professional stars played with Russ in the Marines. "Yes, even in service ball," was his reply.

Incidentally, on Monday morning of this week, only two days after the story about Picton had been aired from coast-to-coast on the Touchdown Tips show, Athletics Director Ralston received a letter and a tape recording of the Wilkes portion of the show from alumnus Joe Gries, who is sports director at WJLS, a CBS station in Beckley, W. Va.

Joe, a former fellow resident of Russ' in Hanover Township and reputedly a cousin of the Pinkowski brothers, stated, "Naturally hearing this (broadcast) made me feel very close to home and Wilkes College. It is a wonderful feeling to know that your school is gaining nationwide fame through its selection of perfect ladies and gentlemen." A tribute well said, we feel. Nice to hear from the old grads.

NICE, REALLY NICE

Coach Bob Partridge says it much better than we could, we think, in his article reviewing the soccer season in this issue of the Beacon. All we'd like to say is that it was one of the greatest experiences of our college life, being ableto play a part in the past soccer season and, in particular, the last game, small as our part may have been.

The steak is ours. Dr. Eugene S. Farley has set Tuesday, December 8 as the "big payoff", a penalty he gladly pays for a few innocent words he uttered several years ago.

D'y'ever stop and think that years from now we'll ail (soccermen) be able to take our grandchildren on our respective knees and boast just a little—about playing on the first Wilkes College soccer team ever to win a game. It feels nice . . .

Matmen Open Campaign Dec. 12; Nine Meets Listed On Tough Slate

By TOM KASKA

The Wilkes wrestling squad, this year coached by John Reese, will open the mat season December 12 at Easton, against the ever-dangerous Lafayette grapplers. The wrestling schedule, released recently by George Ralston, reveals that a tough season is in store for the rejuvenated Wilkes matmen.

However, Reese early in the week expressed his confidence in a winning season, though he is deeply concerned with the lack of heavyweights among the candidates. The new tutor pointed out that most of the wrestling aspirants are in the 147 pound class, with only four or five in the heavier divisions. Two freshmen, Neil Dadurka and Bob Morgan, are among the 15 wrestling hopefuls.

Coach Reese boasts plenty of ring know-how. He was a standout grappler at Kingston High School, and later at Millersville STC and Penn State. The newly appointed coach was eastern champ in the 121-pound class. Reese hopes to arouse interest in the wrestling game at Wilkes by turning out a winning team this season.

The wrestling schedule:

Dec. 12—Lafayette	Away
Dec. 16—Swarthmore	Away
Dec. 29—Open Tourney	Home
Dec. 30—Open Tourney	Home
Jan. 13—Ithaca	Home
Jan. 16—Courtland	Away
Feb. 6—Hofstra	Home
Feb. 13—Kings Point	Home
Feb. 20—Stroudsburg	Home
Feb. 27—Muhlenburg	Away

PARTRIDGE REVIEWS SEASON—

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must certainly be reckoned as among the causes for the success of this year's team.

It is most difficult to have worked with men for four years, to have shared the trials and tribulations of the infant growing to mankind and, then, to say goodbye. Seniors Moss, Hawk, Kemp, Zezza and co-captains Mergo and Jones, along with Hank Deibel, terminal student, are going to be hard to replace.

They take their ability with them, but they leave a heritage of hard, clean, gentlemanly inspiration behind.

They, along with others who during the past five years have suffered the ignominy of defeat in their quest for victory, who have suffered the jibes and quips of classmates and town-folk, but who shrugged it off and kept plugging determinedly, all these have left to those remaining to those who come, a magnificent heritage.

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'Master Builder' Casting Complete; Play To Utilize Stereophonic Sound

By MARGE LUTY

Once upon a time Cue 'n' Curtain found that almost all of the members wanted to act whereas very, very few cared to do the backstage work such as costuming, staging, make-up, selling tickets, and the like. The consequence was that a ruling was put in the club constitution that each student would have to earn points in backstage work before any points for acting would be recorded. Now, a brief two years later, the officers are very much amazed to find that almost all the members are anxious to work backstage.

With a three-act play on the bill for this month, committees are having a field-day, as their time to be of service has come. A poster committee, headed by Fred Krohl, is starting work on some eye-catching signs which will soon decorate the campus bulletin boards. A staging committee, under the direction of Bill Crowder, worked hard Monday night trying to get some idea of how many flats would be available for building the two different sets needed for the play.

Various other committees will start functioning as soon as each chairman can gather together the particular number of people he feels he needs to work efficiently. Many of the members who have indicated their interest will be contacted by the proper committee heads. Any member not contacted

who wishes to help can see President John Williams or Mr. Groh.

Joe Saracini and Mr. Groh have had their heads together for the past two weeks. The only information they will allow to slip out is something about "hearing the main character's thoughts through the use of stereophonic sound." How a man's thought can be heard through the use of ANY kind of sound is difficult to comprehend, but it ought to be interesting.

Mr. Groh has announced that Don Kaye will play the part of Dr. Herdel, and Ken Hitchner will be Ragnar, a young architect. These two characters are the last to be cast, but although they are under a slight disadvantage because of entering play rehearsals so late, Mr. Groh is confident that they are capable of doing a fine

CAMPUS CANDIDS

Mr. Miller to English class on mid-term grades: "Your mark is directly proportional to your adverse opinion."

Fred Krohle to Dr. Kruger: "What collective noun is always singular?"

Voice from rear: "The garbage man."

Mr. Sym commenting on striking his pet cat: "You wouldn't think

job in the roles.

"The Master Builder" is a work of Henrik Ibsen, a "master builder" of plays. His characters are real; their actions and emotions are lifelike, and the plot, like the plot of any well-written play, is motivated by the characters, and not the characters moved by a pre-conceived set of incidents.

Mr. Groh is convinced that Wilkes students will not only gain from seeing "The Master Builder", but will also enjoy themselves. To quote Mr. Groh, "My purpose is to ENTERTAIN."

I'm such a brute."

After being asked what part he would like in a Spanish play, Dave Rosser replied to Miss Dworski, "I'd rather be one of the audience."

Connie Kamarunas to Mike Lewis: "Please get my shoe out of the Men's Room."

After the fun-loving crowd hissed Mike for considering the above request, he was heard to say, "I better not, I can't risk the unpopularity."

Dr Mailey: "My only consistency is inconsistency."

Mr. Eliot after committing a faux pas: "Thank God, I'm not quoted in Campus Candida."

Bob Darrow: "In all my years of smoking, I haven't burned my nose yet."

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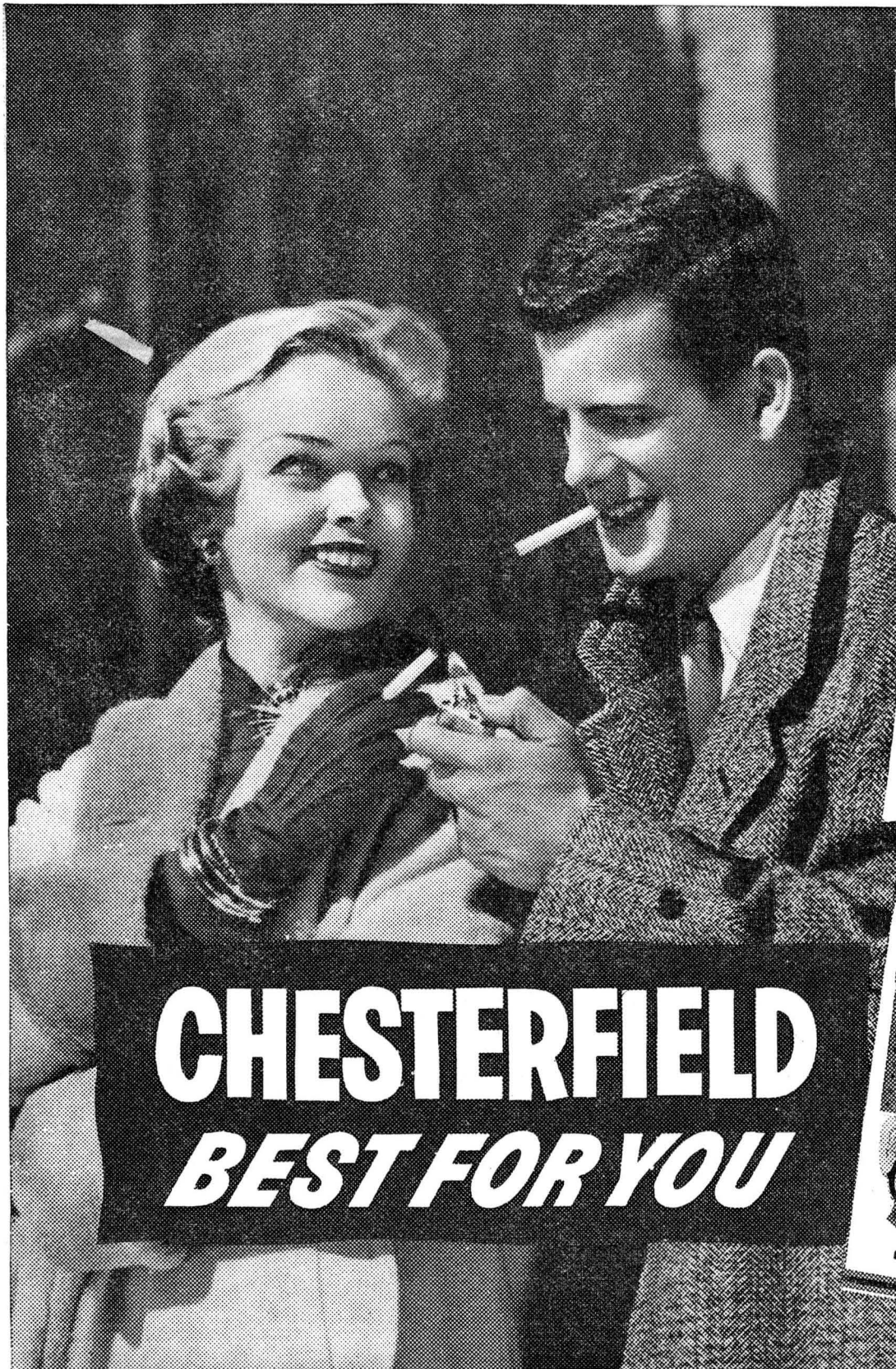
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