

Softball Playoffs This Afternoon

JIM WARD RECEIVES "ATHLETE OF YEAR" TROPHY AT ASSEMBLY



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 names of all six winners of the honor, and is a permanent trophy kept on display in the trophy case in the lobby of the gymnasium. The golden replica, presented to Jim by BEACON Sports Editor Dick Myers is inscribed "Beacon Athlete of the Year Award, 1956-57, James P. Ward". It is the wrestling star's permanent memento of the occasion.

SPORTS SPURTS

by DICK MYERS, Sports Editor

With this issue, we close the sports pages on the 1956-57 school year. It has been an eventful year. For this writer, after a long absence from education, it was a return to a higher version of the "Three R's". 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 deserve more credit than the Sports editor who had to depend upon them for help, information, advice, and criticism.

These 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 Kobland, T. R. Price, and Mike Goobic, go our undying 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 Ralston, 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, Russ Picton, Eddie Davis, and Jack Curtis.

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

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

A measure of thanks is also due to the men who held this desk in the previous semester. Ed McCafferty, who was forced for academic reasons to resign, and Cliff Kobland, who only agreed to take the job as sports editor could be named, both left behind them a record of success that required extreme effort to approach.

Without brotherly help, the job would not have fallen on these shoulders. There is still a question in this mind whether or not this was a good thing, but the job was done. The cheer was recorded, somewhat reluctantly perhaps,

DAVE THOMAS CHOSEN TO HEAD LETTERMEN

by Jane Keibel

Dave Thomas was elected President of the Lettermen's Club in the elections held last Thursday and Friday in Dean Ralston'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 was created to meet the demands of the publicity for the many activities sponsored by the Lettermen.

Sergeant-at-Arms is Bob Yokavonus while the Executive Council members for next year are Jim Ward and Mike Goobic.

Tonight the Lettermen's Club will hold a special Business and Social meeting in the cafeteria to discuss the election of a candidate for the Lettermen's scholarship. The \$300 scholarship is being given for the first time next semester. Five of the seven candidates are incoming freshmen. The other two are currently attending Wilkes.

EMPTY GYM LOCKERS

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

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American League Deadlocked; Unbeaten 'Incinerators' Meet Victors in Tilt for Championship

The National League intramural softball champions are the Incinerators. In a meeting of the two undefeated teams in last Monday's game, the Incinerators kept their slate clean with a 5-1 win over Club 20. The lone tally for Club 20 was unearned, as pitcher John Wasickanin turned in another stellar mound performance, allowing only three hits. The losing pitcher for Club 20 was Michaels. Dvornicki was the catcher for Club 20. Wasickanin's receiver was Nardone.

The American League wound up in a tie for first place, when Marleen's Monsters took a 13-5 win over the Econ Club. The battery for the Monsters was Bill Tremayne and Dick Myers. Tremayne aided his own cause with two fine hits over second base in recording his first win of the season. The record for the Monsters at the close of the regular season was 4-1.

GOLFERS LOSE TWICE, END SEASON MONDAY

by Jane Keibel

In a match held Tuesday at the Irem Temple Country Club, the Wilkes linksmen were defeated by the University of Scranton team, 16½ to 1½.

Pete Perog, who according to Coach Curtis has shown considerable improvement throughout the season, took the back nine holes from his opponent for the single point.

Ed Mikolaitis tied Peter Foley, who is ranked as fourth in the Middle Atlantic Golf Conference, on the back nine for the half point.

The remaining matches, lost by only a few holes, showed the tremendous strides that the team has been making in its last few games.

On Monday, the golfers lost to the Moravian team on the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course by 17½ to ½. Bernie Dancheck scored the single tally for the Colonels by tying his opponent on the front nine.

Yesterday a match was scheduled between Wilkes and Wyoming Seminary at the Wyoming Valley Country Club, which is the home course of the golfers from Seminary. The results of this meet were not available at the time the Beacon went to press.

The final match for the linksmen will be held Monday at 4 P.M. on Wilkes' home grounds, the Irem Temple Country Club, as they meet Wyoming Seminary in a return match.

The golfers, at present, have a record of no wins and four losses with two games remaining to be played. Although the 'duffers' have no wins to their credit, Coach Curtis feels that the team has shown constant improvement throughout the season and will have a fine tour next year, since most of the members of the team will be returning.

The seniors who will be leaving are Bill Tremayne and Sam Dilcer. Returning for three more years are Art Belles, Pete Perog, and Frank Steck. Ed Mikolaitis, Bernie Dancheck, and Dave Polley also will be with the linksmen for next season's matches.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The Education Club announced that John Zachman and Nancy Morris were selected as the seniors who have contributed most to the club over a four-year period.

The Dirty Rotten Low Down Hombres stayed in the running last week, when they assured themselves of a tie for first by beating the Champs in an 8-1 ballgame.

The battery for the winners was Edwards and Zelinski, for the losers, Steve Perkowski and Dick Weiss. The Hombres turned in a classy double play that went from Klein to Kosloski to Czoch.

The intramural championship will be decided this evening when the Incinerators, National loop champs, meet the winner of the game between Marleen's Monsters and the Hombres.

The two teams were scheduled to play a "sudden death" playoff game last evening, but no results were available at the time of this writing.

The rest of the teams completed their seasons during the past week, with the exception of the Eagles and Spanish Flyers, who were rained out of their Tuesday game.

In the National league on May 8, the Eagles beat the Phonies, 13-12. For the Eagles it was a great comeback win. Trailing, 12-9, in the seventh, inning, they rallied for four runs to grab the win. For the Phonies, it was their fourth loss in succession, and their most valiant effort to date. Losing pitcher of the tough game was Caruso. The winning hurler was Stein.

On the same day, the Incinerators, in their championship drive, took a 7-4 decision from the Sleepers. Wasickanin and Nardone were the batterymen for the Incinerators. Rodger Lewis got the loss.

On May 13, Lewis bounced back to win over the hapless Phonies, 13-10. Caruso was the losing pitcher, his catcher was Billings.

In the American League on May 9, the winless Butler Bombers finished in the cellar by losing to the Probation Nine, 11-7. Both teams started with only eight men and played without a catcher until Fred "Little Bear" Lubuschutz arrived in the seventh and caught for both teams. Ken Selady had two round-trippers for the losers. Gavazzi recorded the win, the loss went to Schade.

Final Standing of the American League:

	W	L	Pct.
Marleen's Monsters	4	1	.800
Hombres	4	1	.800
Champs	3	2	.600
Econ Club	2	3	.400
Probation Nine	2	3	.400
Butler Bombers	0	5	.000

The National League Standing (incomplete):

Incinerators	5	0	1.000
Club 20	4	1	.800
Spanish Flyers	2	2	.500
Sleepers	2	3	.400
Eagles	1	3	.250
Phonies	0	5	.000

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but we feel that in some small measure we have contributed to the success of what has been a banner year for the Beacon under Tom's leadership and direction. Without his advice and technical skills, the knowledge of preparing these pages would not have been gained by this reporter.

In conclusion, it has been a challenging job; thankless at times, rewarding at times. We have had an opportunity to become acquainted with many marvelous people. From fellow students, such as Sam Dilcer, Elmer Snyder, Bart Sokol, Bill Farish, Neil Dadurka, George Morgan, Bob Sokol, 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. Disque, Dr. Heile, and Dr. Reif we received gentle barbs and teasing, advice and suggestions, criticism and encouragement.

Without these people, there could have been no sports section. If any bouquets are to be given to this department, we feel that these people should be credited to the Beacon, and not to the writer.