Novice Debaters Make First Tournament Trip; Coaches Judge Contests

The Wilkes College debaters travelled to Lehigh University recently where they participated in non-decision debating. The purpose of the tournament was to determine which debaters will be presented trophies to the nation as national debaters.

Accompanied by Miss Charlotte Lord and Mr. Dirk Bissell, faculty members, the debaters attended seminars on evaluation of evidence, presentation, and debating terminologies. They also observed a model debate among the contestants of the University of Lehigh and the Bismark College. The debate was held in the Main Auditorium of Lehigh University. John Campbell, varsity debater, accompanied the team.

Rosemary Rush and James Treadvall, who have been judged the negative against the West Point team; Sandra Gassow and William Holmken, also negative, against Mansfield State College. In the affirmative Carrol Menegacci and Michael Landsman presented their case against Lehigh. As Anita Minde and Douglas Rivett against Bloomsburg.

The Wilkes coaches participated in the judging of two events, Miss Lord judging the Menasha vs. Woodside debate, and Mr. Bissell deciding the University of Pennsylvania vs. the College of New York event.

Mr. Bissell feels that the Wilkes team did "very well" Saturday and that the trip was "good preparation" for the upcoming Harvard Tournament to be held November 17 in Binghamton, New York, which will be decision debate. Wilkes will also travel to Temple University on December 1 where they will be hosted at another tournament.

New Math Instructor Favors Music and Golf

Mathematics and music might seem to be strange companions under the circumstances, but James De Cosmo finds them quite compatible.

Mr. De Cosmo, assistant professor of mathematics, came to Wilkes this September from Long Island, New York, where he was the head of the mathematics department at the University of Long Island. He has been a music lover for many years and has been involved in both music and mathematics since childhood.

While earning his bachelor's degree at the University of Long Island, Mr. De Cosmo attended the institute for graduate study and took private lessons in music.

Music being his chief interest, aside from his work, Mr. De Cosmo spends most of his leisure time listening to Italian and French operas, and also enjoys Scandinavian music.

"I grew up listening to Scandinavian music, and the radio was our main source of entertainment," Mr. De Cosmo said.

Cast Saves 'Cal'

During rehearsal for the musical "Music Man," Mrs. Mary J. Colson, 27, of Wilkes-Barre, a member of the cast, shot herself last week in the lobby of the auditorium where the show is being performed. It was reported that she had intended to end her life during the performance.

A serious fire was averted when an alert student, using a hand extinguisher which was carried to the scene by William C. Hymes, a member of the cast, and Mike Keating, another student, put out the fire before it had spread. Mrs. Colson was rushed to the hospital and is expected to recover.

Other members of the cast, who were also on the scene, reported that the fire was caused by an apron lying on a table in the auditorium. The fire was brought under control when the firemen arrived. Damage was limited to smoke and some water damage to the kitchen.

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by Mary Alice Gable

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Class Elects Officers

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Ballots were open for votes in the lobby of the cafeteria from 10:00 to 4:00 with all nomilles from the previous two years’ primary eligible for election.

The newly-elected Student Government Regarding attended their first student government meeting last Tuesday when they heard the report of the college’s financial status, purpose, and fundamentals.

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The Accounting Club will hold a dinner tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the College Commons for the purpose of providing a social dinner within the club itself and to new and old alums.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor
Wilkes College
Dear Editor:

Through Miss Nancy Palazolo, Secretary, Inter-Dormitory Council, we have learned that the delightful boxes of fascinating and colorful toys that have just arrived from the home of Mr. Sanford Valley Crippled Children’s Association have been donated by the Freshman class and collected by the members of the Freshman class.

It is a great pleasure to acknowledge these gifts and to state that the Freshman class has been most considerate and generous in its contribution, and sound and pleasure are all factors in the training of the physically handicapped child.

A conference with the Association’s kindergarten and nursery school teachers, I believe, is always pleasant. Mrs. Freda Halisch, a Wilkes 1960 graduate, has just arrived from the kindergarten at the Association’s gymnasium. A concert, featuring Maynard Franz, local banjo band, will highlight Saturday evening.

The price for the entire weekend was $5 per person, payable in advance.

We, the Weekend Council members, would like to extend our most sincere thanks of appreciation to the members of Wilkes College to attend this affair. We would also appreciate any future consideration in your event in your school newspaper.

Sincerely yours,

Gary and Cheryl Mong,
Weekend Council Co-Chairs

Mary Jean McMahon
Council member

Editorial

Your Yearbook in Difficulty

Our sister publication, the Announcer, has always had its troubles—mostly financial ones. Each year the publication has appealed to the campus and to the community for “booster” money to defray the costs of photographic films and development. Clubs and organizations sometimes purchased ads as a sort of “homework” for their members or for their places in the yearbook.

The Announcer has been construed as “payola.” Rather it was an attempt by campus groups to come to the aid of another. The College was proud of its yearbook, and showed it by its financial contributions.

According to this week’s front page story, though, the old has not been sufficient. One factor that has hurt the Announcer financially is the lack of interest in individual photos taken last year. The Intercom threatened to omit an entire class from its pages unless a specified number of individual photos were submitted.

This year, in order to publish, the yearbook has been forced to charge. Because the publications’ finished product is a last minute bi-monthly rush job, we are automatically left with the beauty and the excitement of campus life which we are all to subscribe. We want a yearbook at any cost.

Student Sketch

Senior Music Major Speculates;
Room for Improvement Needed

by Lillian Bedos

“More practice rooms and more Steinway pianos”—these are the only improvements that Jean McMahan, senior music major, would like to see.

Jean who began to play the piano at the age of ten attributes her being at Wilkes to Mrs. Ferdinando Livina, her first piano instructor. In fact, Jean says, “I knew when I was twelve that I wanted to go into music.”

And music has played an important part in Jean’s life ever since. She became involved in several musical activities in the high school. Jean decided to specialize in piano. She chose Wilkes, she says, because of the individual attention students get in a smaller college.

“In high school, if you wanted to make your music classes, each of us got the individual attention so necessary in this field.”

In her freshman and sophomore years, Jean took time out from music to serve on her Class Executive Council and as the faculty officer. Even now, with her heavy practice schedule, she finds time to represent Chairman Hall, her dormitory, in the Interdormitory Council, and also, since her first semester here, to be a perpetual Dean’s List student.

Besides playing from two to three hours a day for her classes, Jean spent her last two semesters dealing with the senior recitals, which entails many more hours of practice with the performers, and she teaches piano privately.

As a student of music, Jean belongs to the National Fraternity of Music and the Army and Navy Music Clubs. Through her association with this organization, this June she entered a hundred dollar cash prize for ten years of successive superior ratings in music.

As a teacher of music Jean befriends the National Guild of Piano Teachers. In this connection she helps piano students to take lessons and to participate in the contests.

In the near future, Jean will take part in a concert program, possibly at the end of her senior year. She will give her senior recital about April. She plans to further her career in music by going to graduate school, possibly to study conducting. Jean says, “I’m most interested in teaching. I would like to teach adults, since I’ve reached my Master’s degree, I’d like to teach at a college or a conservatory, or just at a school.”

Concerning Wilkes, Jean said that she has definitely been satisfied with all her courses here and especially pleased with the music department.

“I especially like Wilkes’ music department, because the music professors can perform a lot. This would never be possible at a larger college.”

Jean has seen many improvements in Wilkes since she has been there. She has noted the growth of the library, and especially the music collection, and the increase in the numbers of the student body.

Since she has entered the College received a great record collection; all we need now is some listening facilities.

In this year’s campus directory, Jean said that it is nice to know that plans are being made to build a new library and dorm building. Speaking in hyperbole, she said that she would like to see this campus have “a hundred practice rooms.”

The Apothecary Onlooker

by Jack Hardy

Osten Schroeder

Our local townie was seen on campus recently when Thurlow Mong, resident of Public Square, and his best friend, Chase Hall, strolled down River Street and began being philosophical with trenchant comments about the “new faculty bomb shelter” being constructed.

A group of students had gathered outside the English Department with a freshman, who was evidently endeavoring to dissuade him from “so erroneous an assumption.” Indeed, one of the faculty member happened by and quipped, “We’ve decided to resolve their argument.”

The faculty member (whose name was not given) said nothing, but looked, first at Thurlow, and then at the students with an unexplainedly “smug” smile, then hurried on to a class. This was a bit of which he already seemed late.

In a recent release by the Soviet News Agency, Tass, appeared an article of interest in a recent obscure page, headed "Siberian Slum Cleaners Encouraged for Early Stages." The story briefly lamented the failure of a late Soviet attempt to convert Siberian slums into productive areas. (The Washington Post)
Staunch Teamplay Key To Colonels Success by John H. Wilson

The Wilkes College hockey team, now 3-1 in the heart of the season, has a respect of 4-2 record this season. The girls have defeated Morrisian, Ritzie, and Col huinh while losing twice to Juniata. The Colonels' backfield to Poruban, Mullord, and Ray, has again played splendidly in the season with only five returning lettermen, but improved rapidly. Betty Jo Combs is the leading scorer in the team, but, of course, this season is better than the others. The Colonels have shown a strong defensive line and can make any player score. They have the necessary elements in the season, and have a better shot at the championship. The Wilkes' financial support is the key to their success. The Colonels are the leading team in the season with only one defeat.

John Gardner has been selected by the Beacon as this issue's "Athlete of the Week," in recognition of his outstanding efforts in the Colonels' backfield. He is a four-year starter, and has been a consistent performer. Gardner's selection is well-deserved, as he has been a valuable asset to the Colonels.

Swim & Stay Fit Program To Feature 50-Mile-Course swim by John H. Wilson

Wilkes College girls, under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Carmody and Robert Sallitt, pool director at the J.C.C., have been challenged to a physical fitness test in swimming. The advice from President Kennedy to "Swim and Stay Fit," the American Red Cross is sponsoring a program this year in which girls will be required to swim 50 miles in order to achieve the goal of improving physical fitness of the swimmer.

Values to the test:
1. Swimming is beneficial to both the body and the mind.
2. The program is proposed to anyone with a reasonable knowledge of swimming so as not to risk injury. The girls are encouraged to participate in this year's program.
3. It improves the circulation and control of body movements.
4. By completing the test, the girls receive a feeling of accomplishment in realizing what is required for a healthy body.

Who is eligible?
Any person, male or female, throughout the area, with reasonable swimming ability is eligible to enroll and participate in the program.

Requirements for completing the test:

1. The distance completed by each participant will be recorded on a chart. In addition each swimmer wearing a given wallet card which has his picture and a signature on it, will be in this category. This test is open to all persons.

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3. The goals to be achieved:
The girls who have entered the program are "Swim and Stay Fit" and Lorraine Tuff, Jo Ann Margolis, Michael Uffwog, Donna Salzador, Susan Stica, and Catherine Skapir.

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Whaddaya mean, "out of style"?

No doubt about it, the toga was "out of style" a few years ago. So was the gypsy fashions suit a few years ago. It hasn't been seen since, and it is thought that suit has come back as the latest fashions. In this new style, the toga is the popular choice. The toga is back in style, and is the latest fashion.

Open Monday thru Saturday
W. Northampton St. will be back...
THE POLITICAL SCENE
by Fred Smithson
In a few short days the citizens who will do the deciding in the candidates are now going into round of speeches, rallies, and town-meeting discussion. This period is important in that one small slip by either opponent, the spreading of small rumors, or the easing up by either candidate, can result in decisive votes.
Pennsylvania has over five million registered voters—the largest registration of any state in the country. These voters (who all have the political plums to back up the plums they have) are also the Republicans (the out party). Little bit of brain power, every one of them can be swept away.

ONLOOKER
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nevermore, and “downed” Yankee flyers, and prepared to be sent to Cuba to be sunk, were being unloaded “gently and smartly” back into “mothball.”
Failure was missed by many who had seen the possibility of growing clear: Havana on the horizon.
We notice that the Halloween spirit is galloping in evidence at the Third Floor, this month. Our connotations are extended both to the young and the very young. Paper cutouts and carved pumpkins, and to those students who wind up their disposition and disguises every day.
The most effective of these are the students who disguise themselves as children, for they cannot help but observe with admiration the degree of imagination, and the extent to which the prettiest children’s games come into the hands of the students. Everyone knows that he who has never played in the “fifty” for a contest of any kind, football, has missed the experience of his college career. Impaling fruit with paper cutout of effective cutout, and paper air-mailing of “greeting cards” in the true spirit of Halloween “preakness.”

JOSI... CAREERS...
What’s the difference between the two?
A JOB
The most necessary to earn a living or to supplement present limited
A CAREER
is a goal that avoids a man from becoming a professional, willing to make early career by working hard and achieving a position.
It MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHAT YOU DO!
We have again reached
TO REACH YOUR GOAL
with the best in your field, to offer!
CAREER POSITIONS
for training in Marketing, Advertising, Operations and Sales Promotion.
JOSI... CAREERS...
A full or PART time position is available.
MINES Bank
Barber Shop
Third Floor - Room 322
Mines Bank Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

BY APPOINTMENT:
Phone 34-3502
Frank A. Pugliese, Prop.
Formerly with Penndot.

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Phantoms Visit Campus Belatedly; Haunt “Artists and Models Ball”
An aura of spectral splendor, designed to please the most fanciful of phantoms, will set the pace for the “Artists and Models’ Costume Ball,” to be held tonight at 12 o’clock in the assembled haunting strains of Bobby Bean’s orchestra.

With this in mind we move forward.
Each week in this column, you shall be introduced to a few of the characters and occasionally folk music and rock ‘n’ roll. From time to time I’ll suggest places where you may hear good jazz being played live, in addition to my comment on the general jazz scene.
I’ll see you next week—on the mainstage.

Devises for Energy Conversion Discussed
Scientists are perfecting new devices for generating electrical energy. In a speech last Wednesday at the University of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the chemistry department discussed five such energy conversion devices.

In solar batteries, light excite electrons and produce electric energy. The thermionic converter, which converts heat energy into electrical energy, uses nuclear energy as the primary electron excitor. To convert mechanical energy into electrical energy scientists are working on a magneto-hydrodynamical generator (MHD), a thermonuclear device, also in the experimental stage, poses the problem of high electrical and low thermal conductivity.

For the past six years Dr. Reznick, a native of the Wyoming Valley, has been working on a method of converting chemical energy directly into electrical energy. He is searching for a higher conversion efficiency in the fuel cell, whose operation, concept, incidentally, was to convert coal to electrical energy.

THATCHER
Hats are a consuming passion.
Could it be that in the end, instead of catcalls, we shall be consumed by our own hats?
I have by no means exhausted the subject, nor have I offered any sure way to satisfy it. I shall be satisfied if my comments furnish some of the arguments around the lunch tables in the Commons or at the “bull” sessions in the Co-op.

The Education Club’s Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 11 E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre, 6:30 to 8:30 on Thursday, November 29th. All are invited and will be served at the door. They may be obtained from any member of the Education Club or at the Bookstore.