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Students Vote Today for Cinderella Who Will Reign at Next Week's Ball

One girl's "castle of dreams" will come true May 17 when Cinderella will be crowned at the seventeenth annual Cinderella Ball. She will be secretly selected today by the voting now being held in the lobby of the cafeteria. All students are eligible to vote. Each student selects three names from eleven already chosen by a previous vote. The girl with the most votes is Cinderella.

Circle K Representatives Complete Arrangements For Annual Convention

Last Fall, a number of representatives from our Circle K Club attended a district organizational convention in Allentown. At that time, temporary district officers were elected, and bids were submitted for the spring convention site. The bid from the Wilkes club was accepted, and on May 10, 11 and 12 the convention will be held at the Hotel Sterling.

Representatives from twenty-five Circle K clubs throughout the state will be present at this first annual convention. Each club will be permitted to send two delegates and two alternates, with the exception of the host club, who will be represented by approximately twenty members. In the actual election, however, only the two delegates will be permitted to vote.

The main purpose of this three-day convention will be to elect a new state governor, secretary, and treasurer; however, the lieutenant governors for the individual districts will also take their oath of office at this meeting. Doug Haughwaut, charter member of our Circle K club, will vie for the position of district treasurer. Doug, incidentally, was one of the representatives who attended the Allentown convention, and therefore is well acquainted with the election procedure.

Activities will get under way Friday evening, when an oratorical contest will be held. The topic for discussion will be "Education for Freedom." Mike Landesman will represent the host club in this

Candidates are: Merle Benisch, Mariellen Daw, Bonnie Jenkins, Elaine Kozemchak, Jeanne Matern, Jean McMahon, Ellie Nielson, Jane Palka, Mary Regalis, Lorraine Rome, and Rowena Simms.

Given the royal diadem at 11:30 by Dean George Ralston, Cinderella will glide to the music of Gene Dempsey's orchestra through a regal decor effected by the use of imitation pillars and imitation stone paper. The effect will be further enhanced by two tiny chapels, one harboring the chaperones, one incorporating the refreshment stand. Blue and white are the colors selected by Student Government for the interior of the gym, which will be recreated in the image of a castle room. A miniature castle will be placed in the center of the floor.

Tickets may be purchased from Miss Millie Gittens at the College Bookstore.

Tuxedos may be rented from John B. Stetz or Baum's. Both stores have made arrangements with the College for special prices. Dean George Ralston and Mr. Arthur Hoover will act as chaperones for the royal affair.

competition.

On Saturday morning, the first general session will take place, with an introduction by Wilkes-Barre's Mayor Slattery. In the afternoon, various contests will be held between the clubs represented, and the actual elections of the new officers will be held. From 9-12 p.m. Saturday, the Governor's Ball will take place, with music for dancing being provided by Bobby Baird's orchestra.

The convention will close Sunday morning with a general session strictly for newly elected officers.

Hampton Visitors Arrive To Complete Exchange

At Hampton

From their arrival Friday until their departure, the twelve students who visited Hampton Institute last week were kept continually busy with the activities planned for them. After a brief tour of the campus followed by dinner, they attended the Cotton Ball, a dance sponsored by the sophomore class. Saturday morning a coffee break—fellowship hour—gave the Hampton students an opportunity to meet their guests and exchange news and views with them.

A meeting was next held at which the president of the Institute spoke. They then went to a picnic and hootenanny at Emancipation Oak, an enormous live oak beneath which the Emancipation Proclamation was read to ex-slaves.

That night they attended a party honoring the independence day of Sierra Leone, one of the African nations.

Amidst these planned activities, the students of Wilkes socialized. Several new phrases were added to their vocabulary. "Sack", they discovered, is the equivalent of "roommate", and "What is your classification?" is translated as, "What year are you in?" They compared their respective courses, food, college customs, future plans, and the like. Some new dances were learned.

On Sunday morning the visiting students all expressed the wish that they could extend their stay. Many friendships had begun, and a number of new addresses were exchanged. The twelve students said that they were especially impressed by the warmth and friendliness demonstrated by their hosts. "A weekend to be remembered" was the general feeling.

Dorms Host Hampton At 'Mayhem' Tonight

The visiting students from Hampton Institute, Virginia, will be the guests of honor at the "Mayhem in May" party tonight. The party, sponsored by Weiss and Miner Halls, will be held in the cafeteria from 9 to 12 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Music will be provided by the Arcadians.

The party will give the College students an excellent opportunity to meet the visitors from Hampton on an informal, friendly basis. All students are invited to attend.

Student Artists Plan To Display Techniques In Annual Spring Fair

If the art students have seemed a little absent-minded and preoccupied lately, this is not only because of spring fever, but because they are busily preparing for their annual Art Fair. This year the Fair will be held Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, a week earlier than usual. Last year it conflicted with the Fine Arts Fiesta, thus the response was not as great as expected. This year the students will have an opportunity to display their work in both the Fair and the Fiesta.

As usual, students will give actual demonstrations of their work instead of just showing the finished product. The displays will consist of watercolor, pen and ink, copper enameling, pottery, oil painting, woodcuts, and typography. A special exhibit of work done only by senior art majors will be featured.

Because of three previous sales—the first just before Christmas, the second in the Art League building, and the last just before and just after Easter—the students will have an opportunity to display more work than usual.

Plans are being made to hold part of the exhibit outside where soda and, tentatively, espresso will be served to the public.

Dorm Holds Open House

Butler Hall is having its third "open hall" today from 12:30 until 5 p.m. The purpose of this annual event is to show the day students and the faculty a men's dormitory.

The affair is open to the public without charge. Michael Landesman is in charge of refreshments; Edward Reese, invitations; Jeffrey Raschal, arrangements; and Joe Lipinski, publicity. Arthur Hoover, assistant Dean of Men, is the faculty resident.

Band to Entertain Parents

Band members will present their annual concert Sunday afternoon at 3 in the gymnasium. A new program is slated which will include several soloists. Programs will be printed and distributed to all attending.

Invitations have been issued to parents of all matriculating students, who will also be welcomed. A reception with refreshments will follow the musical presentation, at which time parents will have the opportunity to meet members of the faculty and administration.

At Wilkes

The second half of the Hampton-Wilkes exchange program will be completed this weekend. Designed to promote better understanding of the problems of others, the program is also set up to provide a notable experience which cannot be obtained by mere academic studies.

Yesterday, eleven students and two chaperones from Hampton Institute arrived at the College. They will attend classes all day today with I.D.C. members. Anyone may ask an exchange student to attend his class.

This afternoon, Miss Millie Gittens will take the chaperones on a tour of Wyoming Valley while the exchange students tour the campus and local places of interest. Tonight, they will go to the dorm party sponsored by Miner and Weiss Halls. The affair is open to everyone. They will stay in the dorms and room with the students.

Tomorrow morning, I.D.C. will entertain the exchange students at an outing being held at Dr. Rosenberg's place in Trucksville. In case of rain, a seminar will be held in the Commons; Dr. Rosenberg is scheduled to speak. Students will discuss courses offered at Wilkes and those offered at Hampton.

From 2 to 4:30 tomorrow afternoon, a hootenanny will be held at McClintock Hall. Refreshments will be served and the affair is open to all students.

At 6:30 that evening, a banquet in honor of the exchange students, will be sponsored by I.D.C. at the Europa Lounge. Pictures will be taken.

Sunday, they will dine in the Commons and then begin the trek home.

Sorority Honors Senior Members at Banquet

Graduating members of TDR will be feted at their annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 15. The sorority has chosen the Carousel Restaurant as the scene of this year's dinner which will commence at 6:30 p.m. Presentation of a TDR charm to each sorority graduate will highlight the affair. Another feature of the evening will be the installation of next year's officers, each of whom will receive a red rose.

The banquet is open to all TDR members. Underclassmen can obtain dinners for \$2.00. Sally Schoffstall, banquet chairman, has announced that the menu will include chicken, ham steak, and chopped sirloin steak. Any member who plans to attend the banquet must select her entree prior to Friday, May 10. Miss Schoffstall will accept reservations in the cafeteria.

Society Presents Concert

The public is invited to attend the 84th annual Concordia Singing Society Spring Concert at the Irem Temple in Wilkes-Barre on May 10th. This program, conducted by Mr. Robert Lovett, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission for students is 75 cents.

The Girls' Chorus and the Collegians will give a recital on Thursday, May 21, for the benefit of

CAMPUS BLOSSOMS



Winter has gone, and spring has made its initial appearance for Molly MacIntyre, Barbara Gallagher, and MiMi Wilson as they smile down at their earth-bound fellow students from their perch in the blossoming Japanese cherry tree outside the Commons. Miss MacIntyre hails from Harveys Lake and is a sophomore Sociology major; Miss Wilson, from Dallas, is a junior English major; Miss Gallagher, a senior English major, is from Hazleton. A haven for those who enjoy walking "the patterned garden paths," this area creates a

EDITORIALS—

Hampton Guests: Welcome

Today is campus-wide election day. All classes, except the senior class who will vote only for Cinderella, will select those class members who will hold executive offices next year. Most nominees have circulated fliers and posters to solicit votes. Don't vote for the best poster, though, vote for the best candidate.

What would we do without the Cinderella Ball? The campus has at least this one activity in which many participate. Some plan the affair; others decorate; most vote for a candidate; many attend the Ball. For a few weeks, then, the campus seems to work toward a common goal — a successful Cinderella Ball.

One of the eleven candidates will be the perfect Cinderella: active, intelligent, attractive, personable. Vote for her today.

Today's Voting Is Most Important

An emotional experience is one of the most difficult experiences to explain. It can best be understood by one who has shared a similar experience. Friendship and understanding are qualities often experienced on an emotional level, and are, therefore, lent not readily to explanation.

The Hampton-Wilkes exchange program which enables both colleges to share not only ideas but also friendship is just such an emotional-experience vehicle. Through the program faculty and students meet and exchange ideas. Moreover, they solidify friendship through understanding.

The campus once again heartily welcomes its Hampton guests inviting them to share in its life for a weekend.



What - Where - When -

- Golf, East Stroudsburg — Away, Today, 2 p.m.
- Hampton Weekend Exchange — On campus, Friday-Sunday, "Mayhem in May" - sponsored by Weiss and Miner Halls, Cafeteria, Tonight, 9-12 p.m.
- Baseball, Ursinus — Home, Saturday, 2 p.m.
- Parent's Day, Band Concert — Gym, Sunday, 3 p.m.
- "Focus", Panel Discussion — WARM Radio, 11 p.m.
- Organizational meeting for Marching Band — Gies Hall, Room 101A, Monday, 4 p.m.
- Golf, Lycoming and Juniata — Home, Wednesday, 2 p.m.
- Tennis, Ursinus — Away, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.
- Baseball, Stevens — Away, Wednesday, 2:45 p.m.
- Assembly, Collegians and Women's Chorus — Thursday, 11 a.m.



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The Apathetic Onlooker

... writes a 'Poet's Corner'
 Jack Hardie
 Olsen Schroeder
 Had Eve not stripped that apple core
 We'd still have our regrets,
 For soldiers would but go to war
 In fig-leaf epaulets.
 — 'Gabriel' R.
 (Name withheld)

A Lover: Harassed to Bias
 Once I loved you.
 Once, before
 Your icicle lips ran, dripping, froze
 From the roof eaves of your nose;
 There was music then.
 But your crystal eyes,
 your wine glass toes
 (less ludicrous in verse than prose),
 Are shattered now, beyond repair,
 As is this poem's divine despair.
 — Little Jack Horner

Our 'Apathy' has been appalled,
 Our audience seems deaf and dumb;
 Our column has been liked and read
 The way a kid chews bubble gum.
 Our 'looking-on' has not been followed;
 Bubble gum is seldom swallowed.
 — Olsen B. Schroeder

For the past few weeks the 'Apathetic Onlooker' main office has been deluged with inquiring mail as to what has happened to our column, and our secretaries plead that we both resume our activities and perhaps explain our irregular appearance. A formal approach had been decided upon; our Olsen, however, waxing whimsically poetic, took it upon himself to pen the above poem (tongue and gum in cheek). As an institution, 'The Apathetic Onlooker' apologizes for Olsen's level of talent, but must, of needs, point out that his efforts are of more merit than a good deal of the total campus literary output.

Everyone laughed with Mr. Gutin's reading of 'The Dentiad' in assembly, yet students have been noted to read **The Beacon** in its entirety with the facial expressions of funeral orators, whereas **The Beacon**, itself, is one of the more amusing of campus publications. We refer not so much to the dedicated ranks of our newspaper's editors as to the generally illiterate posture of 'Letters to the Editors', the 'scotch-tape' construction of fashion columns and 'feature articles', and to the unfortunate quality of much of the submitted poetry. **The Beacon** stands not alone in this inferiority; an approximate fifty per cent of student work submitted to the **Manuscript** was rejected, an optimistic twenty per cent of what remained was of an acceptable quality, and cafeteria 'flyers' and bulletin board posters constitute an even lower level of expression. Compounding the felony, the romantic themes (of an almost 'Sucaryl' quality) chosen for dances and social affairs (as 'Castle of Dreams', 'Paradise for Lovebirds', and the like) fall directly into the same category. The author of 'The Dentiad' himself might wonder as to how so many obviously aborted bits of writing have found a printed and widely read berth on a college level.

The general student body should be acquainted with the fact that both **Manuscript** and **The Beacon** operate on an exchange program with corresponding periodicals in a great many schools, and that, while the views of a contributing author are most definitely his own, the appearance of any written material in any Wilkes College publication will reflect the intellectual level of Wilkes as a school; the quality of our literary image is more than questionable.

Certainly the usual **Beacon** poetry does not reflect its author's abilities ('icicle lips' and other 'loose' imagery will not be found in this author's **Manuscript** verse), and the fashion editor of **The Beacon**

NEWS and VIEWS

THE FAR-OUT RIGHT, PART III

by Doug Bennington

Does the radical-right present an immediate, full-blown threat to American democracy, or is it merely a temporary, noisy protest against the social, political, and economic changes that have altered American society during the past thirty years? Does the radical-right have the power now or in the future to dismantle the "Welfare State," or turn the historical clock back fifty years? A complete answer to these questions requires many pages; a partial list of the implications of the far-right is offered here.

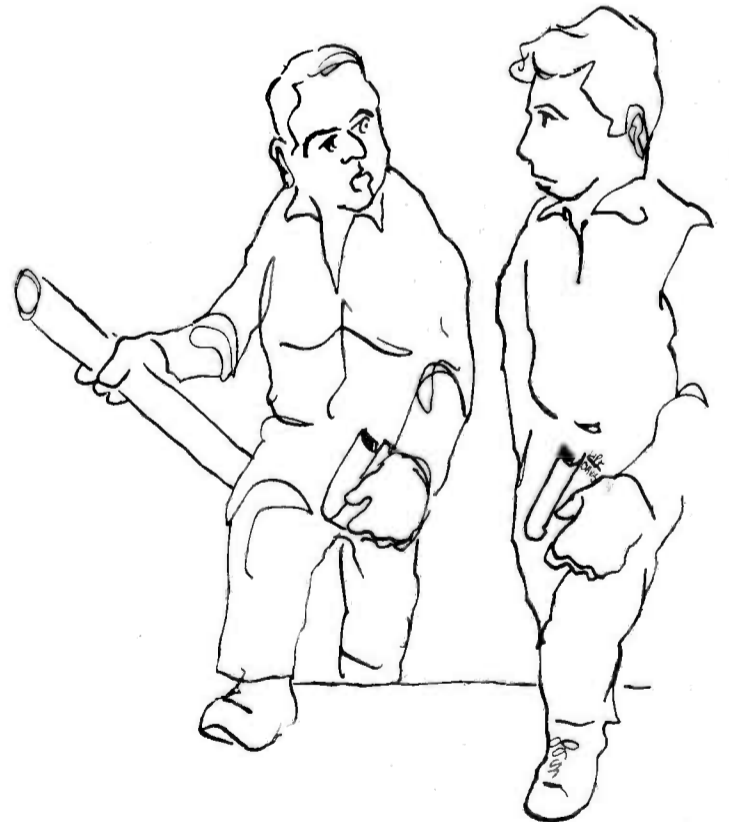
Concerning political power, thus far none of the radical-right movements — despite their grandiose plans for saving the nation — have had any practical prospects of winning the Presidency, of taking over either national party (though the Republican party is faced with extensive rightist activities, especially in party finances), or of having their fantastic policies enacted into law. Commentators on the far-right assume that the American tradition of moderate, compromising politics and the influence of responsible civic groups will prevent the radical-right from attaining national power.

However, this may be too comfortable a reassurance because as one commentator (Alan Westin, *Harpers*, April, 1962) has said, the radical-right today presents the same type of threat to democratic processes and institutions that the radical-left presented in the "thirties" and "forties". The far-right threatens the freedom of choice and action of any national administration that attempts to formulate and carry out realistic anti-Communist programs in the difficult, grey areas of twentieth century politics; it threatens to confuse or curtail domestic debate on sensitive, vital issues; it threatens the reputation and integrity of groups and organizations; it seeks to penetrate and control (as the Communists did in the past).

The most serious immediate threat from the far-out right is aimed toward fundamental civil liberties and civic affairs. Bullying tactics, including intimidation of teachers, ministers, school principals, pacifists, community dissenters, harassment of speaker at community forums, are used by the radical-right to crush opposition and insure the presentation of one side on all issues, the "right" side. (For examples of far-right practices in American communities, see *Life*, April 26, 1963; *Progressive*, November, 1962; *The Nation*, June 30, 1962; and *Look*, April 24, 1962.)

The presence of the far-out right in America cannot be viewed with yawns by conservatives, nor with hysteria by those liberals who might see a John Birchler lurking behind every conservative opinion. American democracy will continue to function despite the radical-right attacks if liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, take reasonable steps to neutralize the more dangerous effects of the radicals. If responsible men from all areas of community life — press, education, business, politics, religion — fail or fear to challenge the "rampaging right", stormy days lie ahead for many communities.

American democracy has survived worse threats than the hucksters and fanatics of the contemporary far-right, with their illusions, fixation on the past and fear of the future; with a sufficient amount of intellectual homework and refusal to panic by democratic citizens, this democracy will live long after the far-out right fades into the shadows from where it came.



Is this what they mean by higher education — the fifth floor of Parrish Hall?

staff is capable of more acceptable prose as seen in last week's issue; this, however, does not excuse a word of the inarticulate composition published on campus.

At present there seems to be much wailing and gnashing of student teeth as to the level of achievement required in the Freshman Composition courses; the freshman instructor very probably thinks of himself as an academic Sisyphus in a pedagogical Hades. Compounding the metaphor, however, rolling 'freshmen', do gather

cannot be given blame for the situation. Were the problem to be traced to primary sources, we would have no more than a tirade against Motherhood and The Flag; a more practical approach would be merely to say that the responsibility for the low level of student literary expression falls upon the fact that students who have graduated from the Composition courses no longer write as they did when a 'grade' depended upon their performances. This is evidenced by the fact that more failures are

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Trophy For A Texan



A replica of the Morehead Patterson Award is presented to Ted Akin of Fort Worth, Texas, by AMF Board Chairman Carter L. Burgess, for winning the all events title in the 1963 National Intercollegiate Bowling Championships in Buffalo, N. Y. The original five-foot trophy, named in honor of the late AMF Board Chairman, will go to Arlington State College in Texas, where Akin is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering. Akin topped 54 other students, finalists from an original field of more than 11,000, in winning the singles and all events championships. The tournament is sponsored annually by AMF, the American Bowling Congress and the Association of College Unions.

A 19 year old Texas southpaw turned in the best over-all performance in the 1963 National Intercollegiate Bowling Championships to win the all events crown and the coveted Morehead Patterson Award that goes with it.

Ted Akin, a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering at Arlington State College in Arlington, Texas, totaled 1,815 over nine games in topping 54 other finalists in the Seventh Annual Tournament. Fifty-five students, finalists from an original field of more than 11,000 students representing 160 campuses, bowled in the championships on ABC tournament lanes in Buffalo, N.Y.

Buffalo is the site of the 60th Annual American Bowling Congress Tournament, equipped by AMF. The college tournament is sponsored annually by AMF, the American Bowling Congress and the Association of College Unions.

In winning the all events crown, Akin also captured the singles title with the second highest series recorded in the 1963 tournament. He hit games of 210-234-212 for a 656 series.

Akin's 656 was 21 pins less than the record 677 series by James Anderson, of North Dakota State University, in the team event. Anderson finished third in all events, and had the tournament's all-time high game, 269.

Second place in all events went to Dale Hanson, of the University of Minnesota, who was eight points off the mark with an 1807 total. He had a 268 single game, second high for the tournament.

All records of previous ACU tournaments were shattered by the 55 finalists in the 1963 championships. Most impressive was the 2980 team game scored by the Region 7 team. Included was a 1124 team game, which is the second best recorded in all ABC tournament play up to April 9 of this year. It was bettered only by the Strohs team of Detroit in the ABC Classic Division.

Anderson and Hanson, runners-up for the all events title, were members of the Region 7 team, which included Roger Blestrud, of the University of North Dakota; Jack Frost, of Mankato State College; and Wayne Wiseman of the University of Minnesota.

Winners of the doubles championships were Ted DeLuca, of La-Salle College, and Joseph Moore, of Drexel Institute, who rolled a 1224 winning score. DeLuca had a 618 series and Moore hit 606 in winning the doubles crown. Both had high games of 234 in the sets.

The 1963 National Intercollegiate Bowling Championships produced team games that bettered the 1,000 mark for the first time in the tournament's history.

Individually, the finalists recorded 16 series of 600 or better.

The 1963 tournament was the climax after four months of competition by more than 11,000 students from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who aimed at one of the 55 finalist spots. All told, more than a quarter of a million games were bowled in college, regional and final competition.

Akin received a replica of the Morehead Patterson Award for personal possession. The five-foot original sculpture, established by the late AMF Board Chairman, Morehead Patterson, will go to Arlington State College for one year until the 1964 all events champion is determined.

Akin, one of only six left-handers in the tournament, has been bowling regularly for only four years. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he averages 190 and holds a high sanctioned game of 237. His 656 singles series is the highest sanctioned series he has recorded.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman A. Akin, of 2417 Arrow Lane, Fort Worth, he is a member of the honor society at Arlington State College.

Akin was presented with the Morehead Patterson Award by Mr. Carter L. Burgess, Chairman of AMF, at an awards luncheon attended by the finalists and the leading figures in the bowling world. Akin was congratulated for his effort by Earl Reed, President of the American Bowling Congress, Frank K. Baker, executive Secretary of the ABC, and Dale N. Brostrom, Tournament Director for the Association of College Unions.

All winners were honored at the Annual AMF Awards luncheon held at the Buffalo Athletic Club. Kyle Rote, former college and professional football star, was Toastmaster and Carter L. Burgess, Chairman of American Machine & Foundry Company was the featured speaker.

Netmen Grab Win No. 3 From Lebanon Valley; Journey to Collegeville

The tennis team upped their season record to 3 wins and 1 loss, with a 6-3 victory over King's College and a 9-0 victory over Lebanon Valley College. The match against King's was not originally on the teams' schedules. Winners in that match were William Klein, Gary Einhorn, Gary Frank, and Bill Douglas - singles; and in the doubles, Austin and Einhorn, and Douglas and Frank.

In the match against Lebanon Valley, captain William Klein won his first M.A.C. singles match in the number one position. Number two man Gary Einhorn, the only man to be extended to 3 sets, also recorded his first M.A.C. singles victory. Gary Frank, raised to the number three position, won in a most impressive service duel. Newcomers Jeff Carr and Don Austin registered victories, as did Bill Douglas, who is undefeated in 4 singles engagements. In doubles, Doug Yeager, playing in his first varsity match, combined with Gary Frank to win, as did Carr and Klein and Austin and Einhorn, who are undefeated in doubles this season.

The netmen travel to Ursinus on Tuesday for their sixth meeting of the season.

Lebanon Valley scores in the singles matches were William Klein over Larry Stein, 6-1, 6-3; Gary Einhorn over Dennis Phillippy, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; Gary Frank over Charles Berkhart, 9-7, 9-7; Jeff Carr over Rodger Morey, 6-3, 7-5; Don Austin over Chet Stroh, 6-2, 6-0; Bill Douglas over Steve Roberts, 6-2, 8-6.

In the doubles matches were Einhorn and Austin over Stein and Berkhart, 6-2, 6-3; Carr and Klein over Phillippy and Morey, 6-2, 6-2; Frank and Yeager over Stroh and Evans, 6-3, 7-5.

Soph Bill Douglas Wins 'Beacon' Nod For Power and Prowess in Tennis

With spring's sports well under way, the Beacon resumes its selection of outstanding campus athletes. This issue Bill Douglas, a handy man with a tennis racket, has been chosen for "Athlete" honors. Bill is a sophomore in Business Administration and is a resident of Barre Hall.

At Montrose High School, Montrose, Pa., Bill was a member of the basketball team for four years, lettering twice. In his junior year, his team was runner-up for the state title. In addition to his basketball participation, Bill was also a member of the track team. For Barre Hall, Bill participates in intramural basketball and football while awaiting the unlocking of the tennis courts in the spring. Summers, Bill is the Athletic Director at the Fieldstone Hotel in the Catskills.

Golfers Beat Mansfield; At E. Stroudsburg Today

The golf team added another victory to its record last Friday by turning back Mansfield State College, 12½ to 5½. Wilkes captured 5 out of 6 matches in the game played at the Irem Country Club.

The Colonels face Western Maryland and Lycoming in a tri-meet at Williamsport next Tuesday.

The results of the contest were: Barry Jones, M, over John Adams, 2½-½; James Ward, W, over Lee Clark, 2½-½; Bob Myers, W, over John Rudy, 2½-½; Bob Smulowitz, W, over Ed Bltruchitis, 2-1; Alex Paulanok, W, over Paul Weaver, 2-1; John Holmstrom, W, over Martin Waldron, 3-0.

This afternoon East Stroudsburg will host the Wilkes golf team.

Diamondmen Drop Sixth

Last Saturday the Colonel baseball team dropped its sixth game in as many outings this season. The Schmidtmen lost a 6-0 decision to the Lebanon Valley College nine. The contest was played at Annville.

The Colonels could collect only six safeties for hurler Joe Kruczek who suffered his third loss of the season. He pitched a complete game.

The Dutchmen broke loose for all six runs in the second inning which was capped by a bases-loaded triple by Ron Haines. Hal Ebersole also doubled for the winners in that frame.

Tuesday's game with Lycoming was cancelled.

Thus far this season, Bill's court record is unblemished. He remarked, however, about a close match at Susquehanna which was the only singles victory for the Colonels in the meet. Bill's play has certainly been one of the main reasons why the Colonels are looking forward to one of their best seasons in recent years. Bill commented that the team as a whole is stronger than in past seasons and is perhaps the strongest in the history of the College. This is due to the fact that the team has no individual star, though Bill seems to come close to fitting that description, but is composed of six solid competitors. Bill also added that the team enjoys playing, a vital ingredient to the success of any team.

It is Bill's wish that the student body would show more interest in the sport and would support the squad with better attendance at the matches. Bill commented on the six college courts as an asset to the College. He would like to see use made of them.

The team this year is definitely a credit to Wilkes and Bill is a prime reason for its success.

Thus, for his fine showing this season, Bill Douglas has been elected Beacon "Athlete of the Week."

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Athletic Director John Reese has announced that an intramural track meet will be held in the near future. Such an event is unprecedented at the College. Reese stated that the details of the meet are unsettled at present, but the final date, arrangements, and list of events will be announced soon. Help with timing and running the various events is needed from interested students.

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POLITICAL SCENE

by Vince McHale

The present Pennsylvania Constitution, the fourth such document for the State, became effective on January 1, 1874. The framers of our 1874 Constitution understandably hoped to prevent abuses in government from continuing or occurring; but in doing so, it appears as if they saddled the State with a fundamental law which so restricts and limits government on all levels in Pennsylvania, that it has been regarded as being out of date and a handicap to all our citizens practically within a single generation after its adoption.

Almost 90 years have passed since our Constitution was written and adopted. Its inadequacies have become "notorious" and have severely hampered the progress of our State, notably within the last 60 years. Since 1901, over ninety amendments have been proposed to make the Constitution more applicable and more responsive to the needs of the time. The voters saw fit to accept only 60 of these pro-

posals. The end result — a basic law more muddled and less responsive than ever.

Curiously, the present controversy in the State is not even the need for revision, but the means of going about it. The Committee for State Constitutional Revision stands firm on general revision, a complete re-writing of the basic document. Many of those of the legal profession and several other interested groups endorse revision by amendment as the best means of effecting the change. Which of the two methods is the better, of course, is difficult to decide, both have their advantages and disadvantages. While the fate of separate amendments can be decided over a period of time by the electorate on an individual basis, the question of calling a Constitutional Convention is a "one shot affair," being either accepted or rejected.

The most stubborn obstacle in either case has been voter apathy and lack of interest. As stated previously, the electorate has accepted only 60 of the 90 amendment

proposals since 1901. On the other hand, it is a recognized fact that the voters have shown repeatedly that they have no desire for a Constitutional Convention. Five times (1891, 1921, 1924, 1935, and 1953) since 1874 the Legislature has submitted the question of calling a Constitutional Convention and five times the question has been defeated. In fact, the lack of interest was most clearly demonstrated in 1953 when less than 11 per cent of the registered voters took advantage of the opportunity to vote for a Constitutional Convention; despite the active support of the administration then in power and of numerous citizen's groups and organizations.

Perhaps only when each Pennsylvania citizen and voter is made to realize that his own personal welfare and economic betterment depends upon a new State Constitution will constructive action be taken by the electorate at the polls.

(Next week's article will deal with the problems in a general revision of our State Constitution.)

'Babbitt' Discussed by Brominski at Forum; Popularity Explained

Sinclair Lewis' *Babbitt* was discussed at the Forum this week by Don Brominski. Written around 1924, *Babbitt* was introduced as a novel concerning a businessman who wants to break away from mid-western society. Dreams of a fairy girl, stated Brominski, are *Babbitt's* means of escape, as is his rebel friend, Paul Riesling.

Babbitt was ostracized from his step in the caste system of society when he becomes a profligate. After several acquaintances which attend this type of character, *Babbitt* then became a liberal. When his son elopes, *Babbitt* is at last happy because he hopes his son will aspire to his own dreams.

Brominski then stated that the book attained popularity in the decade it was written because of the satiric handling of *Babbitt*, the businessman; the book's permanent value, he said, is due to the developing of *Babbitt*, the individual.

Brominski feels that the satire of Lewis is obvious and quite effective, but that Lewis is not good at irony because his irony is also obvious, which ruins the effect.

Brominski then continued by saying that a novelist portrays life and attempts to cope with the problems of life. He thinks that Lewis achieved this purpose in his portrayal of *Babbitt*. Because the reader identifies himself with *Babbitt*, *Babbitt* is a "real" individual, which is brought about by the skillful handling of *Babbitt's* mind.

Brominski concluded by citing Mark Shorer's book, *Sinclair Lewis, An American Life*, as "the bible on Sinclair Lewis."

Harris Tobias is scheduled to speak next week.

Focus Panel Airs Sunday

"The role of the Community College" will be discussed on "Focus" this week. George F. Ralston, Dean of Men, will moderate the panel consisting of Joyce Cavallini, Alan Krieger, William Carver, and Brent O'Connell. Air time is Sundays at 11 p.m. on radio station WARM. "Focus" is created and produced by Livingston Clewell.

YEARBOOK NOTICE

Any student who has ordered a yearbook must give \$1.00 to Millie at the Bookstore and be sure to get a receipt before May 24. Elaine Collier, editor of the 'Amnicola,' announced that no new orders will be accepted and the yearbooks will not be issued until all orders have been paid for.

Student Government Concludes Plans For Annual Spring Weekend Affairs

Student Government is making its final preparations for the annual Spring Weekend to be held May 10, 11, and 12. Three full days of activities are scheduled to officially conclude the social activities for the 1962-63 school year.

On Friday evening, the Cinderella Ball will be held in the gym from 9-12 p.m., with music being provided by Gene Dempsey's orchestra. Tom Penhale is general chairman for this affair, which will officially commence the Weekend's activities.

All day Saturday, the Spring Carnival will be held in the Parrish Hall parking lot. This Carnival will be composed of individual booths to be operated by the various classes and organizations on campus. Games will be held, and prizes awarded. Jim Jenkins is in charge of this phase of the program.

The Weekend will come to a close on Sunday afternoon, when the official College picnic will be held at Kirby Park. Ed Rogalski announced that the day's activities will include softball, volleyball, archery and other games. Refreshments will be served.

MUSIC DEPT. NOTICE

All of those students who might be interested in helping to form a marching band are invited to attend an organizational meeting on May 6th in Gies Hall, Room 101A, at 4:00.

Frosh Entertained During Full Weekend of Activities

Ninety high school seniors spent the past weekend in a melee of telling tales and being plied with questions as a part of I.D.C. Freshman Weekend. The whole college co-operated in giving these students a preview of the academic and social life on the campus.

The whirlwind of activities began Friday with the showing of the English comedy "School for Scoundrels," followed by the Accounting Club dance.

Saturday gave the visitors a view of the intellectual life on campus. They attended various seminars and discussions, before lunch, and afterwards they went to either the Accounting Club seminar or the Biology Club fair. According to I.D.C. representatives, this science fair was very successful in impressing upon the freshmen the opportunities and accomplishments of biology majors at the college.

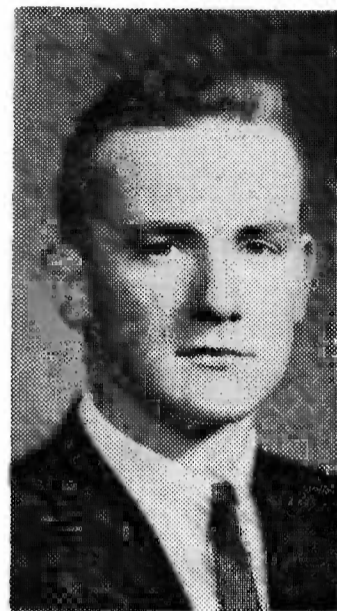
For dinner, the freshmen and other dorm students responded to the "call of the wild" and left the confines of the "caf" for the wide-open spaces of Kirby Park. No college weekend is complete unless future freshmen found their "Twilight Zone" at the Sterling-Butler Hall dorm party with music by the Rhythmic Aces. Sunday morning after church services, the Class of '67 left for home.

STUDENT SKETCH

Commerce & Finance Major Achieves Ideal Combination of Sports, Studies

Through the ages blondes and brains and brawn and brains seem to have acquired equal notoriety as impossible combinations. If these combinations are impossible then Charles Weiss, senior Commerce and Finance major, has accomplished the impossible. "Chuck" is not only blonde and brainy but brawny too.

Present captain of the soccer team, Charles recently combined his six foot height and 165 pound weight with another statistic, a near Dean's List average, to cop the President's Award which is given annually to the senior athlete with the highest cumulative academic average. He has played fullback on the College soccer team for three years, was co-captain of the team last year, and was a member of the All-East soccer team for the past two years.



Charles Weiss

Presently, Charles says, "I'm retired from everything really competitive other than my church bowling league." In this, his first year of bowling, he has attained a 160 average about which he says, "I'd like to pick that up considerably."

After graduation Charles intends to make golfing his sport. "Mr. Farrar says that everybody rich plays golf."

Because of his interest in business (and money), Charles worked in a supermarket and as a door-to-door salesman of encyclopedias and cookware. He was especially interested in the training period because of the "spiels" he was taught. But he doesn't like selling. "I always had the feeling that I was putting something over on the people."

When Charles' spare time isn't engaged in sports, it's spent painting still lifes in oil in a "strictly amateur" capacity. He stated, "It gives me a feeling of accomplishment even if it isn't too good."

His future plans include "wedding bells in June" and a position as staff trainee with Western Electric in Allentown.

APATHETIC ONLOOKER

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noted in the Sophomore World Literature sections than any other course of study offered in this College, a poor record due not to a student inability to read intelligently but to express themselves intelligibly, an art supposedly mastered in the freshman year. Solution for the problem would seem to lie merely in the 'stiffening' of the freshman courses; the courses, however, seem beyond such correction (ask any Sophomore).

One solution would be to submit all issues of *The Beacon* to the English department for evaluation and 'grades'. Authors of all articles would then have these grades recorded on their records. This, however, is more whimsical than Olsen's poem. The 'Apathetic Onlooker' can only ask for less haste and more grammatical logic on the part of 'would-be' student authors. Really!

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