REGISTRAR ANNOUNCEMENTS
A list of courses to be offered next semester will be released in the Bulletin next week, according to Mr. Herbert Morris, registrar.
Grades for the past semester will be in the mails on Friday, March 19, Mr. Morris said.

LETTERMEN PLAN TO DONATE PROFITS FROM NEXT DANCE TO NEW GYMNASIUM FUND

Mr. Charles A. Boiled, Regional Manager of International Sales for American Airlines, will address the Spanish Club this evening at 8:00 P.M. in Room 104 of the Student Center.

Mitchell, the new president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, will deliver the address of "George." A film, "Wings On Sandals," made by the Spanish Club, will be shown.

Monday Deadline Set For Spanish Trip Reservations

The reservations will be taken by the faculty.

First In Series Of Teas To Be Held On Monday

The first in a series of teas sponsored by the girls residing in the Dormitory for the purpose of acquainting the student body with the school's facilities and the faculty, will be held in Weckesser Hall on Monday, March 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. All Freshmen and Junior students are invited to attend this affair. Approximately one-half of the faculty has also been invited.

Sofa and Thomas Receive Roles

Sofa, a Freshman, and Thomas, a Sophomore, were chosen to play the leading roles in the Thespian Society's production of "Life in the Fast Lane."

Council Elections This Tuesday

Elections for the two vacancies on the Student Council will be held on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. It was announced by the Student Council.

The Junior class will hold its election in Chase Theatre, and Freshman elections will take place in the Presbyterian Church House.

Committees at Weckesser Hall are now making preparations in the direction of Dean Barker, Mrs. C. J. Alderfer, and Charlotte
In Passing

By Robert Mikolayew

PROUD DESTINY by Lion Feuchtwanger, the Viking Press, N. Y., 1944.

Proud Destiny is a historical novel set in France at the time of the American Revolution. It tells the stories of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette; of Franklin, Silas Deane; Arthur Lee and John Adams; of Frequentine, the French and American diplomat; of the French court and the French people.

The setting and the people of this novel are true—alas, fascinating. A historical fiction with intriguing characters could not have their color and enchantment.

Mr. Feuchtwanger skillfully weaves the tapestry of history for the reader to pick and choose for themselves.

When the story opens monarachy is still strong in France. The revolution has not touched it. The story goes like a small cold wind across the wind of change—the shadow of the revolution that was to come.

Skillful as is the plotting and the forward movement of the action, France and the future seems to be better in the end than in the beginning. The wisdom of the wise, shrewd, patient Franklin with his homely anecdotes makes an excellent full for the witty, fashionable Beaumarchais, the sophisticated bombast of the Marquis de Figaro, and the American diplomat—opinionated and proud, but heart and soul fro America's cause.

The book is long, and at times very heavy reading, but never tells. It is a real pleasure to read, even to reread it later after that. It is a book to be kept on a shelf and re-read from time to time. It is history made enjoyable.

Note:

From now until the end of this semester, this column, "In Passing" will have a section of it reserved for contributions from the student body.

Any student or faculty member who wishes to see some of his light verses, clever sayings or observations in print now has his, her, or its chance.

If at any time you dear readers find yourselves taken by a sudden rush of words or ideas to the head, heart, liver or some other part of your anatomy when the spirit moves you, let me know. (The Washburn BEACON office is in care of "In Passing") Anonymous writing will receive a very cool catastrophe.

The sum total of the most warmly received writing will receive a free copy of the BEACON suitable for framing.

Write and send in NOW—remember the President's speech!

SAMY AND HIS FRIENDS

By Garfield Davis

When Samy came into the library the other day he found his friend, Kivte A. Guphoh, sitting alone at a small table, seemingly buried in a book. This was surprising, as Kivte had never before been one to devote much time to his schoolbooks. "What's going on here?" Samy asked. "Have you suddenly reformed, my friend? Studying so hard in the semester! I don't get it!"

Kivte looked up at Samy in a startled manner. "I feel as if I didn't like to be bothered when making the books. This too was a departure from the usual—Samy remembered the time when five minutes at a time in the library, without having Kivte come along and persuade him to go to the cafeteria for a quick helpings of coffee and cake. Now he was happy and excited because he was doing something to get good marks for a few months."

"My boy", said Kivte, superciliously. "I have learned already, that studying is a way to make a mark. I have learned what has been the scholarly approach by our educated brethren. If I were attending school merely to meet standards, I would never be satisfied, nor would I have the possibility, and whip up a passing term paper. However, I am in college in order to learn, to think, to understand, to broaden my mind, and to get my term papers with true scholarly zeal."

"Wow! Such words! This vocabulary is just as good as the old Samy!" said Samy. "I wish I had heard from Kivte in their army days together. Samy resents old Kivte's, 'in- yet' and his 'what'saaywe ya take in da book? This scholarly approach and this hurried completion of term papers."

"Where did you get this scholarly approach so quick-like?" Samy asked. "Where have you become the hard-working student? You surprise me, my friend. No more carefree days! No more stalls on the dice? No more time-wasting in the bars? All the way down to the Susanpaham, no more jivin' at Hanchet's? How can such a revolution be so quick-like to a man? My buddy of old is fast fleeting! Oh, this mad, changing world!"

Kivte, ever sensitive became alarmed at this outburst from his erstwhile friend. "Are you saying that I am not as good as before?" he asked Samy. "Are you saying that I now have lost all that I learned in my army days with my friends; he never became anxious at this. They were not too interested in his name, which was anything but common in the country of Lunobia (a small country border the south on the Man-at-foo on the north, but which naturally was locked up within its borders of the country)"

He hastened to explain to Samy that they were, of course, still the best of friends and would continue their adventures as of old, but that he, Kivte, wanted to study more than he had in the past. In short, he determined to acquire the "scholarly approach". Do you think I'm going to pass a term paper just as average as that?"

Samy suggested, again assuming a joking manner. "I'm surprised that you don't want the best Samy, Kivte?" continued "I can't understand how you can be content plod along in your mediocrity."

Sam was hurt. Such talk as this from the man who had sipped chocolate shakers with him in insurmountable problems was not expected of Kivte. He could not have been more surprised if Kivte had struck him. I'll leave you to your books", he said and walked out of the library for Benham Hall for coffee and Darlene Bar. He had not counted on any particular terrors from this Kivte, but he, Kivte, though they had no classes together, were taking the same courses in three instances. They had planned their day so well that their term paper came time, but Samy had planned the same thing as well. So now. He found this Kivte indeed to eat and drink along!"

Of course, Kivte's freedom in the good fellow now missing had been the main reason why he had come to the cafeteria. He finished his coffee and walked home slowly, sadly. "Don't lose your friend of old, Kivte" he told himself.

In the following months Samy and Kivte did not attend the library. Samy seldom went to the library, he dreaded the thought of seeing his friend and his friend's friend. When, the semester was little more than a month old, he found Kivte the old haunts alone. It was not the same. He was flustered to think that floating can without Kivte by his side. Kivte was a good fellow and Samy knew he would have done the help of that short-order term paper specialist—his friend Kivte. He decided to visit the library he saw Kivte complacently reading one book. "Samy!" said Kivte. "Where have you become the hard-working student? You surprise me, my friend. No more carefree days! No more stalls on the dice? No more time-wasting in the bars? All the way down to the Susanpaham, no more jivin' at Hanchet's? How can such a revolution be so quick-like to a man? My buddy of old is fast fleeting! Oh, this mad, changing world!"

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NOTES ON NOTES
by REESE PELTON

“BIG” BAND SCHEDULE RELEASE

A list of “name” bands scheduled to appear soon at the South Main St. Armory has just been released to us for publication. It looks like Wilkes-Barre will be host to a group of bands that will include every-thing from the best freelance to the worst. The entire schedule runs as follows: Easter Monday—Tony Pastor, Memorial Day—Louis Prima, and then Guy Lombardo, James Harris, Tex Beneke, Tommy Dorsey. Dates for the latter group will be released later.

ACE PIANIST TO RECORD
Mel Powell, the man behind the scintillating piano styles heard recently in New York, will be the solo pianist in a concert tour with the Glen Miller service orchestra in the near future. Members of the service or-khe will be on board the liner until they arrive in Boston, where they will be joined by the new Goodman orchestra, but these records will feature Powell exclusively, with orchestral backgrounds. Mel is married to actress Martha Scott, and they own a 12-room house in the Dominion suburb of New York’s Palm Springs. Announcement of the virtuoso releases is welcome news to all disc collectors.

NOTES ON VODVIL WORK

The Lark, a major Pittsburgh-based group, was revealed as the next act of Vodvil’s plan to bring a set of dog-earred manuscripts with a few hastily written notes and more verbal instructions such as “Fake one chorus in E-flat—cut on cue—with tempo for half chorus’ every week, and were forced to figure a background for everything from strictly rhythmic dancing acts to intricate comedy routines? That is precisely what faces the band leaders of the Vodvil-ians as they begin work on this project. Every week they must put together some new material to complete the material for the next week. It takes real ability and a keen alertness to play and fake the music on which each act depends for its success.

By now the group is well-known for his ability on the piano and Lenny, Master, who is also heard with the WBRE studio orchestra and formerly headed his own trio. Lenny and his bass are the most recent additions to the orchestra, but his ability is surpassed only by his enthusiasm.

When one considers the size of the orchestra (eight men and a drummer) and the job they have to do, the job of the band leaders is a big one. At least he is convinced that MacZankie’s Mighty Men do a top-notch job.

THE COURIER

With the announcement that Kings College has completed the Art wing of its new building, it may be said that the new building will soon be seen at the Corporation Ball speculation as to who will appear at the Cinderella Ball has reached fever pitch. —“Bo Bop” Gillespie and his combo are said to be introduced to that latest American rage to the British when they make an appearance soon at the London Palladium. The interesting thing about this item is that Gillespie found a way to get around the British union rules regarding blue-lines that has already kept Spike Jones, Benny Goodman, Kenton, and Louis Armstrong from making scheduled appearances.

PUNK & WAGNALLS OFFER DICTIONARY STUDY BOOK

The Editorial Staff of Funk & Wagnalls Company, publishers of Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary and Funk & Wagnalls Primary Dictionary, announce the publication of an enlarged edition of the Funk & Wagnalls Primary Dictionary, "Enlarged and revised edition of the Funk & Wagnalls Primary Dictionary" to be sent free upon request to teachers, students, or public libraries.

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BY NORBERT OLSHEFSKI

The Student Council met last Monday evening in the Women’s Lounge in Chase. Things were both exciting and unexpected as the thirteen members attending the meeting and, as usual, keeping things interesting by having discussions on not only the business on hand, but digesting into practically every other subject that came up. When discussion of the council occurred when Edw Kook, representative of the IRC, asked the student council to act on a budget for the coming convention of the IRC GGA to be held in Philadelphia. The IRC plan to send 20 delegations to the convention which will be held from April eighth to the eleventh. The group will stay at the Bellevue Stratford, the headquarters hotel for the convention. The budget was recommended to the council by the council. The motion was passed unanimously. The council was then adjourned.

Robert H. Bowlanski, chairman of the Code Committee, asked the council to approve the Code Committee’s recommendation. The Code Committee recommends that the Code Committee be allowed to write the Code and send it to the appropriate government body. The council approved the Code Committee’s recommendation.

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Peace In Our Time... Or More

By REED LOWREY

On March 11, at its annual meeting in New York, the Columbia Historical Society presented its yearly prize to the outstanding young journalist of high school and college level selected that year, out of the country. William E. Haskell, a senior at Harvard, received the New York Herald Tribune, established the award for foreign students in the United Nations and ignore those who contend the United States is losing the war.

This naive statement, reminiscent of the childish trust Woodrow Wilson placed in the League of Nations, is typical of public opinion today which cannot differentiate faith in an organization based on high ideals rather than the steps that will prevent war from becoming inevitable.

With daily headlines blaring forth the facts that Russia is duplicitously Hitler's tactic of Europe, and the futility of the bloodless political conquests, our own State Department warns the country that unless the Marshall Plan goes into effect before the impending elections in Italy on April 18, we may expect serious developments.

In the interval between the end of World War II and the present, our State Department emphasized a policy of appeasement and our military strength was neglected. This neglect is now just an
tent enough in some quarters to appeal to the Commission's investigation to in-
vestigate the condition of our na
tional power. The commission composed of: Thomas K. Fidell
New York Attorney; Chairman
George P. Baker. Professor of Transpor
tation at the Harvard Business School, Vice Chair
man; Palmer Hoyt, Publisher of the Denver Post; John A. McCon
President of the Iron Workers, San Francisco; and Arthur D. Whistle
President of the Bank of New York. The Commission's 106 page report to the President, "Coal in the Air Age," was released for publication on January 13, 1948.

The report significantly points out America's present weakness in the air and reveals, in the opinion of the experts, the minimum amount of air power America must have for its own protection. In the words of the report itself, The Commission does not believe that we will ever have an adequate Mil
itary Establishment unless the peo
ple of the country know fairly well the international military and po
litical situation is, what kind of a military force is necessary if we are to be ready for that situation, and how much it will cost to have this force. . .
The hope, of course, is that the existence of such a force will do more than win a war; the hope is that by serving notice that war with the United States would be a most unprofitable business we may accomplish true peace for work for peace instead of war.

The Commission will undoubtedly be labeled "warmongers" just as the Peace Movement was before World War II. In the hope that the United States will be secure in an absolute sense only if the insti
tution of an adequate Public Law be estab
lished; as a necessary condition... a regime of peace. World peace and the security of the United States are now the same thing.

"Even the most optimistic view of the present situation of the United Nations does not assure us that United Nations will develop in time the necessary machinery to prevent any other great war.

The United States must have a double-barreled policy abroad. It must work for a peaceful settlement of the Allied POW problem, while at the same time it must prepare to defend itself in the event that war does come. Not being able to count on absolute security under law, it must seek the next best thing... relative security under the protection of its own arm.

If there are any doubts of the need for our Air Force to be kept in fighting trim the following should dispel them.

"It would be an unreasonable risk for our present planning purp
oses to assume that other nations will not have atomic weapons in quantity by the end of 1952."

"Biological weapons are undoubt
edly being studied in all parts of the world. In an all-out attack on the United States the possibility that they may be used should not be overlooked. They may be deliv
ered by air or by by-passage by enemy agents."

The Commission does not deny that this proposed preparedness program will be expensive since the plan calls for the expenditure of 4,150 million dollars for the year 1948 and 5,450 million dollars for 1949. Congress has already cut this year's recommended budget for the Air Force to 1,250 million dollars. However, the Commission reports that even at the same time points out that while preparedness is expensive, eight years' worth of report budget for 1948 is in payment for past wars and eighty-five percent of our Fed
eral budgets since 1915 have been for war, or payments for war.

Should there still be doubts in the mind of any one, I will remem
ber that the following paragraph was written two months ago.

"The Air Force as presently com
posed is inadequate. It is inadequa
te not only at the present time when we are relatively free from aggres
sion, but it is hopelessly wanting in the future when a serious danger of atomic attack will exist."

Psychology Club Plans Two Trips

Two trips, one to the Pennhurst State Home for the Feebleminded near Norristown, Pa. and one to Retreat Mental Hospital, are a part of the plans of the Psychology Club for this semester; it was re
cently announced by Albert Strat
ton, president of the club.

Mr. Stratton also stated that the Psychology Club, in conjunction with the Sociology Club, is planning to present a lecture by Dr. Franklin J. Robinson, psychiatrist at the Children's Service Center, sometime near the end of the month.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS
by Ted Wolfe

It seems like the old philosophy of "why do things half way" is being shown by the two local colleges, "King's and Wilkes, especially on the part of the latter. It is not universally known that the dances are scheduled for next month, the Letterman's April Showers Ball on April 9, and the Polish Club's dance on April 10. Both affairs will take place in the grand ball room in the Sterling's Admiral Stahl Ballroom, and will feature the same orchestra, Jack Melton (who also does a strong-arm act, carrying 10 men and himself). The only differences are a smaller number of people in the dance is a blessing to the IBC students who will be in Philly for the ICG conference, thus miss
ning the Colesons' hop. Royalty will reign at each event, with the crowning of a queen and king respectively.

Not satisfied with one outburst of tripping the light fantastic (and each other), danse-drenched students will further attempt to apull their craziest with the White Oaks Balls and a King's dance to be held sometime in the near future. The affairs will take place just 24 hours apart, and reportedly Art Money's orchestra will do musical honors for both.

See what you've done, Petrolito?

This week the BEACON's fan mail included a letter from Cedric Club, popular young man about the campus. In his letter, Mr. Club comments on the plan to put radios in the lounges.

Dear Editor:

I think the idea of installing radios in the boys' and girls' lounges is a prime suggestion. Now perhaps the students will show more in
terest in class with the realization that after class they can rush to the lounge and hear the next episode of their favorite soap opera.

Mr. 10 o'clock class has forced me to give up listening to my favorite series, "Danton's Other Wife", and you can't imagine what a sacrifice it has been.

But there are some disadvantages, too. With such programs as the ones being broadcast, the participation where the air waves, money and expensive prizes flow like water, the students may think they're wasting their time in school. They may get the idea that "Hartley's Design", "Double or Nothing", and the like, have more to offer (although the idea is absurd). I hope this letter doesn't discourage them into dropping the idea, because I like radio as well as the next person, and I think it's a coming field.

Sincerely,

Cedric Club

P. S. I still think Jack Benny is "The Walking Man".

A few students have expressed their opinions concerning the possi
bility of getting class rings.

Said one student, "I understand they haven't set the price yet. If they cost too much, though, I'll just remold my Roger Wilco Magna
ray".

Said another, "Why don't they give Dick Tracy wrist radios?"

And another (obviously a Fonzik fan), "I'd rather have a chip
pendale chair."

Figures show that 64 per cent of the girls would prefer ballerina skirts. Seventy-four percent of the male students (veterans) want their rings under the G. B. I. b.

Mrs. Vujica, Wilkes librarian, revealed that Shakespeare visited the library not long ago, probably to add, trying to find out for himself just what he did have in mind when he wrote those classics. (Mrs. Vujica explained that a student borrowing a Shakespeare book accessed Shakespeare's name in his own.)

After the recent war, John Evonni, Wilkes junior, and five or six other fellows planned to form a professional payroll-savers service, but soon buried the idea. The reason—they figured that they would have to at least two funeral parades per day to keep in the black. Also, the overhead expenses and the carrying charges were too great. They proved to be great circumstances, but give them credit for an original undertaking, anyway, even though they didn't hold any rehearsals.

Note to the student body: Those containers placed at various points on the campus are not soil piles. They are for contributions to the Red Cross. Thank you, Marty Blake.

Perhaps the new gym will be an outlet for the heated discussions that take place during the Beta Gamma Chi meetings. Now when the girls are trying to settle their problems (such as whether or not the northerners are smarter) they can virtually throw the gym, put on the gloves, and arrive at a decision more quickly.

Mr. Norris, registrar, has announced that all transfer students should report to his office as soon as possible so that their class standing may be determined.

Only the transfer students?

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