**SPORTS SPURS**

*by DICK MYERS, Sports Editor*

With this issue, we close the sports pages on the 1966-67 school year. It has been an eventful year. For this writer, after a four-year absence from education, it was a return to a higher version of the "Three Rs." As a freshman, and without much knowledge of recent local athletic happenings, particularly at Wilkes, the task of covering sports for the Beacon was a challenging one.

Naturally, with hindsight, one can always see ways in which he might have done a much better job. This is only human nature. There are people here who have gone to the other extreme and praised this writer for having done a very good job. Being no less egotistical than anyone else, and possibly more, we choose to accept the latter remarks, whether or not they be true. If the sports section of this paper has been a success, however, there are many people who do more credit than the Sports editor who had to depend upon them for help, information, advice, and criticism.

We were not always very fortunate, it is true. Several pages would not have been possible were it not for the goldmine of information we found in the offices of Jack Curtis and his crew of public relations experts. To Jack and his assistants, Cliff Kohlman, T. R. Price, and Mike Gable, our unending thanks for the facts, pictures and general help they offered so freely.

The office of the Director of Athletics was one of the other sources of much of our information. To Dean George Balston, who heads that department, must also go hearty and sincere thanks.

The coaching staff was indispensable in providing many interesting items which have been recorded in these pages. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Coaches John Reese, Ross Ficen, Eddie Davis, and Jack Curtis.

One of the most vital and important factors in news coverage is the "efficacy" of the "legman." One man is physically unable to be in all the places which will require attention in the gathering of sports news. Adequate assistance in this regard was provided by Jane Kelbel, whose friendship this writer values highly, and of which friendship considerable advantage was taken. It is our wish to publically acknowledge the help she has rendered; it was invaluable.

Our thanks must also go to Coach John Reese for yet another year. There is no award at Wilkes for Coach of the Year, but, in the previous year, he would win in a walk. Mr. Reese has compiled a magnificent winning record here, capping his achievements with an undefeated season and the capturing of the Middle Atlantic muff crown. In addition to this, he has moulded the nucleus of a fine soccer team for incoming coach Jim Perris, and has done a remarkable job, with the aid of Bill Mock, in developing what may be one of the finest players ever to wear the flannel of a Wilkes baseball team.

A measure of thanks is also due to the men who held this desk in the previous season. Ed McCallister, who was forced for academic reasons to resign, and Cliff Kohlman, who only agreed to take the job in the first instance because of a personal interest, but who proved to be an able and capable writer, must be given the thanks. While brother Bob would not have fallen on these shoulders, there is still a measure of regret that the writing was never carried forward.

**CHAMPION'S REWARD** — Jim Ward is shown receiving the Beacon's trophy symbolic of his title of "Athlete of the Year." The large silver trophy in the foreground bears the name of the award and is permanent, and in a permanent trophy kept on display in the trophy case in the lobby of the Student Union. The golden replica, presented to Jim by Beacon Sports Editor Dick Myers is inscribed "Beacon Athlete of the Year Award 1966-67, James P. Ward." It is the wrestling star's permanent momento of the occasion.

**GOLFERS LOSE TWICE, END SEASON MONDAY**

by Jane Kelbel

Dave Thomas was elected President of the Letterman's Club in the elections held last Thursday and Friday in Dean Balston's office. Ed Birnbaum is the new Vice President.

The new position of Secretary will be held for the second consecutive year by Dick Wozniak, Bob Sutherland will handle the financial matters of the club as Treasurer.

Rodger Lewis will hold the title of Public Relations Director. This is a new post this year and the post was created to meet the demands of the publicity for the many activities sponsored by the Letterman's Club.

The most recent meeting of the club was held tonight in the cafeteria and featured a discussion of the election of a candidate for the forthcoming letterman's lettership. The $2000 scholarship is being offered for the first time this year next season. Five of the seven candidates are in-coming freshmen. The other two are currently attending Wilkes.

**EMPTY GYM LOCKERS**

Mr. Reese warns that personal gym equipment must be removed from baskets by May 30.

**OUTSTANDING SENIORS**

The Edmonson Club announced that John A. Zelinski and Marcia Morley were selected as the seniors who will be initiated into the club theend of this year.

But we feel that in some small measure we have contributed to the success of what has been a banner year for our Intramural Leadership and direction. Without his advice and technical skills, we would not have been guided by this reporter.

In conclusion, it has been a challenging job; thankless at times, rewarding at times. We have had an opportunity to work with many marvelous people. From fellow students, such as Sam Silber, Elmer Snyder, Bart Sokol, Bob Fazzino, Bob Morgan, Bill Fazzino, and several others, we were given stories, facts, and ideas that aided greatly in the preparation of our sports copy.

From faculty members such as Mr. Miller, Mr. DiPasquale, and Dr. Beef, we received gentle but firm assistance and advice, and suggestions.

Without these people, there could have been no sports section. If there were to be a department, we feel that these people would be its cornerstones.

The Dirty Rotten Lowdown. In the third Patterson game last evening, Bob Fazzino and the Locals went for all the awards including the class double play that went from Kiel to Kostoliz to Coach. The Pattersons will decide this evening when the Newsies, in the final game of their season, meet the winners of the first four games. The Thursday Nighters' Monster and the Home Runners were the two teams chosen for this, with the exception of the Eagles, who played in the long jump against the Wilkes Flyers.

The Home Runners won by a 7-6 score.

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The two teams were scheduled to meet two days ago, but because of the weather, the games were not played. The tournament will be held this weekend.

On May 12, Lewis batted back-to-back, and won 13 times. Caruso was the losing pitcher. The final game was played in the Wilkes Coliseum.

In the American League, May 9, the Wilkes Butler Bums finished in the cellar by losing to the Prebation Nineteen. In the National League, May 14, the Eagles beat the Whole Bilings. Wilkes Flyers were the Wilkes Flyers.

The Butler Bums are the home team, and played without a catcher until Fred "Little Bear" Lebovich returned the game to the Patent Nineteen. All teams started with only eight men and played without a catcher until Fred "Little Bear" Lebovich returned the game to the Patent Nineteen.

By the second game, both teams had scored two runs each. The Butler Bums were the Wilkes Flyers. The Butler Bums were the Wilkes Flyers.