OFF TO FINE START—The Wilkes debaters, who put off to a running start of their 1954-55 debate season with a fourth place win at Muhlenberg, and the return of four further debaters at Princeton and Bucknell. Members who went over notes and strategy with their well-known coach at a recent "practice session" are Billie Alرج, Jim Neygar, Dr. Kruger, and Nick Flannery.

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, LeMoyne and Allegheny.

Rested Fleet

In three of their contests, Jim Neygar and J. Harold Flannery, Jim Neygar, and Nick Flannery, respectively, were speakers. The whole team was only three points away from a perfect record, holding down first place in the "West Penna. League." The team would have tied Wilkes-Barre by heavy fog. It was replaced with Bruce Warshall, who was among the best at the tournament.

"Wilkes' affirmative was handpicked 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 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 LeMoyne.

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 Steve T.L. Killion yesterday.

Most of these members, the MSD head notes, are sophomores, with the exception of returning ex-staffers Dale Warmthall, a senior. The new members, who bring the literary staff up to a strength of 13, are Norma Jean Davis, Daruss Younger, Kitty Karas, William DeMayo, and Frederick Krohle.

Despite this influx of fresh blood, the magazine can still use a few more conscious workers—memorandum is definitely not closed. Poor old Mary Joy, who has plans for this year's edition, Fury 150, revealed that the staff plans a larger edition than last year's, but that this means that students must submit more material. The Manuscript, Fury emphasized, must save more short stories and good poems. Publication is planned early in the spring. The MSD, by the way, is the only purely literary publication on campus, and one of the very few places (continued on page 11)
It's a good thing, in my opinion, to pull together, especially at the end of the year when things are often so hectic and tough that your friends are your only way to live. Sometimes I think it's just not possible to get along, but I've been told that life is just too short to be in a bad mood.

The blood drive was called by the Student Council to encourage students to donate blood. The drive was held on Friday afternoon, from 10:00 to 3:00. The students were encouraged to bring their identification cards to the blood drive.

The drive was organized by the Student Council and was held in the school's cafeteria. A few volunteers from the Council manned the stand, and the students were able to donate blood without any serious problems. The drive was successful in collecting a significant amount of blood, which will be used for medical purposes.

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FERRIS AND VAN DYKE PAC 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 land through a series of early 'double' fouls, the Colonels' offense was caught up and ended with the Saunders.

The Colonels held as much as a seven point lead at one time in the first half. Then pivanellman, Puderbach, came back from scoring all over and hitting the cords at the Ithaca defense. If the Colonels don't make his shot he was usually fouled and made good on 13 of 18 free throws.

At halftime the Bombers held a slim two point lead, 31 to 29, but began pulling away after the intermission. It was too late to counteract the Ithaca scoring. Coach Ralston threw up a full press with press at minutes left in the game.

During this period, the Colonels defense gained possession on many occasions, but were fouled on their way to the basket. It is believed that during these last minutes five fouls on the Colonels, fouled 14 fouls and one lonely goal.

Jim Ferris made 10 out of 12 free throws. He made half of being the Colonels' high scorer, but had a bad shooting night. Bob Heine was right behind with 19 tallies, hitting 6 of 11 from the field, but ran into foul trouble at the end of the game. Jim Ferris, Bob Scobie, John Bresnan, who totaled 15 points, turned in a strong performance in the Colonels, 49 rebounds.

Two standouts on the game were the Colonels' defense. One being twenty minute halves instead of one half. The Colonels held the other is that a physical game will make his first appearance on the practice, he is one other. However, if he misses his first attempt the ball is in play.

Cagers Lock Horns With BSTC Huskies Saturday

The Wilkes College basketball team faces a strong Brister-Burnett quartet this Saturday at the Wilkes gym. The game looks like a sure bet, because both teams are natural rivals and both employ the same defense system.

Huskies will not doubt be one of the best teams that the Colonels will meet all season, having finished the past season with a 12-5 year's squad through graduation. Coach Ferris and Van Dyke, says the problem will be that of stopping Bob Kunkel, who last year scored many a game against the Wilkes cagers.

Van Dyke offers with the charges of George Rastain are rounding into shape. According to latest reports from the coaching staff, they are not expected to hit form peak until two or three games from now, though. There is a large scatter among the players, and in the days leading up to their contest van Dyke seems to lie here, seeing how things are. He plans to have them as height goes. They are one of the smallest clubs to be fielded before any. The team's main height is Harry Elen, who will be about eight feet. The Colonels are expected to do yeoman service this season.

We are looking forward to their bringing their debut this week as the cagers swing into action. They are prepared for such an encounter. It is not what we do, but what we do and we do to the best advantage. We believe we can give them a run for their money. Be sure to be there to see how it all unfolds.

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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 him 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 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 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 'Gronka' 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 freshman 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.