Debating Society Initiates New Program

by Ruth Pritilla

The tradition established by the Wilkes Debating Society since it received the national trophy at West Point in 1955 has set a definite goal for its present members. With the help of their advisor, David Fendrick, the Society has planned a comprehensive program which will help to develop the College’s forensic talent. The purpose in developing this new program, as stated by Ephraim Franks, president of the Society, “is to raise logicality, tactfully and humorously — on your feet!”

In order to acquire information for their present topic, Resolved: That the Federal Government Implement a National Program of Public Work for the Unemployed, the debaters have contacted the governors and attorney generals of the Fifty states. Franks explained that a large amount of general information was received from the governors and attorney generals likewise contributed information on state laws concerning unemployment.

After unemployment data was accumulated, the debaters’ next step was to compile the most recent and accurate statistics for a more thorough preparation for the debating season. The research was conducted in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Eugene, Northwest, two states in which the history department is located.

Ephraim Franks, president, discusses debating topic with Mr. Robert Werner of the economics department and Dr. William Bliss of the history department.

The Society feels that certain faculty members would be helpful in preparing its topic. Franks stated that they already have a lot of material to lecture at future meetings.

Two faculty members have already spoken to the group. Dr. William Bliss of the history department recently presented a lecture involving basic research methods which would be of value to the debaters. These methods include the use of the local libraries, advice from local officials in unemployment offices, and research teams.

Congratulations, Athletes

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Get your ticket from the Lettermen

Christmas Previews At
“Wonderland In White”

The annual Christmas Formal “Wonderland in White,” sponsored by the Lettermen’s Club, will be held at the Manfield Ballroom on Friday, December 11, from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Tickets are $3.00 per couple and music will be provided by Herb Green and the Lettermen.

President Tom Troseth has announced that in order to cut expenses the club has made arrangements for students to obtain tickets for five dollars at Baum’s.

Decorations for the evening will be a product of Lettermen’s initiative. In the center of the floor will be a massive Christmas tree silvered and decorated by the Lettermen. The centerpieces for each table, also hand cut, will consist of white holly, decorated with poinsettia and blue candles. The back-drop winter scene will be done in blue and white.

Punch, spouting from a silver white fountain, will be served along with cookies as the night’s refreshments.

Polaroid pictures taken of each couple will be placed in a program and given as souvenirs.

As a finale, George Ralston, accompanied by Milly Girres at the piano, will grace the Lettermen in the singing of Christmas carols.

Christmas Spirit Replete with Trees, Snowflake Queen

This Christmas season the College will have its own Christmas tree, donated by Dr. Faskey. On December 12, at 6:30 p.m., students will gather to sing carols and join in the holiday spirit. Any student who has tree decorations he would like to loan to Student Government should contact the Chuck Fred or bring them to the Student Government office.

At next week’s meetings, December 10, from 2 to 5 p.m., the purpose of this affair is to provide an opportunity for the elderly people in the neighborhood to gather and socialize for an afternoon.

Entertainment for the Christmas Party is customarily provided by the children of the faculty. Marianna Morel will play the guitar and sing. Highlighting the afternoon, Santa Claus will be present to distribute gifts to the guests of honor.

The homes from which the guests have been invited are Valley Gardens, Summit Nursing Home, Franklin Village, Sutton Home, and the Home for Homeless Women.

Maryann Ostrowski and Julie Palote are general co-chairmen for the Christmas Party.

Heavy voting and large pluralities marked the recent election of freshman class officers. Ned Williams defeated three opponents by a large majority. Vice-president is France Olsow, who won over four opponents by a large plurality. The race for class secretary was narrowly won by Maureen Plaece, who defeated Mary Gunther, Cheryl Naples by sixteen votes. Basil Russin was victorious by a wide margin in the election for class treasurer. Of thirteen students who competed, Jani Rubin, Judy Simonsen, Matt Fless, and Joe Kiefer were elected Student Government representatives.

President Williams said, “I would like to make a plea for those who elected us officers to support us.” At the class meeting scheduled for December 16, he plans to open up for discussion suggestions to earn money for the class treasury. He urges attendance of all class members at the meeting reminding them that if they do not attend, they count as a regular assembly cut.

He stated that anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the freshman class executive council may attend and will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Commons on December 10.

Williams held the first meeting of the newly elected officers recently, and will hold another meeting on Monday, December 7.

Anybody who has completed a speed reading course in the past five years, in high school or elsewhere, please contact Dr. Bliss, extension 68, Decker Annex.

TDR Hosts “Golden Agers”

 Theta Delta Rho will sponsor the annual Golden Agers’ Party, at Mr. Clarck Hall, Thursday, December 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. The purpose of this affair is to provide an opportunity for the elderly people in the neighborhood to gather and socialize for an afternoon.

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Dear Editor:

It was an interesting discovery for me to pick up last week’s Beacon and find that I had composed “Why Not Socialism” in a state of absolute hysteria. It seems to me, however, that the author of “Why Not Capitalism” hurled a great many insults at myself and the concerns of what was set forth in my letter. I would like to expand upon some of the points he made in the form of a question on what the political questions as having any validity.

I stated, “Socialism has been a failure wherever it has been tried.” Miss Utopia contends that a more ridiculous statement could not have been formulated. At first glance one might accept such a criticism, but let’s you and I look at it a little more closely. The largest single obstacle to the success of Socialism has been the lack of foresight of a few planners in planning for a large country. A perfect case in point is Sweden, which has a successful socialistic economy. But her very success has been due to the fact that she is small, as a small country, is relatively easy to control. If you are willing to apply the over-all planning of the economy, the larger the country the more difficult it seems to be to anticipate and plan for the diverse needs of the people who are spread across many temperate and time zones.

Science Deals With Facts; Morality With Values

Stanko M. Vujica, Philosophy-Religion Department

In response to the editor’s letters, I take part in the Beacon’s panel on morality. I shall limit myself entirely to commenting on the idea that “a system of morality can be derived by the simple application of the scientific method, which it is claimed is the method Karl Popper has summarized in his book The Place of Value in a World of Fact.”

This view is but a logical extension of a broader philosophical outlook which is sometimes called scientism and may be defined as the tendency to think of man in merely scientific terms and to apply exclusively scientific solutions to man’s problems.

My remarks are not intended to either attack or defend this position, but rather to point out some fairly obvious difficulties and hazards inherent in any attempt to derive morality from science.

To begin with, it seems to me that to talk about a scientific morality is almost a contradiction in terms, as if one were to speak of scientific deals with facts, morality with values; science deals with what is, morality with what ought to be. Science describes, but does not prescribe. Science is not an art. It is an instrument of discovery. It is an excellent poison, but it says nothing on whether or not you ought to poison yourself—or your mother-in-law. In other words, to close down with a scientific morality, given the means for whatever our ends happen to be, but they can say nothing about what ends we ought to pursue.

Should we cultivate the spirit of independence and rugged individualism, as we were urged to do in the recent political campaign? Shall we increase our cooperation with our fellow men? Shall we accept the Nietzschean ideal of a “master-morality” by encouraging the weak and opposing the strong? Is not a society which protects the weak and the unfit? Should we condition our youngsters so that they would be incapable of feeling any compassion about another race, another country, another religion? Should we inculcate into our young people the ideal of a Komsomol youth who does not hesitate to Denounce to the police his father and mother and neighbors? Alas, on all these questions science and the scientific method are silent, and the silence, as the phrase goes, is deafening.

The German rocket scientists worked first for Hitler and his ideal of a great society; later, following their capture, they worked with equal abandon for Stalin’s dictatorship and for our own democracy. And again, it is supposed that the example served will put loyalty to their profession above all other loyalties.

The temptation to advance one’s own science at whatever cost is very great. If this sounds too pessimistic, just remember again that we have a cadre of people in concentration camps—the kind of which we would hesitate to perform with animals.

Add to the above the hazard arising from the reformer’s zeal. A reformer’s utter absorption in fantasy and his feat of a visionary and his self-righteousness of belief in a cause is singularly insensitive to the evilness of the means. There is no more potentially dangerous individual than a fellow with a savior-complex in his head and a blue-print of a utopia in his pocket. For, as a Chinese sage said more than two thousand years ago, when such a person acts and finds no response, he rolls up his sleeves to force it on others.

Final Point

This leads to my final point. The experience with the experiments to achieve a perfect human community on a scientific basis has been far from reassuring. The Marxists take great pride in the success and in the fact that the example served would put loyalty to their profession above all other loyalties. It is not by their own judgment that they proceed with the laboratory testing of its validity and do it with an impersonal, scientific cold-bloodedness, with all value judgments excluded. But, by their own statements, they are value judgments left out. If a few million human beings must be liquidated, because they oppose the experiment, it is too bad. “One cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs.” Indeed, the result was a favorable omen to Stalin. Those who survive, the human guinea pigs in this experiment in human engineering, must be kept under complete control, which, after all, is a scientific requirement. It is an exhaustion of police and the government propagandists, versed in the techniques of conditioning and brainwashing, are assigned the task of seeing to it that the conditions of the experiment are continued. What we have is a group of people who are made to feel that they are a part of a happy, free society and incapable of anti-social behavior.

In his novel Darkness at Noon, Arthur Koestler writes of the hardened young Communist Ivanov giving answer to an old man and saying, “I do not understand the need for scruples of conscience about what they were doing”:

“Every year several million people are killed quite legally by epidemics, and other natural catastrophes. And we shrink from watching a few bases in a situation for the most promising experiment in history. In not to mention the legions of those who die of undernourishment and tuberculosis in coal and quick-silver mines, rice fields and cotton plantations. No one takes any notion of them; no one makes a fuss about it. It is not that they are not aware of it; they are simply determined to keep the society going. This is just what Koysin and Brezhnev have found in Russia. Let’s face it. Ugly as it may seem, the profit motive has managed to keep the society going. Now, if you would have to turn out the power? Even in the U.S.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Paul Bedford—friend, neighbor, and former trustee of the College—recently passed away after a long illness. Active in numerous community projects, Mrs. Bedford brought international recognition for founding the U.S. Union for a Larger Freedom. She was also one of those who subscribed to the idea that we are the only system suffering from this malady of technical unemployment: Russia in particular is suffering to a greater degree from this same problem.

U.S. CAPITALISM NOT PURE

Miss Utopia has indicated in her letter that “pure capitalism is not the way to peace.” Miss Utopia may not have noticed, but in the last 60 years the U.S. has been a long way from a pure capitalist system. Anti-trust legislation and hundreds of other legislatures have long ago made the U.S. a mixed capitalist economy.

In closing, I would like to say a few words about the U.S. as a country which lies just beyond her socialism. (By the way, the Communists have been saying Utopia is just around the corner from their system for every one of the last 60 years.) You, the reader, to whom I refer the Reader, to try to imagine the Red Utopia vividly with a few moments and visualize Utopia College which is just the Utopia a few decades ago. It is there that every child is endowed with the brains of a C at every course regardless of his effort or extent of knowledge of the subject, and after four glorious years everyone graduates together. Being very realistic about the whole of this dream, ask yourself how many people would study diligently without the incentive of grades. Honestly now, would you, if no matter what you did you evaluated every hour and every minute and every course regardless of his effort or extent of knowledge of the subject, and after four glorious years everyone graduates together. Being very realistic about the whole of this dream, ask yourself how many people would study diligently without the incentive of grades. Honestly now, would you, if no matter what you did you evaluated every hour and every minute and every course regardless of his effort or extent of knowledge of the subject, and after four glorious years everyone graduates together. Being very realistic about the whole of this dream, ask yourself how many people would study diligently without the incentive of grades. Honestly now, would you, if no matter what you did you evaluated every hour and every minute and
Writer Appeals To Sense Of Pride

Dear Editor:

I would like to know if anything can be done about the dirty coffee cups left on the tables in the caf. People come to have coffee between classes. When they finish, they do not seem to have the decency or sense to take back the dirty cup. Aside from looking sloppy, the accumulation of cups makes it almost impossible to eat at the tables. Last Friday, I counted fifteen cups and saucers and three soup bowls left on the table. I think this is disgraceful, and I hope that something will be done. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ellen Feinstein

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by Barbara Simms

Ed Wallison, a Wilkes graduate of the class of 52, has returned to the College as public relations director. In the years following his graduation, Mr. Wallison has pursued various fields.

After serving two years in the United States Air Force, he applied for the C.I.A. In 1954. Checking and clearing of applicants takes at least six months, and "while awaiting the completion of this process, I began a fifth year at Wilkes to earn teacher certification. When I was asked as a technical writer, I was engrossed in school and I decided to remain to receive my certification."

After teaching in New York for two years Mr. Wallison returned to this area in 1957. He taught public speaking at Kingston High School until 1962. During his years at Kingston High, he was affiliated on a part-time basis with radio stations WNAK, WILK and WEIL. In addition, Mr. Wallison received his master's degree in political science from Bucknell University in 1960. In 1962, he began working full time in the announcing and promotion departments of radio WEIL in Scranton, where he remained until August, 1964, when he returned to the College.

When asked why he became interested in public relations, he said, "just dealing with the public is a fascination in and of itself, that in the public is made up of just so many individuals, each of which is fascinating in his own right." On leaving the College, he stated, "The element with which I am most impressed in the field of cooperatives which challenges and permeates the thinking of all at the College. And I believe this is as it should be, in that we are all working toward a common goal."

Mr. Wallison prepared this statement concerning the functions of public relations:

"If we may be allowed to utilize the Beacon as a messenger of sorts, we would direct a few words to the student body.

"The main function of the Public Relations Office is communication with the public. This is accomplished primarily via the area newspapers, radio and television stations."

Sincerely,

Edward Wallison

"As anyone would admit, effective communication calls for effective coordination and dissemination of the information and news involved. This is not possible if students take it upon themselves to attempt communication with the public on their own terms, whether individually, or as a representative of a student organization. Surely there is a good reason to avoid such action; it is in direct conflict with College policy, violates the protocol expected by news media, and can lead to unnecessary duplication and complication."

"We would therefore ask that any student contact with the public that will carry the name "Wilkes" along with it, whatever the reason and media involved, first be cleared through the Public Relations Office. Mrs. Fritz and I are more than willing, at any time, to offer our cooperation to any student or student organization, and hope that this feeling will be reciprocal."

Mr. Wallison, in his spare time, enjoys billiards. "I have been known to wield an effective cue," he said with a laugh. When asked his opinion of woman's invasion into the male sanctuary, the pool hall, he smiled and said, "I find the idea a very tasteful one because it will surely tend to change the attitude of the masses toward a very enjoyable and relaxing activity. Either this will be the case, or we shall end up with some rather hardened and calloused young ladies."

Another of his hobbies is woodworking. Even while in the college preparatory course in high school, he took at least a one-shop course every year. I found it personally satisfying to create things by hand while being constantly involved with things of an academic nature. I find woodworking very fascinating. The creation of a French Inlaid Lamp of black walnut and white maple, which I made one time, is a challenge in one sense of the word, as would be the effective completion of an article in another."

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As the clouds of dust are settling over the many gridirons across the country, I am ready to select my final "Top Ten" and pass on the "roses" to those players who have earned them.

The last two weeks have produced the major upsets of the year. Nebraska's 17-game winning streak was stopped by Oklahoma, and Army broke the spell Navy held over them. The biggest upset of the year occurred as the bubble over Notre Dame burst when an inspired Southern California came from behind to defeat the "Flaunting Irish." Despite the loss, I feel Notre Dame still has the best team in the country. They play the toughest schedule of anyone in the nation. They have no weaker games, as many of the major college teams do. Alabama and Arkansas have good teams, but their schedules are somewhat softer than that of Notre Dame.

Here is the final "Top Ten":

1. Notre Dame
2. Alabama
3. Arkansas
4. Oregon State
5. Michigan
6. Nebraska
7. Oregon State
8. Ohio State
9. Princeton
10. Tulsa

Finding Tulsa and Princeton in the "Top Ten" may be surprising to some, but not if one takes a look at the records. Tulsa has Jerry Rhone, who has set over 13 new college passing records and Howard Truvis-Bey, who has set a pass catching record, in addition to being one of the top scorers in the country. Princeton was undefeated, has one of the finest coaches in the country, and has the best fullback in country in Cozmo Lavocezi.

As the season ended, my record was 149 right and 54 wrong or a .733 percentage. Since beginning my predictions last season, I have compiled an overall record of 238 right and 87 wrong for a .732 percentage.

I pick Ara Parseghian as Coach of the Year for bringing the Irish of Notre Dame back into prominence as a major football power. He took Notre Dame from a 2-8 record to a 9-1 record and turned unknown players into great stars. With Ara at the helm, the Irish will be experiencing greatness for some time to come.

Lineman of the year goes to Jack Snow of Notre Dame. Snow's emergence as a top pass receiver is one of the major reasons the Irish had a great season. Other top linemen were Dick Butkus, Tommy Nobles, Glen Resler, Steve DeLong, Archie Sutton and Ronnie Caveren.

Back of the year was a toss-up between Jerry Rhone and John Huarte, but Rhone's individual record was the deciding factor. Rhone led Tulsa from shambles to a great season and a bowl bid. Other top backs include Joe Namath, Cozmo Lavocezi, Craig Morton, Tucker Fredrickson and Ed Sayers.

Comeback of the year goes to John Huarte of Notre Dame. Huarte played only 95 minutes last season, had a shoulder injury in spring practice and nearly had to have an operation. Huerre won the Heisman Trophy and was the main cog in the potent Irish offensive attack with his fine passing and running.

WRESTLERS AND CAGERS TO PLAY

The basketball team plays at home on Saturday night at 8:15 in a game with Purdue. The Colonels invited their season on Thursday at Kutztown.

The wrestlers open their season tomorrow in a triangular meet with Army and Rochester Institute of Technology at West Point.

Basketball Schedule
Dec. 3 - Kutztown away 8:30
Dec. 5 - Ithaca home 8:15
Dec. 7 - Scranton away 8:30
Dec. 9 - Lycoming home 8:15
Dec. 12 - Juniata home 8:15
Dec. 16 - Dickinson away 8:30
Jan. 7 - Elizabethtown away 8:15
Jan. 9 - Lebanon Valley away 8:15
Jan. 13 - Scranton home 8:15
Jan. 16 - Del. Valley away 8:00
Jan. 30 - Madison-FDU home 8:30
Feb. 1 - E. Stroudsburg away 8:15
Feb. 5 - Harpur home 8:15
Feb. 6 - Rutgers (S.Jersey) home 8:15
Feb. 10 - Lycoming away 8:15
Feb. 13 - Upsala away 8:15
Feb. 17 - Drew home 8:30
Feb. 20 - Moravian home 8:30
Feb. 27 - Mankato away 8:15
March 3 and 6 - MAC Tournament at Gettysburg

Wrestling Schedule
Dec. 5 - Trip-Meet RIT - Wilkes at Army
Dec. 12 - Ithaca away 3:00
Dec. 18 - Del. Valley home 8:00
Jan. 9 - C. W. Post away 2:00
Jan. 16 - Hofstra home 8:00
Jan. 30 - Madison-FDU home 7:00
Feb. 8 - Mansfield away 8:00
Feb. 13 - Lycoming away 7:00
Feb. 17 - E. Stroudsburg away 7:00
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