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TALK LEGS OFF VISITING 'MULES'



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OFF TO FINE START—The Wilkes debaters, who got off to a rousing start of their 1954-55 debating season with a fourth place win at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, readies for further debate at Princeton and Bucknell. Members who went over notes and strategy with their well-known coach at a recent "practice session" were, left to right, first row: Jim Neveras, Dr. Kruger, and Nick Flannery. Back row: Ronnie Price and Jesse Choper. The Wilkesmen, with the aid of Bruce Warshall, downed Johns Hopkins, St. Joseph's, LeMoyné and King's (Pa.) and tied with the University of Pennsylvania.

WC DEBATERS WIN OVER KING'S IN TAKING 4-TH AT MUHLENBURG

By T. R. PRICE

The Wilkes College debate team showed that it will be powerful again this year by emerging fourth from a group of over twenty teams entered in the recent Muhlenburg tournament, defeating, among others, Wilkes-Barre's King's College.

The gentlemen from upper River Street fell in a storm that also dropped John Hopkins, St. Joseph's, Le Moyné and Allegheny. Rated First

In three of their contests, Jim Neveras and J. Harold Flannery, Jr. were rated first among the speakers. The whole team was only three points away from a perfect record, made only by Georgetown, the tournament winner.

Wilkes' affirmative was handicapped by the absence of one of its members who was held back at Wilkes-Barre by heavy fog. He was replaced with Bruce Warshall, who was along as an observer. The team did well, defeating John Hopkins and St. Joseph's. The negative team of Flannery and Jesse Choper crushed King's and Le

Moyné, and tied the University of Pennsylvania.

Meet Bucknell, Princeton

Bucknell and Princeton will be the next scenes of action for the locals, with the regular team arguing at its former parent school, and a novice set of Warshall, John Scandale, Virginia Brehen, and Hermina Fried going to Princeton.

Among other tournaments which the Wilkesmen will attend following the Princeton and Bucknell sessions will be the Boston Invitational, the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges Tournament, the Eastern Forensic Association Tournament, the John Hopkins debate, and the District Seven finals, at which Wilkes came out second for the region of the Eastern seaboard last year.

MANUSCRIPT Staff Swells to 13 As Five New Members Join Magazine

The Manuscript, literary magazine of Wilkes College, added five members to its staff at its last meeting, Editor Sandy Furey announced yesterday.

Most of these members, the MS head noted, are sophomores, with the exception of returning ex-staffer Dale Warmouth, a senior. The new members, who bring the literary staff up to a strength of 13, are Norma Jean Davis, Darcos Younger, Katia Karas, William De Mayo, and Frederick Krohle.

Despite this influx of fresh blood, the magazine can still use a few

more conscientious workers—membership is definitely not closed, Furey stressed.

Queried on plans for this year's edition, Furey revealed that the staff plans a larger edition than last year's, but that this means that students must submit more material. The Manuscript, Furey emphasized, must save more short stories and good poems. Publication is planned early in the spring.

The MS, by the way, is the only purely literary publication on campus, and one of the very few places

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BLOOD DRIVE RECORD EYED

Kelley, Krohle Poems Accepted For Anthology

(Special to the Beacon)

Los Angeles, Cal. — Two Wilkes College students have had poems accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry, it was announced yesterday by Dennis Hartman, secretary of the National Poetry Association.

Frederick J. Krohle, Butler Hall dormitory student, and Leo P. Kelley, of Kingston, submitted works adjudged superior by the association and those works will appear in the annual anthology, Secretary Hartman announced.

Krohle's work is entitled "Sonnet", and Kelley's poem is "Song In Self Defense".

For Kelley, an active member of the Manuscript staff, it was the second literary honor of the school year. He won third prize in IF magazine's college science fiction contest earlier this year.

The anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women of America, representing every section of the country. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted.

Ed. Note—The Beacon wishes to congratulate both Krohle and Kelley on an excellent achievement.

Wilkes Prexy Named Member Of PAC Executive Committee

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Wilkes President, was recently elected to the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges at a meeting held in Hershey. Dr. John C. Werner, president of the Carnegie Institute of Technology was elected president of the Association.

QUICK THINKING AVERTS DISASTER

Quick thinking on the part of Sheldon Isaac, a chemistry student and a junior, prevented possible disaster in Conyngham Hall last week.

Isaac and one other student were working in the Organic-Quant Lab when an unattended organic experiment boiled over onto an ignited Bunsen burner and immediately began to blaze.

Isaac noticed the fire first, seized a small carbon dioxide bottle and calmly extinguished the blaze before serious damage was done.

A few minutes later an unwary student returned from the Chemical Supply Room and discovered his experiment, which represented two weeks work, spilled on the floor of Conyngham.

EDUCATORS HOST ON CAREER DAY; BERTIN TO SPEAK



EUGENE P. BERTIN

Tomorrow is another in a series of Career Days at Wilkes. The education department will entertain a group of high school seniors from throughout Wyoming Valley who have shown an interest in the teaching profession.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the campus visitors.

The featured speaker will be Eugene P. Bertin, assistant executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA).

Sessions, which will include, besides Mr. Bertin's talk, a panel discussion by Wilkes education seniors, Naomi Kivler, Ruth Wilbur, elementary; Art Hoover and Esther Goldman, secondary; and Arthur G. Taylor, Wilkes alumnus, who is now teaching in a junior high school in North Plainfield, N.J.

Mr. Bertin will moderate the discussion.

WC Day Slated For Tomorrow At Blood Bank

By JANICE SCHUSTER

Since 1953, Wilkes College has held the record in blood donations at the local blood bank. Tomorrow is Wilkes College Day there, and students and faculty members will be out to break their own record. This will be the eighth Wilkes visit in four years, and about 800 pints of blood have been given.

Mr. Robert Partridge, Director of Activities, said that each person here should consider it his privilege to donate to this worthy cause, and hopes that each one will make an honest attempt to do so. To be eligible for the free coffee and other refreshments given at the center, the donor must be between the ages of 18-51. Parental permission is necessary for anyone under 21 years of age.

Giving blood is an advantage. There have been ten cases where blood was given to Wilkes students and their families without cost because they had once themselves donated. Also, eight people were notified that they had serious blood diseases upon examination, and prompt action was taken to make their recovery possible.

Students See It Done

In assembly on Tuesday, Helen Krachenfels and Art Hoover gave their blood as the student body watched. The purpose was to dispel the fears that many people may have, and to acquaint the student body with the procedure of contributing. First, a history of these students' past illnesses, if any, was taken by a trained nurse. This was to make sure that it would be safe for them to donate, and that the blood would be pure. Then a hemoglobin test to determine the content of iron in their blood was taken.

Following this test, the contribution.

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Theta Delta Rho Card Party Set For Tomorrow Night at Dorm 'Caf'

The women of Theta Delta Rho will sponsor a card party Friday evening, December 3, from 8 to 11 at the dormitory cafeteria, second floor. Bernice Thomas, Junior from Nanticoke, is general chairman of the affair, an annual event for T.D.R.

Anyone can come and anyone can play his favorite game, providing he brings his own cards. Highlight of the evening will be a skit presented by T.D.R. members. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded to lucky card players. Tickets for the party are 60 cents each and can be purchased from any member of the sorority.

Assisting the general chairman are: Barbara Rogers and Sylvia Bator, tickets; Marianna Kraynaek, house; Lois Jones, refreshments; Helen Koelsch, gifts; Marlene Toth, publicity; Jeannette Perrins, entertainment; Phyllis Shrader, cleanup.

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BEACON EDITORIALS

ALWAYS A 'WINNER'?

It's a good thing, getting newspapers from other colleges throughout the country as this paper does. By reading them, you come across just a little different slant on things and often, if you try hard enough, you can learn something.

We ran across a couple of interesting headlines in two collegiate sheets last week. The first, in the Long Island University Seawanhaka read:

Soccer May be Dropped Unless Players Build a Winner for Fall

It seems, from the accompanying story, that there has been a considerable furor raised over the LIU team's inability to win games this fall. The lead on the story states that "soccer is in jeopardy of being dropped unless members of this year's team show an interest in building a winning team next fall." — stated by Buck Lai, the school's director of athletics.

The athletics head feels that during the season a minimum of three days of practice for each man is essential to have a "smooth running team." (Notice Bob, they only need 3 days, uhuh!) The whole situation arose, according to the Seawanhaka, due to general disinterest in the players and their ensuing lack of conditioning.

Our point is that it is certainly too bad when a school appears to be so interested in always winning that it must give up a sport unless it gets that "winner". So they've had a bad year — it happens to the best of schools. May we point out that Wilkes' soccer team had (sorry to bring this up again, too) five "bad" years without a win, yet no one even considered throwing in the towel here. And then look what happened. Two straight winners in a row. Besides, although what goes on at LIU is none of our business, why jeopardize those fellows who might want to play and try to win and even gain excellent moral training in soccer in years to come. Soccer bleu! Or as we say in the south of France, Sacre bleu you-all!

Thank goodness for our policy.

The other headline, in the Moravian College Comenian, read:

College Sponsors Contest To Rename WC "Snack Bar"

We knew the new snack bar had raised considerable debate here on campus, but things must be really getting bad when little old Moravian, some 80 miles away, gets concerned. Actually, though, the 'WC' doesn't stand for Wilkes College, rather women's campus. Moravian has both a women's and men's campus, you see, stemming from two separate colleges at one time.

It is interesting to note, though, that other colleges are having problems even just a little like ours.

A BELATED BACK-SLAP

It's a little late to offer congratulations for things well done. But, folks, the fact is we haven't had a paper for nigh on to two weeks. Late as it may be, here's a public pat (on the back) to the combined crews from Cue and Curtain (and we do like it written that way) and the Music Department.

"Girl Crazy" was the most enjoyable play we have ever seen in Wyoming Valley, bar none, and was a fine tribute to Wilkes College. The fact that we have such talent, such facilities and instructors to produce such a play speaks highly of the school.

Many larger, older and supposedly wiser institutions have made similar ventures and have failed. They call this sort of thing progress.

A STIR AT BUCKNELL

Hear from some of the boys down at Bucknell that a near-riot in one of the dorms greeted Wilkes' victory (1-0) over the Bison soccer team this fall. It seems as though a number of the boys in the dorm are ex-Wilkesmen who have moved on to Lewisburg to finish engineering courses. They were most happy about their Alma Mater's victory but a number of full-fledged four-year Bucknellians were not so much the same. Oh, well, it wouldn't have been the first riot in Lewisburg.

HOMECOMING WITH TURKEY

It was old home night at the gym last Friday night. Seems that more recent graduates of Wilkes were on hand for the All-College dance than were here for the actual Homecoming. It was good to see and talk with the guys and gals you spent up to three years with here on campus and it was heartening to see such a crowd at a college dance. Maybe we should have a planned Homecoming around Thanksgiving.

Prize remark of week — "Did Leo Kelley write that?" (poem entitled "Song In Self Defense") "I thought maybe it was McCarthy's."

HELP THEM HELP US

The Beacon has been pleased to hear from the many students who have enjoyed our six-page papers, and all our papers, in fact. We enjoy putting out the sixers as much as you may enjoy reading them, and we also enjoy putting out the four-pagers, although only two-thirds as much.

The thing we're driving at, though, is that we must have financial support to put out a weekly paper, and the six-pagers take quite a bit more than the fours. Therefore, ads are a must—and believe us, we're glad to get them.

If you enjoy the paper, how about trying to remember to patronize our advertisers next time you have something to buy. They will appreciate your patronage, and believe us, so will we.

Also, thanks to Mel Karp at Green's Record Shop, Frank Smith, Columbia Records representative, Zimmerman's, Meyers Jewelers, and the Alumni for gifts which were given the Homecoming Queen and her court. You've shown real friendship toward Wilkes, and it won't be forgotten.

BLOOD DRIVE

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butors' blood pressure, temperature, and pulse were recorded. After the thorough examination proved that it was safe for both of them to contribute, the giving of blood was witnessed by the Wilkes student body.

So don't tote that heavy lunch on Friday. Get a free meal down at the blood center by simply giving a pint of blood. And if you can't make it to the blood center on Friday, remember that students can go next week on Tuesday night and Friday afternoon. Don't forget—it is your privilege to give.

MANUSCRIPT

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where local talent may not only publish, but also copyright material.

One of the greatest problems facing the Manuscript is the attitude on campus that student work will not be good enough for acceptance. There is absolutely no basis for this concept, Furey declared. All material submitted will be given a detailed and unbiased criticism on its merits alone, and students may hand in any form of literary expression they desire. The important thing, is that they do hand in material.

Beacon Critic Hails 'Girl Crazy' as Finest

By DALE WARMOUTH

Either we have become mellowed by the narrowing gap between raw youth and the rocking-chair age, or else "Girl Crazy" was the most scintillating and enjoyable show we've seen to date at Wilkes College. In past reviews, we have usually found plenty of reason to lay about us with a cudgel, but the faults we find with the Gershwin comedy, put on during Homecoming Weekend, are minor.

The dance routines were extra-neous.

At times the dancing company showed timing so ragged that it put us in mind of a three-wheeled Model T climbing a flight of stairs. There was also one dance with three señoritas that looked like nothing so much as a trio of geese drinking water. Those who have seen this dance and who know geese well will agree. Some flaws seemed to be inherent with the play itself. The book was bad and very slight.

We loved singers Eleanor Detro, who looked so doll-like; Fred Cohn, who gave a pleasurable performance; and Basia Mieszkowski, whose blues are indigo enough for real blues.

Skinny Ennis as the comedy lead played not only comedy but, for the first time in our reckoning, a really human role. We liked him. Space does not permit us to extol further the individual merits of such as Paul Shiffer, and we know so little about music that we say nothing on the orchestra and the whole School of Music which did such a yeoman job.

Sets were magnificent, and we suggest that the designers should receive some recognition at the annual C'n'C banquet.

The whole show was so colorful, delightful, and successful that we are convinced that Wilkes need have no qualms about presenting another musical to the public.

Chuckle 'n' Smile

"I gave the editor a poem and told him I wanted no remuneration for the poem — that I was merely presenting it as a compliment."

"What did he say?" "He said, 'Permit me to return the compliment.'"

Wife: "Dear, you know w. . . I'm ashamed of the way we live. Mama pays our rent, Auntie buys our clothes, my sister sends us money for food — I'm sorry we can't do better than that."

Hubby: "You should be. You've got two uncles that don't send us a nickel."

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Man: "I'll take a fifth."

Men may not be musically inclined but they know how to make overtures.

A woman may put on a riding habit and never go riding; she may put on a bathing suit and never go swimming; but when a woman puts on a wedding gown she means business.

Television only proves that things are really as bad as they sound.

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Giving You The Business C & F NEWS

By IRENE R. TOMALIS

Congratulations are in order for Molly Beard and the members of the Economics Club who worked on the homecoming decorations on Pickering Hall. Molly designed the display for which the Economics Club was awarded the trophy.

The prize-winning display featured two comical l'il characters on the roof — one pointing and the other looking for the alumni with binoculars — with a sign which read, "Pound the Hound." A Colonel led a greyhound on the porch with "real gone" cheerleaders on either side. It was a well-proportioned, balanced display well worth the time and effort put into it.

Our sincerest congratulations are also extended to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Rosenberg who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 21. Dr. Rosenberg is the faculty adviser of the Economics Club.

At a recent meeting, President Lou Steck announced tentative plans to have Mr. Olin Evans, noted prothonotary, speak to members of the Economics Club on Timothy Pickering, after whom the "home" of the Economics Club was named.

WHICH WAY, DAN'L?

They're telling the tale about the two Wilkes woodsmen who set up camp on Red Rock Mountain late Sunday afternoon so "deep" in the wilderness that Jack London would have cringed in shame.

Armed with compass and charts, the two "heroes" of the tale trudged through mud, slush and tears five miles from the highway to "be in the right spot" for the opening of deer season.

Pack-weary, they made camp at dusk — on cold, wet and clammy ground. After a night of Johnstown floods, spent keeping their tent erect, they fell asleep about 4:30.

Round about six o'clock, herds of monsters - iron monsters, strangely similar to cars, bellowed in the not too distant distance, rousing our happy wanderers from rocky beds.

Someone must have moved the highway during the night — now it was only a quarter of a mile away. "But we walked at least fi-. . . Aw, shucks, Coach, we only made one wrong turn."

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WOMEN'S SORORITY SPONSORS PROJECT FOR 7-YEAR INVALID

By JONNI FALK

George Lach, a patient at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for the past seven years, will be the recipient of this year's Theta Delta Rho charity project, it was announced this week by Naomi Kivler, TDR president.

Seven years ago, Lach was playing on the front porch of his home when the bannister collapsed. He suffered serious injuries to his back which have kept him bed-ridden since that time.

Last year, a Wyoming Valley women's club gave a dance to raise funds for George's hospital expenses. This money, plus what TDR is able to donate, will be used to purchase a special orthopedic bed for him. The girls of TDR hope to sponsor a dance in January for the purpose of raising funds for George.

Along with their aid to George, the Wilkes girls club is planning to make regular visits to sick children at the General. They made the first of these visits last Sunday and gave small gifts to the youthful patients.

President Kivler also stated that all money George Lach will receive will come exclusively from the proceeds of TDR social functions.

Bud Price Presides at SAM Meeting; New Officers Named

Robert "Bud" Price, co-ordinator, presided at the meeting of the Society for the Scientific Advancement of Management, (SAM), recently held in conjunction with the Economics Club.

A secretary-treasurer was elected, as were the following committee chairmen and vice-chairmen who will constitute an Executive Council: Program committee, Molly Beard and Judy Menegus; Publicity committee, Howie Gross and Leah Jean Neuberger; Membership committee, Chet Miller and Leonard Mulcahy.

It is still not too late for those interested to join the Economics Club or S.A.M.

Campus Quotes . . .

Herbie Binder: (as Jeter, without mentioning the fact that it's unloaded, drops a grenade on Binder's bed) "Really, I don't care anymore."

Friend: "Is that a psycho-analytical book you're reading for sociology? Don't tell me Sym's going Freudian!"

Warmouth: "Naw, Freud's going Symian."

Love, says D. L. Hoats, is nought but vanity; 'tis animal emotions plus mild insanity.

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Glad We Did So Well, But Sure We Could Have Done Better—Partridge

First in an annual series of articles by Wilkes coaches reviewing their seasons.—Ed.
By BOB PARTRIDGE, Head Soccer Coach, Wilkes College

MIXED EMOTIONS

I view the past soccer season with mixed emotion. I was pleasantly surprised that the team lost only two of nine games. On the other hand, I was quite disappointed not to have won them all. If the above statements seem to contradict each other, the answer lies in the type of team we put on the field.

This year's team spent the entire season groping for the one game that would testify to its collective ability. That game never materialized. We did have moments of brilliance, but they were fleeting moments. The entire season was spent in trying to piece together a defensive unit, which would at the same time act as a shield against our opponents' forward thrust, and turn them into offensive thrusts of our own. I felt that, since we lost our entire defensive unit of the year before, this would be a building year.

Our early successes in the WON and TIE column, led me to conclude, falsely, that this year's defensive unit had progressed faster than I had anticipated. So it can be seen that I was pleasantly surprised by early season results, but I counted too heavily on them. As a result, when we tied teams we should have beaten, I (and I'm sure the team shared my feelings) felt quite disappointed.

GOOD FORTUNE ALSO HELPS

Soccer is unlike any sport played by American boys. In football, a superior team can often power its way to a score. In basketball, stressing the hands, accuracy in passing and shooting is more possible than in soccer, thus scoring is more frequent. Those of you who saw the Bucknell and the Philadelphia Textile games, saw thrust after thrust by the Wilkes College team turned aside. A rolling, bouncing ball, ricocheting off bodies, heads and legs is a difficult object to control. Power tactics are useless. Skill here, is often a matter of good fortune.

The final score against either of the two above-mentioned teams could well have been higher in our favor. These games showed our team in their few moments of brilliance. When we met resistance, in the form of offensive pressure put on by other teams, our brand new backfield, gallantly as they tried, could not fully turn aside the thrust.

Ferris and Petrillak were steady in their play in the backfield. The other men were a season away. Most of the trouble of the younger men was caused by lack of familiarity with their positions, and with the play of their team-mates.

GAINED WHILE 'BUILDING'

Despite the above, the record shows that we have had a good season. I am grateful that in this, a building year, we were so fortunate. It is my belief that with this year behind us, and because we lose only three members of this year's team, the experience we have gained will fit us for what I hope will be our finest season in 1955. If our shortcomings of this year have been sufficiently impressed upon us, 1955 could be a banner year.

Groaners Await Opener; Candidates Still Needed

With an eye to the future the Wilkes wrestling squad has been working full time to prepare for their first meet on the twelfth. Coach Reese has been putting his charges through some stiff drills in keeping with his policy that he will field well conditioned teams.

Last year this idea paid off when the grapplers came through with the first winning season since the conception of the sport here at Wilkes.

Reese has a nucleus of a squad left this year, but there are several gaps that need to be filled due to the graduation of Bill Yeisley and the retirement of the Reynolds boys, and Neil Dadurka.

On hand to make things rough for the opposing teams will be Bob

Masonis, now through with his football duties, Jerry Elias, Don McFadden, and Bobby Morgan.

The schedule is an attractive one this year and the groaners have their work cut out for them if they expect to end up with a record comparable to last year's.

A PAPER FOR THE HOME . . .

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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LOOP STILL IN PLANNING

There is still no accurate information as to the formation of the men's intra-mural basketball league which tentative plans have been drawn up for.

According to the latest reports received by the Beacon, there are quite a few teams interested in the loop and there is the makings of a better circuit than last year.

Team managers and all interested personnel are urged to turn in rosters to Mel Schmeizer at their earliest possible convenience. It is necessary to have this information before schedules can be drawn up and play gotten under way.

Colonel JV's Sink Keystone JC, 54-52

Despite a crew of nine shapely and sharply uniformed cheerleaders plus more than a handful of gum-chewing coeds, Keystone Junior College went down to defeat at the hands of the Wilkes JV's last night, 54-52, at the Wilkes gym. The Junior cagers pulled the game out of the fire in an overtime period by virtue of three foul shots.

Deadlocked at 50-50 going into the overtime, Pasquale fouled Bob Sokol of Wilkes who sank the free one to put the Blue and Gold in the lead. A minute later Pasquale, easily the most frustrated man on the court, miscued again fouling Dan Lincavage, who added the insurance.

Half way through the third period Wilkes seemed to gain confidence and started playing a controlled game with Jim Puderbach, ex-All-Stater from Audubon, New Jersey, playing a fine floor game as he set up plays for his mates.

Midway through the stanza the WC squad tied the score and from there on in it was nip and tuck.

The fourth period was a seesaw battle which saw an operation yo-yo of both teams charging up and down the court with neither one effective, as the regulation game ended in a dead heat.

High man for the Wilkes forces was Bill Llewellyn with 17 points followed by Lincavage with 11. Top man for the losing cause was Krnick with 17.

FERRIS AND VAN DYKE PACE WILKESMEN'S LOSING CAUSE AS ITHACA COLLEGE WEATHERS FULL COURT PRESS IN CLOSING MINUTES

The brand new edition of the Colonel basketball team dropped their opening game at Ithaca last night by a 77 to 70 score. After the Blue and Gold lead throughout the first half, the host club found themselves and gradually caught up to and passed the Ralstonmen.

SPORTIN' AROUND

with Al Jeter

They Had It

Maybe it's a little late for post mortems of the football season with the winter sports coming in, but we just have a few more things to say about the Colonels. We think that this year's team was the best potential squad ever fielded at the college. Beside that, it wound up with a winning season which is more than many of its predecessors did.

We also feel that the team played into hard luck in the latter part of the season



AL JETER

with injuries that had been absent during the early part of the campaign cropping up like the seven year itch. The Colonels dropped their last game to Moravian and they knew that they had been up against a team. In our opinion the Greyhounds were big and good, but that wasn't all.

Eureka!

Moravian made a discovery one day. We don't know when they did, but no matter, it was in time for the Wilkes game. The little discovery they made was that of the telephone. Now the phone is a nice handy modern convenience that enables someone to call another party no matter how long the distance. Believe it or not, the phone is used for other reasons too, and we don't mean just to chew out the neighborhood butcher when he sends pastrami instead of salami.

Moravian put the phone to use as a system of communication between an assistant coach high in the press box and the general in charge at the ground level on the bench. We have to concede that this was a pretty cagey maneuver on their part not because it is an unheard of practice today (even a lot of high school ball clubs use it) but because of the way it was handled.

Joe Fan, who was sitting pretty close to the little mechanical trouble maker, said he distinctly heard the man with the squawk box diagnose the trouble of the Greyhound offense, point out the ills and trouble spots in the Wilkes defense and then sure enough, pretty soon a score.

Telescope, Anyone?

Let's put it this way — the guy had a perfect vantage point to see what was going on and he used it to the best possible advantage. We are not writing to condemn the practice which is perfectly legal, but we sure would like everyone to know what a handy little gadget the telephone really is and how it has advantages that you never even think of.

We wouldn't like to say that they had done a fine scouting job on us or anything like that, but we will say that the guy who sat high above the field unnoticed by anyone did more to contribute to the defeat of the Colonels than anyone we can think of on the Greyhound squad. The little man knew our players by their faces instead of numbers. So, when it comes to good scouting and modern football we have to say hats off to Mora-

The Colonels held as much as a seven point lead at one time in the first half. Then pivotman Al Chadwich of Ithaca began hooking from all over and hitting the cords at a high percentage. If he didn't make his shot he was usually fouled and made good on 13 of 18 free throws.

At half-time the Bombers held a slim two point lead, 31 to 29, but began pulling away after the intermission. In an attempt to counteract the Ithaca scoring, Coach Ralston threw up a full court press with five minutes left in the game.

During this period, the Colonel defense gained possession on many occasions, but were fouled on their driving shots. This is evident in that during these last five minutes the Colonels made 14 fouls and only one goal.

Jim Ferris made 10 out of 11 foul shots which aided his cause of being the Colonels' high scorer with 20 markers. Carl Van Dyke was right behind with 19 tallies, hitting from the outside with one-hand set shots. John Bresnahan, who totaled 13 points, turned in a stellar performance of retrieving rebounds.

Two sidelights on the game were the new rules of the season. One being twenty minute halves instead of a breakdown into quarters. The other is that if a player makes his first foul shot he is entitled to another. However, if he misses his first attempt the ball is in play.

Cagers Lock Horns With BSTC Huskies Saturday

By JOE JABLONSKI

The Wilkes College basketball team will meet a strong Bloomsburg quintet this Saturday at the Wilkes gym. The game looms as a real thriller since both squads are natural rivals and both employ a wide open race horse style of play.

The Huskies will no doubt be one of the best teams that the Colonels will meet all season, having lost only two members of last year's squad through graduation.

The Blue and Gold's main problem will be that of stopping Bob Kozik, who last year scored better than twenty points a game against the Wilkes cagers.

Slowly but surely the charges of George Ralston are rounding into shape. According to latest reports from the coaching staff, they are not expected to hit peak form until two or three games from now, though. There is a large scattering of newcomers on the squad and time is needed to indoctrinate them into the Wilkes style of play.

Coaches Ralston and Mock have consistently placed heavy emphasis on the need for speed and accurate shooting. The key to victory for the Colonels this year seems to lie here, seeing as how the team is in bad shape as far as height goes. They are one of the smallest clubs to be fielded here in the past several seasons.

The team's main height is Harry 'Skinny' Ennis who is expected to do yeoman service this season.

Several new faces will be making their debut this week as the cagers swing into action. They are Ed Birnbaum, Jim Puderbach, Roy Rosenbaum, Bob Sokel, Dan Lincavage, and Bill Llewellyn.

Even though we still think that the Colonels could have gone home with a win tucked under their belts in their last time out for the year.

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Paul Gronka Cops 'Player of the Week' Honors

Little End Starred In Moravian Tilt To Win Beacon Title

For his general all around work both on offense and defense against Moravian College, the Beacon Sports Staff names as its Player of the Week, Paul Gronka. Paul is just a little guy in a big man's position at end, but his lack of size didn't stop him from becoming one of the most feared pass receivers in the state.

He showed that he had lost none of his 1953 form as he grabbed a touchdown pass from Howie Gross and outdistanced the Greyhound secondary. It was a spectacular catch and although Wilkes ended up on the low end of the score, for a time it put them into the ball game. With a little luck it could have been the turning point of the game.

Last year Gronka earned himself All-State honors and came very near being the leading scorer in the state. He was a pint sized



PAUL GRONKA

menace to the opposition who were completely baffled by his ability to get out there and catch 'em right under everyone's nose.

This year was tough on Gronka. Playing a schedule of teams that was nearly identical to last year's slate, everyone was waiting for him. Not to be stopped though, he again slipped through time and again to make near impossible catches.

Despite all this, he came through in every way and was a fine defensive ball player as well. Although he didn't get on the receiving end of near as many aerials this year, he did act as a very effective decoy so that other men were in the clear.

Against Moravian he was in a tough spot in a defensive way. The Greyhound quarterback was a past master at the art of the bootleg play and used it to good advantage. More than once the 'Gronk' was in there to smear things up for him before the play got under way.

LASC Meets Tonight

The LASC will hold a meeting tonight at 8:30 at the club room. All members are urged and invited to attend. Club dress will be the order of the night. A business meeting and social period are planned.

Cohen Set for West Point

John Cohen, Wilkes frosh from West Pittston, received notice last week of his appointment to the U. S. Military Academy. He will begin studies at West Point in July.

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