The graduating class at Wilkes this year will don the traditional caps and gowns to receive their diplomas. As a culmination of graduation activities, the 1956 Commencement was announced yesterday by Dean of Men Gus Perrotti, and that the seniors will begin their graduation festivities with the Senior Dinner, President Harry J. Carman, of Columbia, will speak at the commencement service.

The two most important days of the year will come with Columbia and Commencement exercises on June 5 and 6 respectively. Walton added that speakers for these two events have confirmed their availability to deliver their addresses.

Dean Carman, president of Columbia, will deliver the Baccalaureate address, and Mr. Carman, as the national editor of the New York Herald Tribune, will speak at the commencement service.

June 5

Probably the most active day for the seniors will be on June 5, Class Day, when commencement exercises will be held, permanent class officers will be elected, a group picture will be taken and the Senior Luncheon will be held on Chace Lawn.

On June 5, the graduates will spend an extra day of leisure in anticipation of their departure.

Class President Ross Pitcon has assisted Mr. Balston in the arrangement of activities and is preparing a time schedule for each event that should be available as soon as several final confirmations are made.

4:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served, and the seniors will be entertained by Dr. Harold Reynolds and Eugene Utrias.

5:30 P.M. Co-chairmen will assist the yearbook adviser, Cathal E. Goetzman with the layout of the Amnicola.

6:00 P.M. Goetzman will begin his second season with the Amnicola this year. His staff as photographer in November, and the winner of this year's book's photo chess, was a familiar figure on campus with his Speed Graphic.

6:30 P.M. Goetzman succeeds Co-Editors Marlo and Dot.

Previous editors within the past few years have been Edward God- gom last year, and Robert Croker the year previous.

PUNCH PARTY -- A SUCCESS

Despite bad weather, a good crowd turned out for the All-College Punch Party last Thursday night in the cafeteria. The group, consisting of students and faculty alike, socialized over punch, sandwiches, and a variety of light refreshments until 10 p.m. The year's most hilarious moment was when a student put freshly made punch into someone's hat, and the punch slopped over. The punch, however, was ingested by no one.

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Students to Receive Manuscript May 12

EDITORIALS

Definition: What is a "Win"?

We couldn't help but notice in one of the local papers this week a headline which read something like "Wilkes College Team Loses in Debate." Now, statistically speaking, you can't win at that level of competition, and there is no reason to take second place in a competition in which virtually every school was defeated. Uni-Loced is eligible to try for qualification, and we think the word "lose" here is used in a positive accomplishment.

We're not criticizing any newspaper. We can certainly appreciate the problems involved in getting out a paper and how many things, which could be done better, often get by in a haphazard fashion. But that particular headline might not give the students or others on campus a good chuckle. In fact, it started many to musings.

Here is a Devil and Goilish story of debating—the kind the American people literally "eat up." It's the 'old American tradition,' whatever that is, for the little guy to show his mettle and hit the 'giant' from the bottom up. You know, basically the American people have been optimistic starting right from pre-revolutionary days—the reason why many modern-day optimists haven't. And all through our history it has been so. We've emphasised the positive, rather than the negative approach.

JUST CUT MORE POINT

And when you stop to think that Nick Flannery and Jim Nevers missed taking the top prize in the nation by one little point, then we feel the positive approach is needed. Wilkes defeated famous little Shady Hill, which certainly can be proud of the finest team of its kind in the young and spirited future of our school.

We feel that students have always done better on an academic level rather than on an athletic one, can do more good for the good of the college by a fine showing than an unde- fended optimism which is the kind of optimism that sports are unimportant. But we do think you can see what we mean.

A place where there is nothing to feel badly about, although Jim and Nick probably do—it's only normal for someone to feel so good about even a close to the top. What they've done is a- comparable to anything that has been done by any coach. Dr. Arthur N. Kruger, for an outstanding season and a tremendous finish. We knew they could and would do it along.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Ordinarily I would have a chance to congratulate members of the Debate Team and their coach, Dr. Arthur Kruger, on their excellent work. But this week the students have had charge of the assembly and therefore no opportunity to express their self for me to express my deep gratitude to members of the Debate Team, and their coach for the work they have done for the College.

I believe that all of us at Wilkes feel a strong part of the team building the College for a finer future. The members of the team, especially Jim Nevers and Nick Flannery, and their coach, Arthur Kruger, have shown that people with a field which is the best for our country and which we hope will characterize us will do at Wilkes.

Through the Beacon I wish to express the gratitude which all of us feel for their significant work.

EUGENE S. FARLEY

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Friday, April 23, 1953

John Cohan Appointed to West Point

Early This July

John A. Cohan, freshman student in mechanical engineering, recently accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. The West Point student will enter the Academy on July 4 for preliminary courses, after completing his studies at

Cohan graduated from West- Pittoon High School in 1954 and was active in student activities there. He was treasurer of the senior class, a member of the student council, co-editor of the student newspaper, and active with the track team.

On completion of the course for professional soldiers at West Point, Cohan will be granted a regular commission in the United States Army and assigned to the duty of his choosing, with the option of returning to civilian life after completing his obligated service.

WC in Library Conference

With Crouch's, King's College

The Wilkes Library will take part in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Library Conference next month. The Osterourt and the King's College libraries will also participate. The program will be

Nora J. Vuches, Wilkes librarian,
will head the committee on nominations and college and public relations. The section will dis- cuss the new catalog, subject headings, etc. The Kid Hall is now extensively collecting.

George Ernst, Wilkes assistant librarian, will be nominated for Vice President at the conference.

Bunn Recoveres from Illness

Contracted During Easter

Dick Bunn, sophomore student in chemical engineering, has made an amazing recovery from the serious illness which he suffered during the Easter vacation. He has been in the hospital studying for his classes and was able to return to the College in time to take classes through the end of the semester.

Bunn spent several weeks in hospital confinement where doctors were able to check the disease that was expected to keep him out of school the remainder of the semester.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPA

by Dick Biller

Nine guam wrappers, 12 cigarette tins, 8 orange peel- ings and 3 votes in this one—if you ask me there has been an international "anti-smoking" movement. But, for those people who don't care, there is hope for those who do.

Donald S. Berns

plans to work toward a doctorate degree in inorganic chemistry and has the dissertation completed, to teach in college. The University of Pennsylvania is known to be one of the foremost education centers in the country. Its graduate school of chemistry awards about thirty assistantships each year.

Don has completed the required courses and is expected to graduate in one-and-one-half years. A graduate of Stuyvesant High School in New York City, he entered Wilkes in February '52 and will graduate this spring.

During his stay at Wilkes, Don hopes to maintain an average of 2.2.

This is the first time that a Wilkes graduate has received such an award from the University of Pennsylvania graduate school of chemistry.

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BERN'S GETS U. OF P. CHEM ASSISTANTSHIP

by JEROME STIRN

Berns, a junior at Wilkes College senior, has received a teaching as- sistantship of twelve hundred dollars per year to the University of Pennsylvania graduate school of chemistry.

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Lose to Ithaca

Wilkes’ game against Ithaca College at home on Tuesday and dropped a pretty tight 5-3 decision.

The New Yorkers put up two big runs across in the third inning to actually clinch the game on the spot. They added one more in the fifth for the 5-0 win although it wasn’t needed.

McNew, mainstay of the Partridge mound corps, was charg- ed with his third loss against one win. McNew gave up only six hits, but several were timely and for extra basis.

Once again, a possible weakness in getting hits when they don’t count. They counted the Colonels.

The squad on the whole looked better though. The fielding was improved.

A misjudged play cost Home to push a couple Colonels out at the plate. Joe Partrick and Mike Sokol collided with each other in an attempt to field a pop fly.

Cortland Due Tomorrow, Lycoming Here Monday In Week’s Diamond Play

By RODGER LEWIS

Wilkes College’s baseball team will entertain Cortland tomorrow and Lycoming on Monday in this week’s contests. Tomorrow’s game begins at 2:00 P.M. while Monday’s game starts at 1:00 P.M.

In last season’s games the Colonels lost games to Cortland and the two games with Lycoming were rained out.

Coach Bob Partridge is still in the experimental stage with his freshman-dominated squad. Due to the wet weather Partridge has been willing to find what he thinks is to be the right combination.

The infield presents his biggest problem. Bob Mioduski holds down first base, Joe Partrick and Wallis Exchange take up two other positions of the inner defense. The remaining post can be filled by either Joe Kachinosky, Mike Goobic, or John Maisel. All three along with Sam Shuffle can be used in the outfield to fill the right field gap. Centerfield was acquired by Jim Ferris and left field is filled by Vince Grochowski who is relieved at times by Mike McNew when the latter isn’t pitching. Hosting Bob Molk assumes the catching duties.

In the pitching department another problem lies. The inability of second line pitcher to come through has been a big worry for the starter since the start of the season.

The staff is anchored by the “younkam”, McNew. Following him are Al Broody, “Mo” Batterson, and Ed Bristhaus. The latter gave the coaching staff a pleasant sur- prise when he did a inning stint against Susquehanna last week.

The Colonels were in and out of the fire the down river boys had going. Eddie is the startingpure freshman on the Blue and Gold mound corps.

**SPORTIN’ AROUND**

with AL JETER, Sports Editor

Old Man Mose

There was at least one interesting sight last Saturday afternoon to an otherwise droll day for Wilkes baseball fans. When Moe Batterson received the starting nod from Partridge a spectator was overheard to remark, “Hey, I remember that guy. Didn’t he pitch for Wilkes about 10 years ago?”

The feint was stretching the point a bit because Moe isn’t quite that old. He told us that much himself.

However, he did do some pitching chores for the Colonels a few back along with Big John Still- man, Moe left in the middle of a big collegiate career to do a stint with the U.S. Army and returned this fall to continue his life.

This accounts for recognition by some of the old timers.

And speaking of the tossers, they haven’t second to their stride yet. Although there seems to be a talent of little that little extra scoring punch when needed is still lacking. Even so, with the potential that has been shown to date they are still a pretty good bet to catch fire and succeed in the games. We would only get a couple of these people before they are through.

**Top Non Selection**

As announced elsewhere in the paper, the Beacon Athlete of the Week is to be selected from the weekly edition. The custom, if our past efforts are any yardstick, is to be made by Paul Beers when he serves as Editor of the paper several years ago.

It is our opinion that the selection for this title are worthy ones and not just popularity con- tests as has been the obvious case in by the most of the contests held here.

First in line for the cup was Park. Pat Partrick was a candidate to be the title by turning up the basketball court last Saturday night. He was called back to the service. Park then returned to Wilkes after his hitch and continued to make a name for himself on both the basketball court and the soccer field where he held the goldie’s post and did a creditable job of it.

Then there was George McMahon who is remembered as one of the finest ends ever to be produced at Wilkes. The former Meanies ath- letes was quite a man on the wrest- ling mats too, as well an excel- lently tract performer.

**What’s Next?**

After McMahon came ‘Mr. Base- ketball’ Lenny Batroney who broke scoring records on the basketball court like they were going out of. Not only was Batroney a constant scoring threat, but he was a first rebounder and floor man who always put the good of the team first.

Like we said, all of the former title holders have fine athletes, worthy representatives of the Colonels.

We of the Sports Staff are glad to be able to continue what we be- lieve to be a fine Wilkes tradition.

**Good Fielding, Timely Hitting Earn Joe Partrick ‘Player of Week’ Honors**

Joe Partrick

This week’s selection for “Player of the Week” goes to the standout infield of the diamond forces—Joe Partrick. His brilliant fielding play is especially more than enough to gain him the honor. Joe was originally a second base- man. However, he was switched to the hot corner early this season by Coach Bob Partridge when the Colonel mentor saw how the flashy freshman handled himself.

Joe is still used at shortstop when the occasion demands.

Partrick bats from the right side and is in his first season with the line and Gold. He played summer ball with Hassev in the Wyoming Valley league last year.

His experience in high school was confined to keystone sack duty and he obtained a uniform all of his four years. After a freshman season of “limited” action, he be- came a mainstay on the Nams diamond squad his remaining three years.

Joe graduated from high school in 1953. After a year of work he enrolled in business school and Finance department at WC and is majoring in business administra- tion.

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TERRORS BLAST WECHECKER; HOLD 1ST-SPOT BY ONE POINT

The College Terrors once more pulled the four-point trick last Sunday night in Intramural Bowling League "A" to hold on to their first place position by a scant one-point margin.

The last place Wechecker Warriors fell victim to the Terrors 1803 to 1417. Facing the league leaders was Joon Falk with 485 pins. Next in line was Harry Ennis with 495. For the losers, Zachary rolled 378 and Murray contributed 316.

The Ghost Riders continued to ride the tail of the Terrors by benefit of a forfeit from the Spare Boys. Rydzewski led the Riders with 493 and Kelenar knocked off 424.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

In conclusion, I must point out to Miss Fish that Charles Darwin's "survival of the fittest" was and is still based upon the strength and the adaptability of an individual or a species to its external environment. In Man, a small portion of this may depend upon intelligence, but for the animal kingdom as a whole it does not.

I have always admired both the debaters and Dr. Kruger; no one can dispute their ability, and their achievements speak for themselves.

Therefore, it is distressing to see Dr. Kruger characterize my description of a debating technique as "clearly fallacious ad hominem attack" on Mr. Flannery and as implying that the debaters use reprehensible methods. As a matter of fact, the description of the technique was included in my letter only to help explain why I had not originally defined my terms. Nor was my impression of this technique based on a misinterpretation of Dr. Kruger's articles, as he suggests, but from a conversation with Mr. Flannery himself. Never in my letter did I imply that Wilkes' debaters used this technique as a matter of policy; no, when I describe it as "questionable" or "dishonest" nowhere did I suggest that the debating team won so consistently on anything but merit.

Finally, I must point out to Dr. Kruger that the argument ad hominem is an obstacle to me as it seems to be to him. And, ironically enough, his sweeping charge that I attempted to "discredit" Mr. Flannery as a "tricky debater," with no substantiating evidence even being offered to support the charge, might reasonably be interpreted as an ad hominem attack attempting to discredit me. Dr. Kruger never responded to my argument that my argument was "clearly a fallacious ad hominem attack." In position that he has confused denunciation with refutation.

It is fortunate that he saw fit to attribute to me dishonest intentions and to find me guilty of intellectual insanity. Although he and I are animated by divergent philosophies, in the past we have always respected each other's point of view and have never questioned each other's sincerity in taking a specific position. It is difficult for me to see what constructive purpose is served by cinically questioning a man's motives or by attempting to denigrate our opponents' motives to him.

We should be able to learn now that cynicism only poses problems it solves none. And what this world needs now is more understanding...