Debating Teams Away

Novices and Varsity Argue Saturday at Wilkes, Bucknell

By T. R. PRICE

King's College, defeated by the Wilkes debate team at Muhlenberg, 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, to be held Saturday. In order to accept both Bucknell and Princeton Invitationals, the team was forced to forgo an invitation to the N.Y.U. "Hall of Fame" on the same day.

In the past, the local debaters had emerged second in N.Y.U. twice in a row, defeating Annapolitan 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 time, last year's winning Varsity debater, and Arlene Obitz, who is handicapped second-year.

Assistant coach Robert Darrow will urge on the novices at Princeton. They will be Bruce Steck, a senior; Dr. Arthur Kruger, will accompany them.

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

The Wilkes College Literary and Scientific Society, etc.

By EDWARD J. DECKER

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 "Alabanza," "Go Tell It On The Mountain," and many Christmas carols. Jane Oltz will then present a reading from the immortal Dickens' Christmas Carol.

The assembly will also participate in the Christmas program.

Kirby Hills Holiday Schedule

The Wilkes College Library will be open during the Christmas holidays from December 16 to January 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Dec. 24 and 25, when it will be open from 9 to 1.
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 opposing arguments editorially.

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 what they 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 told us that he has come back from a corner and he hopes that you will be aware of the "shocking" just what you can see — only if you take the trouble to stop to take time out from the furious pace of things.

We have 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 administrators, that we have been given a free hand to operate and to "fulfill its obligations, of nature, to its readership.

Perhaps we have taken the tools too seriously. Perhaps we have been over-impressed with the responsibility of being an opinion organ on the campus, or the responsibility which he thinks right (from what student opinion he can gather) and he must speak out against what he thinks wrong.

These responsibilities, we realize, may be interpreted differently by each and every editor, particularly to the degree that they will be exercised as an individual, and not as an organ of student editorial staff have tried to live up to our sincere interpretation of those responsibilities.

In 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 over-stressed the responsibilities. 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 an individual which cannot stick. We alone must have the courage to be right.

But we do feel that in every issue we must "stick to our guns." 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 you may feel, we now conclude (and we note that the 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 attacking individual problems which arise besides through the college paper.

Neither do we profess to close kin to the Gods, nor do we wish to be misunderstood.

Fears that this year's paper might develop into a "monster," all-powerful and dictatorial, are unfounded, we know, but the feeling is real. We have been teaching for years that we will always be the best. It is easy to let enthusiasm and zeal run away at the typewriter. From time to time writers do get to act out their innermost thoughts, to the ensuing great anger.

So-called "attacks" on individuals, though they be impertinent in nature, can have deep emotional and social effects on those individuals. By the very nature of a college newspaper, the outward development of well-adjusted individuals, no newspaper should do anything which might have adverse and often disastrous results. This will happen only if and when we remember that we are mere students, no matter what responsibilities.

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 sympathies in his time of sorrow. The recent death of Jeanne Vincent 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 college join in sending condolences to Lee and his family.

Huge Crowd Awaits

San Francisco, Calif. — A number of carols at intermission, a short program on the cosmopolitan evening, annuals, the warmest atmosphere of any Wilkes event. It truly is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, ever to grace the social calendar.

It is a kickoff of the holiday season at the college and sets student spirit on the holiday season, all in the following Friday.

Will V. Easton, from Reading, who is handling tickets and financial arrangements has been appointed by the dormitories.

Decorations: Neil D'Addario, carpenter, has put up all the decorations. Klaimi and the entire club; tickets and refreshments. Cameron and the general public.

The tickets are available at any dormitory at three cents a pair and there is still time left to get in the Christmas spirit.

Nearby everyone will move to the Forum and have a great time the evening of December 19th, when Poinsettia in all its glory will be on display.

Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Mr. Editor:

I enjoyed the dancing in "Girl Crazy" at the Natatorium. A very different sort of dancing and I regret mentioning that Lois Brown is not the only good actress in chorus.

The dances were very colorful and all not of them were professional, they were done well.

It seems that some people who enjoyed the dances, and that was their purpose I imagine, they were not extravagantly enthusiastic.

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DORMS INVITE CAMPUS TO ANNUAL TUEDEYS

Everyone is invited to put on their best finery and attend the special dinner to be given by the combined dormitories of Wilkes College. It will be held at Sterling Field on Wednesday evening, December 19, 1951.

Faculty and students are cordially urged to attend this affair, which will be in union stage. It seems to be a large yule tree. Singing by the popular quartet of the Harmonaires and dancing to the strains of 40 TV embs. and the lights of the evening. Not the least of the entertainments will be the famous "secret ingredient" in the dormitory chef, will put out for "free."
Groaners Open Today Against Brooklyn Poly

By JOE JABLONSKI

The women's basketball team will open its season today as the grapplers travel to New York to meet Brooklyn Poly at 5:30.

The groaners, under the close scrutiny of Coach John Reese, have been training 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 both to the coach and Reese, ending up with a winning season with a record of five wins and four losses.

Mutzen Wanted

Although Reese is pleased with the turnout this year, he said that the team is in dire need for more candidates, especially in the heaviest weights.

He stressed that the Point 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, two from last year on the team, and three freshmen.

The season is expected to be the best yet to see at Wilkes. All the teams seem to be, or at least are trying to be, as good or better and it appears that no one team is definitely the best this year with the possible exception of the High school.

Bob Prisand is especially impressed by the large number of team members submitted to him and Mel Smocher, and says that it will easily be the largest number of participants in intramural basketball here at Wilkes.

Colleges Edge Stroburg Stc 78-75

Gridders Lived Up to Prediction Of Courage and Speed - Ralston

In a second annual series of articles by Wilkes coaches reviewing the season, By GEORGE B. RALSTON, Head Football Coach, Wilkes College

The ninth year of College football turned out almost exactly as predicted. Before the season began it was thought that possibilities for winning all but the Bloomsburg redskins of Pennsylvania were excellent. The Morrisian game was considered a toss-up.

Looking back over the season and in consideration of our prospects, the schedule came out just as predicted. The Morrisian game could have been a tough one to beat. 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. There was not the standpoint of size, it was a small team but the members were not without strong hearts and courage with speed to offset it.

In the line there was courage, maneuverability and spring-step resilience. We changed our defense toward the middle 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 fire line put 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 than any other backfield. 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 was in this backfield, and it added up to the success we experienced.

In this respect, backfield speed and maneuverability should receive credit.

As in other years, a lack of depth necessitated cheese-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 should have desired two main things: An adept halfback in the backfield; and a consistently accurate passer. These needs were great and a loss of a couple of shuffle of the backs did not get a fair chance to make a maximum contribution.

OUTLOOK FOR 1955

The greatest praise we could give the 1954 team for courage and sportsmanship. In these factors the squad was unsurpassed. It was a team with the blood of College football and never lost their gentleman and sportsmanship.

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

The Hokies of Bloomsburg came behind last Saturday night to hand the Colonels their second straight loss of the current basketball season. The Colonel's last loss was to the Bobcats of East Texas State.

Bob Koch, as expected, was a larger than life figure. He ran around the field as if he were his own tormentor and on a scaring burst in the last five minutes that netted him seven points.

John Bruschnan was next in line as he hit his 15 points, scoring in some fine one armed push shots, John Farrell, as usual, had 13 to the Colonel cause.

Wilkes started fast with Benis and Forbes giving them a jump off and the Colonels had no choice but to stop and put on his best scoring show in quite a while, but it was not enough.

John Koehler had a good night in line for his 15 points, hitting on their lead to the 48-29 score.

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CAGERS LOSE, 82-72

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Foul shooting proved to be the difference in the game as the Ralstiners proved almost perfect in that department, shooting 40 of 52 free throws. The new rule of a bonus shot (the first try is made) was the main aid for the Colonel cause. Jimau Fee slowed to 48 and Harry "Skinny" Emir hit 12 for 42.

Both teams jumped to an early lead and scored seven points before the 10 minute mark. Theopoulos and his teammates were able to gain an 11 point lead over the Wilkes boys but only to see it dwindle back to even terms when Harry Emir fouled out of the game with five minutes remaining in the contest.

Then, with the game tied and going into the last minute of play, Jim Fee saved the game with three points which proved to be the winning margin. Two of those shots were the result of his being fouled in the act of shooting one of his teammate's layup shots. The other was a technical foul due to too many time-out credits to Wilkes.

Next week the ex-captains entertain the Keshots at home in the road the following day to Wilkes. This contest is expected to be a close one and the season's ending has been canceled with no redate in sight.

Misericordia Shades Wilkes Lasses, 71-27

By HELEN M. KRAUSEFELS

The road warriors of Misericordia showed plenty of spirit as they defeated a weakened Wilkes team yesterday over Misericordia on Tuesday night on the Dallas floor. For any team to win over Wilkes, they must member the score of last year's team (71-27). This year's (51-11) this year's shows improvement for Misericordia. Wilkes was opposed to 71 points, while they raised their tally one to an amazing 71 to 27.

At the end of the first half, the Wilkes women were tightly covered as the scoreboard showed 43, but they rallied in the second half (scored on by most of the residents of Butler Hall) to hold the Misericordia girls, and do some top notch scoring themselves, out of the running. They finished with a high score with nine points, and Tomsatelli followed with six.

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

By RODGERS LEWIS

Wilkes basketball squad broke into the win column last night as they took the measure of East Stroudsburg State Teachers College, 78-75 in a thriller. The Colonels acquitted themselves well to a toughasser fouling shooting to gain sport

SPORTIN' AROUND

with Al Jeter

What's This?

We've been hearing beat little liars who are always quick to criticize, that the College basketball crew is a threat. Some of those guys mean well and are just natural pessimists and others are jokers that would grip some handkerchief to death just because they wouldn't feel comfortable without something of the sort to say.

This just might be a tough one on the gaggers, but you can bet your last buck that they're going to look pretty sulky if the College basketball crew has shown so far. As a matter of fact, the Colonels have shown that they have done any thing to be ashamed of right now. One thing we like to point out is the fact that Wilkes is a team of any kind that is ever overconfident. Any coach will admit that this mind means this more than all the winning seasons in the past.

The coaching staff has a job on its hands and it knows it. Rebuilding is always a tough job and the job today is especially tough.

And right now is a most human proposition. It is most human to feel that one has the ability to do something and then feel that he has the ability to do something.

And in any event the fundamentals of the game should stay the same.

This is a tough one to beat, but it is not one that is going to be won by luck.
BRESNAHAN NABS ‘PLAYER OF WEEK’ TITLE

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

Scintillating floor play and
treasure-trove rebounding in the
first two basketball encounters of
the season send this week’s
sporting laurels to the rangy
Colonel forward, John Bresna-
ah.

Apparently of the school
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 op-
position frequently became a re-
bound 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
into nets for an average of fourteen coun-
ters a game.

A player’s merits are usually
described with most enthusiasm by
his coach, and Coach Balton said unhedgingly 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 calib-
er that could go on to play vars-
ity ball.

John served his apprenticeship
with the senior varsity for one
year, then played two years with the
first stringers. He was chosen
point guard on the Plymouth High
stars 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.

Hockey also draws John’s atten-
tion at Wilkes and he participated
in that sport with this year’s win-
ning season booting crew.

What do you think of a guy like
this has for a hobby? He takes a
summers holiday and turns basket-
ball spectator, watching the Val-
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