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## Formal ignites yuletide

by Pat Moir

The social highlight of the Yuletide season is the Lettermen's Christmas Formal which will take place this evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Columbian Room of the Kingston House. Decorations will be red and green in harmony with the Christmas spirit. Music for the evening will be provided by Herbie Greene's Orchestra.

A receiving line headed by Dean Ralston and his wife and consisting of other faculty and Administration members will greet all who attend. One of the highlights of the evening will be the singing of Christmas carols by the Lettermen led by Dean Ralston.

General chairman of the affair is

Mike Romeo. Committee chairmen are: Joe Wiendl, tickets; Mike Babuschak, publicity; and Bruce Comstock, decorations. Fran Olexy is club president.

When asked to comment on tonight's formal, Dean Ralston said: "The Lettermen's Club, as sponsor of this evening once a year, finances a great portion of the dance and expects no profit. The only benefit sought is the opportunity for students to enjoy a formal dance."

Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and may be purchased at the Bookstore or from any Letterman. Any Letterman who sold ten or more books of tickets for the Homecoming raffle is entitled to a free ticket.

## Twenty plan constitution

Twenty elected delegates to the Constitutional Convention met last Sunday evening to discuss the problems that each of the committees on the senate, executive and student court would have to solve. Judy Simonson began by explaining the present SG convention structure and how because of a lack of people and time nothing can be solved. She pointed out that the 20 members of Student Government meeting once a week cannot even begin to solve college problems under the present constitution. It was pointed out that even by enlarging Student Government as it exists, it needs a larger delegation of power to cope with the present situation.

The problem of incorporating the honor system into the new constitution was discussed. Most of the delegates felt that the problem would only be passed over lightly in the constitution. The present student government merits were discussed, plus methods for creating greater student involvement in campus affairs. No motions were made at the meeting.

Carl Siracuse, chairman of the judiciary formulation committee, stated



Seated L. to R.: Katie Eastman, Judy Simonson, Tom Kelly. Standing are Bill Downey and Carl Siracuse.

that: "A student court had been provided for under the present constitution, yet never to have been used in my three years at the College, which only proves that a constitution is only a piece of paper unless it is supported

and followed.

"The issues of this committee include: interpretation of the constitution in regard to the actions of the other branches of the government. (Continued on page 3)

## Dialogue provides answers

Fraternities, off-campus living, development, tuition, and dormitories were among the topics of a dialogue among Dr. Farley, members of the Administration, and approximately 60 students at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 29.

The discussion covered only a portion of the planned agenda in the lengthy meeting, which was organized around the subjects of endowment, faculty, and facilities, but which branched into other areas of the College.

The most provocative part of the meeting was a question period following the Administration speakers. One student present asked whether, now that the smaller residences no longer exist, will social fraternities now be allowed on campus.

### Frats Dead

Dr. Farley stated that fraternities are a dying institution and against the policy of the College. Any organization which excludes anyone from membership is not allowed on campus.

Answering a question regarding the policy of off-campus housing, Dr. Farley said that only under very special circumstances is this type of arrangement allowed. Off-campus living does not allow control over the students; past experience has brought elements of immorality into student conduct. He said that questions of fraternities and sororities and off-campus housing are college policy and that any student not in agreement with this policy has the choice of pursuing his education elsewhere.

### Abandonment

The growth of the College was discussed. Dr. Farley explained that a new dormitory will be built in conjunction with the old one as soon as property is available. He also stated that the College will eventually move from the first block of South River Street, abandoning its property there. This property includes Parrish Hall and several residence halls.

Other questions revealed the information that the tuition of the College is the second lowest of private colleges in the state and the fact that the College is on a list of the 92 most competitive colleges in the country.

### Endowment

Walter Mohr, director of development, began the meeting by discussing the endowment and finances of the College. He revealed that the present endowment amounts to approximately \$3,500,000, which produces an annual income of \$150,000. The endowment has been growing steadily since the founding of the College; that amount,

enrollment and the student tuition, provides the necessary capital for the College.

Mr. Mohr and other members of the panel of Administration also revealed some of the building programs to be undertaken in the near future. An addition to the Center for the Performing Arts will be started in 1969 to house the music department. An addition to the New Men's Dormitory is also planned for the near future as well as another classroom building to increase the space now available at the College.

Mr. Mohr concluded with an explanation and report on the various campaigns to raise money for the new library, general building fund, and other development programs. He stated that the student has a responsibility to the College's development through the picture of the College he exemplifies.

### Faculty growth

In his remarks, Dr. Michelini outlined the departments and upgrading the salaries of the faculty. Dr. Michelini explained that surveys of various other institutions have shown that the ideal size of a college ranges from 2,500 to 4,000 students. A number lower than that creates the problem of attracting faculty to teach in undermanned departments where variety of opinion is not available.

Each year, to improve faculty salaries, the College tries to raise the scale of one of the classifications of faculty: instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor.

### Facilities strained

Dr. Michelini also pointed out the problems in classroom facilities. The present facilities are being used to approximately 85 per cent of capacity, compared to about 50 per cent capacity in comparable colleges. The College is especially short of larger classroom facilities accommodating students for large lecture classes, the Dean stated.

The students were also informed that upon the completion of the new library, Kirby Hall will become the home of the language department. This will provide additional classroom space. The addition to the Center for the Performing Arts will release building facilities now occupied by the music department.

Dean Ralston next commented on the growth of dormitory facilities. In 1946 the two dormitories were Butler and Susquehannock, housing 30 men and women. At present there are 709 men and women housed in 21 facilities. There are 18 women's dormitories, housing 349 women, while the 360

## Chorus, percussion group give initial season concert

The College Chorus and Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Richard Chapline, gave their first concert of the season last night in the Fine Arts Center. Accompanied by Tom Jones and Anita Humer, the Chorus opened the concert with "A Song for Counting" by Ernest Lubin, "Say, Now Ye Lovely Social Band" and "Sweet Canaan" by Clifford Taylor, and a version of "Listen to the Mocking Bird" arranged by Jan Meyerowitz.

The Percussion Ensemble was next in the program and played "Prelude — A Vision of Peace" by Theodore Snyder and "Skirmish" by John J. Rapp. The members of the ensemble are Philip Gasbarro, David Jackson,

Vincent Hurley, Daniel McManus, Michael Stair, Robert Wallace, Edward Zacko, and Robert Zeglarski.

The chorus then returned to the stage and sang "The Succession of the Four Sweet Months" and "Ballad of Green Broom" both from *Five Flower Songs* by Benjamin Britten.

After the intermission the concert was concluded with *Liebeslieder Walzer* (op. 52) by Johannes Brahms. The critic Hanslick, Brahms great advocate, has said of these pieces: "Brahms and Waltzes! The two words stare at each other in positive amazement on the elegant title-page. The earnest, silent Brahms, a true younger brother of Schumann, and just as North Ger-

man, Protestant, and unwordly as he . . . writing waltzes! There is only one word which solves the enigma, and that is . . . Viennal!"

As texts Brahms chose poems from Daumer's *Polydora*, a collection of translations and imitations of folk poetry, mostly Russian, Polish, and Magyar. The joy and rapture of love seem to be the predominating sentiment in them. Brahms, when he labeled this opus for "piano duet with voices ad libitum," inferred the possibility of performance without the vocal parts. Performed originally by solo quartet, the vocal lines lend themselves well to performance by small chorus. These waltzes reflect the Magyar and Slavic spirit of their texts.

## Ambassador illuminates Russia

Russian youth hold no viewpoints fundamentally different from those of the older generation. No hippies are present in Russia. The young people in Russia are completely sympathetic with the ideals of Russian Communism. These are the major conclusions concerning the youth in Russia today in an address delivered by Ikar Ivanovich Zavrzhnov on November 29 at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Zavrzhnov, attache from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, was the featured speaker in a lecture presented by the Russian Club. A film shown in conjunction with the lecture depicted the events that take place at a typical summer camp in Russia.

### Siberia

When asked how the students were placed in jobs after they finished their education, Mr. Zavrzhnov said that the government places the student in a position. He also added that if the "student does not want that position," he "goes to Siberia for three years."

In answer to the question, "Why was Boris Pasternak's *Dr. Zhivago* not published in Russia?", he stated that it was not published because of "literary shortcomings." Mr. Zavrzhnov said, "Pasternak failed as an

artist."

He was then asked about the psychological effects of World War II on Russians. Mr. Zavrzhnov stated, "Since World War II, Russia has become a peace loving nation."

### No discrimination

He was also asked about discrimination and class distinction in Russia. He said there was none.

When asked about the war in Vietnam, Mr. Zavrzhnov stated, "If North Vietnam asks Russia for help, there will probably be a third world war."

His lecture outlined contemporary Russian education; the three basic divisions are primary schools, secondary schools and the university.

### Schools

The secondary schools and universities are subdivided into technical and academic branches. At the end of the primary level the student decides whether to pursue an academic or technical curriculum. The academic course leads to the university and the technical provides vocational training. Students in the vocational secondary schools do not go on to college.

Those students completing the academic secondary schools take a series



IKAR I. ZAVRZHNOV

of tests to determine whether they will further their education at either a university or an institute. Mr. Zavrzhnov said that competition to enter these schools was strong. There are approximately ten students for each position in the universities and institutes.

The last year of study consists of writing a research paper called a diploma. This paper is comparable to the thesis written by graduate students aspiring to obtain their doctorate degree. The student must be able to defend his diploma paper before professors and students. If he fails, he tries again until he passes.

Editorial

# The Involvement Attempt

The recent dialogue between students and Administration, led by Dr. Farley, signals the beginning of sorely needed discussion between the policy-makers and the policy-takers. The discussion provided two hours of conversation clarifying the role of various departments of the Administration and outlining the future development of the College. The question and answer period provided the most provocative moments in the meeting and answered (although not always satisfactorily) questions proposed by the students.

More important perhaps, the meeting seemed to have a unifying effect on those members of the student body who had been so long concerned with various areas of the College. This meeting, as well as the activities of the Constitutional Convention has generated a spirit of action in certain elements of the student body. Although it has affected only a few, so far, the enthusiasm is intense and will, perhaps, spread to the students not yet involved.

Unfortunately, the meeting has been viewed by some as a fruitless attempt. This is not true. If nothing else, the meeting was informative and served to define opposing viewpoints. The students and Administration were able to test their opinions to determine where agreement is possible.

The question of social organizations and possibility of allowing off campus housing were found to be immovable policies of the Administration, subject to no changes. Dr. Farley's emphatic denials of fraternities and students living off-campus indicated firm resolve in these areas. However there still remain other areas where the student's opinion can be exercised to create some productive results.

Foremost is the area of new programs being developed by the College. The graduate and research programs require expenditures of large amounts of College resources. What will this expenditure mean to the undergraduate? New residence facilities, and academic facilities will also require vast expenditures and students should assure themselves that these building programs are of highest priority for their educational development.

The role of the student in evaluating the faculty and determining new courses offers a fertile field for discovery. Who can better testify to the performance of a faculty member than the student who lives through his courses? Does not a student have a basic idea of what new material will be necessary for him to compete with his society? Where are the academic areas that the student would enjoy exploring?

The concerns of the College Administration are directly involved in questions of student discipline in addition to development. Student ability to discipline itself can be demonstrated to the Administration through the Student Government. The changes being made there will indicate where the possibilities for administrative changes lie. An active SG is the best method to promote change.

## What - Where - When

- CHRISTMAS FORMAL — Lettermen's Club — Columbian Room of the Kingston House — Tonight, 9 p.m. — 1 a.m.
- MANUSCRIPT FILM — "Long Day's Journey into Night" — CPA — Tonight, 7 & 9 p.m.
- WRESTLING — Wilkes vs. Hartwick — Away — Tomorrow, 2 p.m.
- BASKETBALL — Wilkes vs. Madison FDU — Away — Tomorrow, 8:15 p.m.
- DANCE — Biology Club — Gym — Tomorrow, 9-12 p.m.
- CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MEETING — Stark 116 — December 10, 6:45 p.m.
- BASKETBALL — Wilkes vs. Philadelphia Pharmacy — Away — December 12, 8 p.m.
- WRESTLING — Wilkes vs. Appalachian State — Home — December 12, 8 p.m.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY — IDC — Student Union — December 13, 8-11 p.m.
- CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY — Gym — December 14, 11 a.m. (Attendance is Required)
- BAND CONCERT — CPA — December 14, 8:30 p.m.
- BASKETBALL — Wilkes vs. Scranton — Home — December 14, 9:30 p.m.
- WRESTLING — Wilkes vs. Keystone JV — Home — December 14, 6 p.m.
- WRESTLING — Wilkes vs. Kutztown — Home — December 14, 8 p.m.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY — TDR — McClintock Hall — December 14, 2-5 p.m.

## Letters to the editor

# Sophomores Fight On

To the Editor:

It finally happened. Last week the debate, and the attempt for fruitful dialogue on problems affecting the students at Wilkes College were tried. This three-hour meeting between Dr. Farley and the sophomore class officers took place on November 27. This confrontation has been inevitable since Zig Pines' letter (Nov. 3) brought up some social, academic, and educational problems at Wilkes, namely those concerning registration, the Bookstore, the cafeterias, social restrictions, the grading system and the basic right and freedom of students to act on problems directly concerning them. This was followed by requests by President Farley (Nov. 10) and Dr. Mizianty (Nov. 17). The *Beacon's* request (Dec. 1)

was a bit late. (It's good to be on top of the news!)

Unfortunately, the results were as fruitful as a rotten banana from the cafeteria. Dr. Farley's reply to the sophomore proposals (recently supported by IDC and SG) of students directly participating in their problems (senate consisting of Administration, faculty, and students) and the others mentioned above showed no real understanding of the problem, responsiveness, and was attacked without concrete reasons by our President. His reply could be put in so many words — IF YOU DON'T LIKE WILKES COLLEGE, LEAVE. This answer was repeated at a meeting between the Administration and student leaders on November 29. I cannot consider this answer very exemplary in responding

to questions of such importance. On the other hand, I feel the proposals need much thinking and a re-examination of these and other problems at Wilkes is in order, involving all factions of the community — students, faculty, and Administration.

Furthermore we have been "advised" to find a *constructive activity* (like helping with the United Community Fund Drive). Unless Wilkes College has ceased to exist for its students, I feel we have one.

Let it be known that we will not give up in our attempt and we feel by working cooperatively with Student Government and IDC we will succeed.

Respectfully yours,  
Odey Raviv  
Sophomore Class Treasurer

# Journalism Criticized

Dear Editor:

As a student of Wilkes College and president of a campus organization I feel it necessary to comment upon the irresponsible "journalism" represented by last week's *Beacon*, and other *Beacon* issues of this year.

The irrational, petty outburst of anger that was last week's editorial was an insult to every student at Wilkes. To label students "selfish" and "sterile" because their zeal for campus politics does not equal their zeal for scholarship, athletics, and matters of their personal lives and careers reveals a confusion of priorities and a narrowness of mind on the part of the Editor. Rather than hurl insults at the student body, the *Beacon* might better investigate the sterility of campus politics as the cause of apathy toward it. Rather than deal in pettiness and triteness, the *Beacon* might better explore the questions of importance.

A diatribe of insult is more likely to generate student antagonism than student enthusiasm. Scholars, athletes, club members, and student government members, all of whom were belittled by that article have reason to be resentful.

### Publicus Bitter

The article headed "Publicus" was in keeping with the tone set by the editorial. Bitterness and ignorance provided its theme — a theme incoherently expressed at that. The author clearly has no understanding whatever of the international position of the dollar, government welfare programs, Gov. Connelly's (sic) background, or any of the other topics he managed to include in his tirade. His expressed hostility for our "intellectuals" is understandable. Clearly, he is not one.

Intelligent comment is sorely needed, but Wilkes students do not have to be addressed as "kiddies," as they were in the "Publicus" article. Nor is it

necessary to belittle the Governor of Texas and the Senator from New York. Nor is it necessary to preach to the "selfish" students of Wilkes.

### New Selection Needed

It alarms me to think that Wilkes students are capable of the writing which was exemplified in the above cited articles. The *Beacon* has done better, and Wilkes students can do better. Perhaps new criteria and new methods of selection are needed for securing the *Beacon* chiefs. Perhaps the remedies lie elsewhere. But, articles such as appeared in last week's paper and have been appearing with regularity in the *Beacon* are a credit to no one. Logical, thoughtful analysis and criticism — not childish name calling! A college newspaper should be so much more.

Sincerely,  
Michael Worth

# Somerset offers slides

To the Editor:

See the Buddha monk. See him light the match. FOOMP! See the fire. Isn't it nice of him to provide light so that the people of the square may see what they are doing. Typical. A crowd is gathering. They are blocking the light. Idiots. The Buddhist is protesting the Diem regime. He would rather have Ky command the South Vietnam forces. The CIA will lie to the American public and say that he is protesting the war. Meanwhile they will help Ky plan his coup to overthrow Diem. The fire is dying. So is the Buddhist. The smell disperses the crowd . . .

It is more than an appalling essay

written by someone with a sadly misplaced sense of humor. It is true. The credibility gap widens. The administration, by the very nature of its attempts to tell us it is not widening, widens it.

The aristocratic oligarchy imposed upon South Vietnam by the United States is far from the government best suited for a simple and starving people.

The Domino theory. Korea, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Iraq, and Hungary are a paradox for those who contend that communism is not an imperialistic form of government.

The western mind and the oriental mind are parallel. They do not meet. Being conquered in the Far East is an everyday part of life, as is tilling the soil (that which has not been defoliated), teaching the children (those who have not been accidentally killed), and eating (what the Viet Cong have not taken).

### Japanese mind

I have recently been to Japan. North Vietnam was, and probably still is, engaged in a propaganda campaign to make the Japanese hate the Americans for the horrors that we daily cause. It will not work. They simply do not care. What they believe in is complex. I am a chemistry major and care

not to challenge the history department to a debate on religions of the Far East. They are many and hard for the Westerner to comprehend. I only offer what I have seen as best as I can express it. I think, from what I have seen, that their philosophies toward life are basically what may be described by the Turkish concept of kismet and the Wilkes College concept of apathy.

There are, of course, Genghis Khans and Tojos, but these are exceptions. Japan was only recently a great empire. Until one clear, cool morning in August. And that is ironic, for in Japan the August moon symbolizes peace and beauty.

I could go on. To the extent that maybe some evening in Stark 109 I could show the slides which I brought back from Japan this summer. And then I could always hope that insufficient space would cause the meeting (of what?) to be moved to Stark 116.

I care not to bury Ireland, nor to praise him, for those who have seen the allusions that I have made to his letter, for he said what he believed, as have I. We all have different views on the war. No one can say who is right. Maybe the problem is that we all are.

David Somerset

# Manuscript to journey to O'Neill film

Eugene O'Neill's autobiographical work, *Long Day's Journey into Night*, will be shown at the Center for the Performing Arts at 7 and 9 p.m. tonight. Admission is free.

The film, directed by Sidney Lumet, stars Katherine Hepburn, Jason Robards, Jr., Ralph Richardson and Dean Stockwell. The story, a raw slice of family life, centers around the Tyrones, with young Edmond seen as the youthful O'Neill.

The home and the family that, as *Time* magazine stated, "nourished and devoured O'Neill to greatness," has been described "with withering hatred, burning pity, and unutterable despair in a tragedy that stands amongst the strangest and strongest in history." Winner of four "Best Acting" awards at the Cannes Film Festival, the film is being sponsored by *Concept*.



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# Faculty grants permit research in new fields



Dr. Stanley J. Holden

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles involving the various research projects undertaken at the College. This article attempts to give a broad outline of the research program, its objectives, and its topics. Future articles will explore single aspects of the program and their relationship to the College.*

by Marion Melnyk

The science departments of the College have been actively engaged in various research projects, according to Dr. S. J. Holden, coordinator of scientific research. These projects are supported by a number of federal and non-federal grants.

Every member of the physics, chemistry, and biology departments is or has recently been engaged in some sort of research. The physics department is exploring such fields as atmospheric physics, cosmology, solid-state physics, and nuclear physics. Dr. F. J. Donahoe, chairman of the department, has recently done research on the origin of the moon-earth system. It is enumerated in his publication "On the Abundance of Earth-like Planets." Dr. Holden's research is investigating internal friction in solids which is an indication of the defects in solids. Effects of tidal winds is the subject of Dr. Alvan Bruch's research entitled "Diurnal Wind Variations in the Stratosphere." Dr. F. E. Bellas, who has published many papers on acoustics, is now working on a proposal on the quantum mechanics of surface properties.

Research in the chemistry department involves a number of areas, including photochemistry, organic chemistry, and radiation chemistry. Dr. R. B. Rozelle, department chairman, who has done work with fuel cells and electro-chemistry, is now doing research in the field of acid-mine drainage which has been creating a substantial problem in the pollution of the Susquehanna River.

Dr. J. N. Labows, Dr. W. R. Stine, and Dr. O. D. Faut are all involved in various chemical investigations

while Dr. J. J. Bohning is engaged in photo-chemical research. Dr. H. A. Swain, Jr., also of the chemistry department, is presently on sabbatical leave at the Atomic Energy Laboratories, Belvedere, South Carolina. His work at the College is research in radiation chemistry on fatty acids.

In the biology department the research of Dr. C. B. Reif and Dr. D. W. Tappa is concerned with limnology, the scientific study of physical, chemical, meteorological, and biological conditions of fresh water. Dr. Reif has spent a number of years working on this research in connection with the region's lakes.

### Satellite program

Dr. R. E. Ogren's research has investigated nerve responses and the study of cells, and Dr. G. C. Kimball is involved in microbiological research. Dr. T. J. Mizianty spent the past summer at Cape Kennedy, Florida, working on Biosatellite II which sent into space different species of bacteria, plants, and animals to test their reactions to conditions in space. His experiences were related in a lecture at a recent dinner-meeting of the Society of the Sigma Xi held on campus.

In addition to the professors engaged in the various research projects, there are a number of graduate and undergraduate students who work on these projects along with the primary researcher.

These research programs are able to be pursued through contracts for research and grants-in-aid provided by such organizations as the Department of the Air Force, National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research, Petroleum Research Fund, Public Health Service, and the Research Corporation. The present research proposals submitted to governmental and non-governmental agencies and awaiting funding amount to a quarter of a million dollars.

According to Dr. Holden, the objectives of research are several. It enables faculty members to remain conversant with new developments in their own fields; it is a very important educational process for graduate and undergraduate students; and it provides evidence of scholarship on the part of the faculty and the school. Research is considered a "necessary but yet a secondary adjunct to the teaching."

### Community projects

The science departments have also been active in community services. The College's science and mathematics

faculty is presently working on a U.S. Office of Education project to upgrade science and mathematics in the secondary schools of a five-county region including Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming counties. During the last several summers the National Science Foundation offered a summer institute for secondary school biology teachers toward improvements in secondary school biology courses.

The Research Office is also concerned with the allocation of funds which may be used for equipment, library sources, curriculum improvements, and the institution of new courses such as the environmental science course established this year.

The overall effect of research is to improve the educational process by providing the necessary atmosphere of scholarship which is essential to both faculty members and students in attempting to understand the nature of science.

# Musicians present 'Play of Daniel'

Rehearsals are being held daily for the production of Greenberg's *The Play of Daniel* to be presented by the music department on December 15 and 16 at 8:30 p.m. and December 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts. This is a musical play, sung entirely. Tickets are \$1.50 each and are available at the Bookstore and at the Center for the Performing Arts. Each student and faculty member is entitled to one reserved seat free of charge.

The first act of the twelfth century play centers around Belshazzar's court. Three processions are conducted throughout. In this act, mysterious handwriting appears on a wall of the throne room, which can be read only by the slave Daniel.

In the second act, King Darius overthrows Belshazzar and takes his kingdom. The set copying the lion's den provides a realistic background for this part: Daniel is condemned to the den, but is rescued by an angel.

The players will utilize the facilities of the Center, imitating a theater-in-the-round. This affords a more demonstrative dramatization since the actors will be performing among the audience.

The orchestra will make use of two recorders which are copies of authentic Medieval instruments. Also included are a portable organ, trumpet, oboe, viola, and numerous percussion instruments.

Richard Chapline is directing the production, and Basil Russin is narrating the play. Patty Lewis heads the committee of students who are making the costumes. Joan Tymchyshyn is directing the lighting, and Robert Graham is stage manager.

Historically the liturgical drama grew out of a collaboration between the Christian Church and the artist. Around 800 A.D., a great art revival occurred. This led to the codification of the Gregorian chants. The ninth and tenth century composers embellished the chant by adding to it or enclothing it in their own creations called tropes. Words were soon added to the tropes to make the elaborate melodies easier to remember and add to their expressiveness. The dramas were detached from the mass and given freedom to develop. Soon full scale plays were created using as their basis the life stories of those associated with the Messiah. The dramas evolved into great spectacles as the authors took advantage of the great space of the cathedrals to present perhaps a dozen processions in an hour.

# Classes discuss convention

The main topic at the class meetings, which were held last Tuesday was the Constitutional Convention. The purpose and objectives of the convention were explained to each class. At the sophomore meeting it was stated that the new constitution will give the student body, through Student Government, power over non-social affairs. By the greater involvement of all students in student affairs, it is hoped that the general apathy that pervades the campus will be reduced.

At the sophomore class meeting the progress of the Student Actions Committee was discussed. SAC was initiated by the sophomore class in an attempt to investigate social, political, and educational problems of the students at the College and to establish a definite communication among the students, faculty and Administration. A report has been submitted to Dr. Farley and the class has since conferred with the President and other faculty members. The committee presently is trying to obtain the right to know before registration the faculty members who are teaching courses. It was stated at the meeting that Dr. Farley

was not favorable to the idea because it might make registration more hectic. Among the other issues to be taken up by SAC are the grading system, cuts, cafeterias, and social restrictions.

A poll was also taken to decide whether a Freshman-Sophomore Dinner-Dance will be held. Because the attendance has been so poor, the class feels that the interest of the students is not being served in holding this affair.

The junior class presented awards to its athletes in field hockey, soccer, and football although many of the athletes were absent along with the majority of the class.

President Mike Clark stated that the Sophomore-Junior Hayride was a "financial fiasco." He asked support for the class dance which will be held in several months. He also announced that for the benefit of those who did not order class rings, orders will be taken again in February.

# Debaters victorious

The College's Debate Society, accompanied by Mr. Robert Bomboy, the club advisor, participated in the Twenty-First Temple University Novice Tournament on Saturday, December 2. Forty-seven colleges and universities debated the national topic, Resolved: That the United States should provide a guaranteed annual minimum cash income for all citizens.

The Society, ranked 9/47, won five of eight debates. The affirmative team, Kurt Schuhl and Jim Barnes, and the negative team, Marc Hoffman and Chuck Smith, defeated representatives from Susquehanna University, Washington College, St. Joseph's College, Queens College, and the University of Hartford.

The Bloomsburg State Invitational Tournament will be held next Saturday, December 9. Schuhl and Barnes will represent the Society and Dr. Gerald Perkus of the English Department will judge some of the tournament rounds.

Mr. Bomboy stated that the Society will send only two members to the Marywood Tournament although each team is supposed to have four members. Clyde Ostrofski and Bill Lloyd will debate at Marywood on December 9.

are presented by this liturgical drama. For example, a large number of processions and recessions occur in the play. This causes a problem in the location of the entrances and exits. A former production made much use of emphatic movement and gestures to convey details of character and emotion. Certain scenes must be carried out effectively without music or speech. Further problems occur in the presentation of the music itself. While there was a complete musical setting with stage direction, the manuscript did not indicate rhythm, instrumentation or dynamics. Many of the instruments cited in the original work were not available; therefore, modern instruments that came closest to the sound had to be substituted.

# Twenty plan

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powers of the court, areas of jurisdiction, and the effect of the court's decision and opinions."

Siracuse emphasized: "A constitution must contain two qualities in order for it to be useful and to last. First, it must be open to interpretation. A lengthy, detailed constitution involved with procedure and trivia will only face becoming quickly obsolete. Secondly, it must be easily adaptable to change. This means ease in amendment procedure, both formal and informal.

## - NOTICE -

Chairman of the music department, Mr. William Gasbarro, announced that the Wilkes College Band Concert will be presented Thursday evening, December 14, at 8:30 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts. The public is invited and there will be no admission charge.

Among the works which the band will perform are: "Transfonie," Wagner; "Overture and Caccia," Menotti; "William Tell Overture," Rossini, featuring solos by Roger Butler, euphonium; John Sheldon, flute; and John Vanderhoof, clarinet. Also included in the program will be "Colasbreugnon Overture," Kabalevsky, and "Haskell's Rascals," Yoder, which will be performed by a percussion trio, including Martin Hurley, Vincent Hurley, and Edward Zacko.

## - NOTICE -

All students interested in taking S.S. 243 during the summer of 1968, please contact the Evening College Office, Parish Hall Room 4.

# Action group is planned

by Bonnie Gellas

A special committee, the Student Action Committee, was set up under Zig Pines at the last SG meeting. This new committee will be concerned with academic freedom on campus. It evolved through a letter from Pines which appeared in the *Beacon* dealing with such problems as the Bookstore, a varied grading system, social restrictions, cuts, and knowing the teachers before registration. The purpose of the new committee, stated the sophomore class president, will be to exert pressure on various segments on campus to make SG more meaningful.

Pines proposed a tri-partite system consisting of students, faculty, and Administration to work with SG to make it more effective. However, this idea was not feasible so the committee will be directly related to SG and reports of any action will be made at SG meetings. The basic committee will be composed of Pines and the sophomore representatives to SG. Anyone wishing to work on this committee is encouraged to contact Pines.

Bill Downey, vice-president of IDC, then made a formal apology to SG for having scheduled a dance for December 2 without having it approved

by the Calendar Committee. This was the reason for the cancellation of the dance on that date. Downey stated that IDC now realizes its ignorance and regretted that it had overstepped its bounds. He then announced the Christmas dinner on December 10 for all dorm students, and the all-College Christmas party on December 13 from 8-11 p.m. This will be held in the Student Union and all students must present their ID cards.

Judy Simonson reported that the Constitutional Convention has met twice and will meet again on Sunday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in Stark 116. Some questions being discussed are if the student court shall regulate social dismissals, does the student have the right to request a trial, who shall handle dances — the senate or the executive, what is the role of IDC, and should there be an honor system in the court. Students are invited to attend these meetings to voice their opinions.

Finally, Don Turner made a report on his committee's progress for the Winter Carnival. They have contracted Jimmy Wynn and the Rhythm Blues Band and are considering Cambridge or Elk Lodge for the event.

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# Sportfolio

by Bob Thompson

The football team recently finished the most successful season with the most talented personnel in the history of the College — or did they?

The 1967 Colonels were the best small college team (Division II or III) in the East — or were they?

The football team, with a 21 game winning streak, in fact, was among the top small college teams in the nation — or were they?

The answer to these questions, of course, is a definite yes. But it seems that outside the College no one believes it.

First of all, during the season, despite outstanding play week after week by certain individuals, only three Colonels were selected to the ECAC Division III All-East Team. Danny Malloy was honored for his five interceptions against Moravian, Bill Layden for his outstanding play against Ursinus, and Brinley Varchol for his work against Drexel. Taking no credit away from Layden and Varchol, these were not necessarily their best performances. Also, week after week Joe Wiendl performed his "little miracles" and nomination after nomination was ignored.

The culmination of the process occurred last week with a fiasco called the ECAC (season) Division III team. It included such stalwarts as Sam Porrecca, fullback from Haverford, tackle Mike McCullough of PMC, and at guard Ed Mattio of Drexel. All showed their talents against Wilkes. Porrecca, incidentally, played quarterback vs. Wilkes. The clincher though was the defensive back of the year — Herb Nauss of Albright.

We must consider, however, one drawback to the ECAC's selections. They still operate on the assumption that there are only eleven positions on a football team. The standard offensive alignment. Beside these eleven they recognize one defensive back. This leads to situations such as Brinley Varchol being selected to the team as guard when he plays linebacker.

Secondly, the team, with an 8-0 record in the MAC had to share honors with two teams with only 5-0 records. It hurts that we had to share the title thus, but the records were obtained for the most part against the poorest teams in the MAC.

Then came the real reward for a fine season — the Lambert Bowl selection. The Colonels received the first such award last year and it seems that an 8-0 season would be enough to retain it. But the Touchdown Club of New York, who selects the winners, felt that Wagner (a New York team) was more deserving. Of course none of the selectors saw Wilkes play, or for that matter probably none saw Wagner either.

The Colonels' last hope was an invitation to the Tangerine Bowl. Morgan State, defending champions, were almost assured of a choice to defend their title after going undefeated again. The second choice went to West Chester. This was probably a wise choice because West Chester was undefeated and nationally ranked. Besides, they are a larger school than the College and would insure the financial success of the Bowl. In the end Morgan State declined and the University of Tennessee (at Martin) was selected.

Thus ended the season of the best team in Wilkes' history. Who will ever know that it was the best season? I blame poor press relations as the reason — poor relations with someone in the powerful New York Press. The ECAC is based in New York, as is the Touchdown Club and that "Supreme Being" called the *New York Times*.

The team's last salvation lies in the MAC selections. Hopefully, those who choose the teams will be objective in their selections and choose the best players. At least the MAC chooses an offensive and defensive team and is not, thankfully, dominated by New York interests.



# Cage squad wins, loses

by Chuck Lengle

The Colonel cagers opened up their '67-'68 MAC season last Friday night as they conquered the heavily-favored Blue Jays from Elizabethtown College. All-around team effort and desire were easily cited as the major reasons for the Colonels' early-season upset, 82-75.

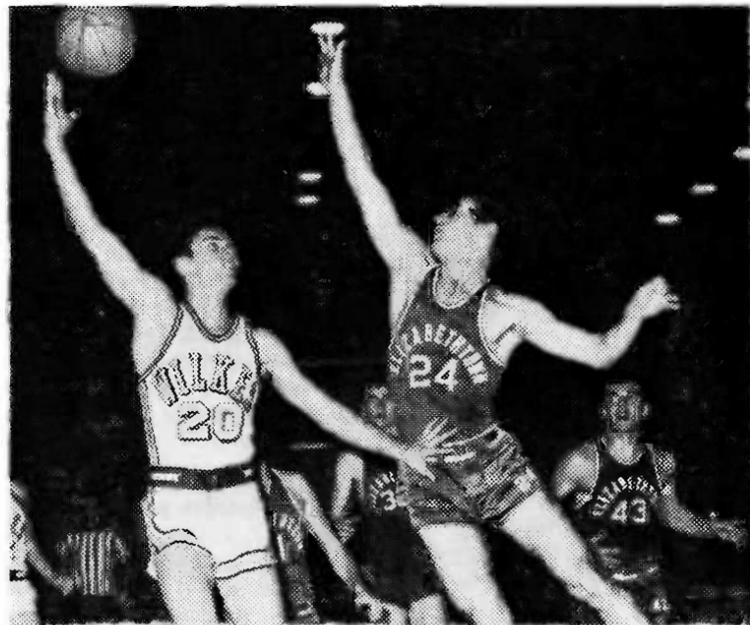
## Kemp and Ryan big guns

Herbie Kemp and Bo Ryan, who scored 23 and 21 points, respectively, were the big guns in Coach Ron Rainey's attack as every Colonel played an important role in the victory. Kemp was tremendous off the boards and his 19 rebounds set a personal college high. This figure is even more astonishing when it is considered that E-town has a 7'0" center and a 6'10" forward battling for the rebounds. Ryan was in the right spot throughout the game and was always on the beam with his accurate passes. These two were the individual stars. However, the other five men cannot be overlooked.

Bob Ockenfuss, inferior in height at a mere 6'6", finally exhibited his temper as he scored eleven points and gathered in eleven rebounds in an excellent performance. Senior Jimmy Smith was double-teamed most of the evening and this might explain his low output of nine points. Freddy Bauer came off the bench in tense situations and displayed the coolness of a seasoned veteran as his contribution to the team's conquest. The dynamic duo from Montrose, Jay Reimel and Billy Grick, were sensational as they dominated floor play with timely steals, goals, and pass interceptions.

## Stage comeback

Down 26-12 in the first half, the Colonels forced the E-town cagers into numerous mistakes and left the floor on the short end of a 39-37 count at halftime. With 13 minutes remaining in the second half, the Colonels took the lead by a score of 53-52. The lead switched hands several times until Ryan, Kemp, and Ockenfuss sank five consecutive goals to stretch the Wilkes lead to 69-59. At this point in the game, E-town Coach Bill Garrett substituted for his "giants" and went to his small squad. The switch of personnel seemed to have little effect as the back-court combination of Ryan,



Bo Ryan displays his shooting ability as he hooks the ball over the out-stretched arm of Bill Wenger (54). Trailing in the play are Blue Jays' Ed Means and Don Sellers.

Grick, and Reimel spelled the difference.

Captain Smith and Kemp fouled out of the game within 30 seconds of each other (with 3:14 remaining) and their absence could have spelled defeat. Coach Rainey dug into his bag of tricks and elected to go with three guards (Grick, Ryan, and Reimel), Bauer and Ockenfuss. The three speed-burners dribbled the ball through the entire Blue Jay team at times and the game ended with Grick at the foul line.

Bob Garrett stated: "We won't meet a better team effort all year. This is definitely a strong ball club: they knew what they had to do and they did it."

WILKES	FGA	FGM	FA	FM	Pts	Reb
Ryan	11	7	9	7	21	4
Reimel	5	3	3	0	6	4
Grick	2	1	5	4	6	0
Ockenfuss	11	5	2	1	11	11
Smith	7	3	3	3	9	4
Bauer	3	1	7	4	6	4
Kemp	18	9	6	5	23	19
<b>Elizabethtown</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>FA</b>	<b>FM</b>	<b>Pts</b>		
Jackson	6	7	3	15		
Crist	3	5	5	11		
Means	8	2	1	17		
Rowe	2	4	3	7		
Donohue	7	5	2	16		
Sellers	0	0	0	0		
Crone	0	0	0	0		
Wenger	2	5	5	9		
Elizabethtown			39	36	75	
Wilkes			37	45	82	

Referees: Bob Jones, Phil Walsh.

## Colonels lose Saturday

After Friday night's upset of Elizabethtown College, the Colonels were soundly trounced by the Ithaca College Bombers Saturday night by a score of 83-52.

The Bombers had a hot hand in the opening half as Greg Albano, Ted Kowalski, and Jim Modzlewski led the I-men out to a quick 17-4 lead. In this stretch Ithaca hit on seven of eight shots from the floor as the Colonels were extremely cold. Bo Ryan and Herbie Kemp directed the Colonels back into the game and with 4:59 remaining, the Wilkesmen led 22-19. Russ Marron, a sophomore from Syr-

acuse, New York, put on a dazzling shooting exhibition, hitting on five straight shots from the corner. The half ended with the Bombers out in front once again by the score of 35-24.

The second half was a continuation of the first and gradually the Bombers' lead began to increase steadily. It was evident that the tremendous desire and hustle of Friday's game was beginning to take its toll. With eight minutes remaining in the game, Coach Hugh Hurst began to substitute freely. The reserves kept up the constant pressure and the hot shooting and as the final horn sounded, the men from Ithaca had clinched their second win in as many nights, 83-52.

The Bombers shot 75 per cent from the floor, hitting on 34 of 45 shots. Conversely, the Colonels could only hit on 23 of 66 shots for a lowly 38 per cent.

Kemp had another hot hand as he ripped the cords for 23 points and gathered in 19 rebounds, an exact duplication of Friday night's performance. Ryan chipped in with 13 points and seven assists in the losing cause. Marron was high man for Hurst's crew as he tallied 19 points, hitting on eight of ten floor shots.

Coach Ron Rainey's crew entertained the Lycoming Warriors on Wednesday evening, seeking their second straight MAC win. Tomorrow, the Colonels travel to Madison, New Jersey, for a non-conference encounter with Madison-FDU.

Wilkes	FG	F	Pts.	Ithaca	FG	F	Pts.
Ryan	6	1	13	Albano	3	5	11
Grick	1	0	2	Kawalski	3	0	10
Reimel	0	1	1	Modzlewski	4	2	10
Umbach	1	0	2	Steele	1	0	2
Ockenfuss	3	0	6	Andrejko	4	1	9
Javis	1	0	2	Burr	1	0	2
Smith	1	1	3	J.Gustafsen	2	1	5
Bauer	0	0	0	B.Gustafsen	1	0	2
Kemp	10	3	23	Marron	8	3	19
Cook	0	0	0	Rowley	3	1	7
				Shield	2	2	6
	23	6	52		34	15	83

# Grapplers open with Hartwick

by Chuck Lengle

The College grapplers open their 15 match schedule this Saturday afternoon at Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York.

The Colonels returned victorious from their West Point scrimmage, 33-5. Coach Reese was very well pleased and feels his men are well prepared for their season opener.

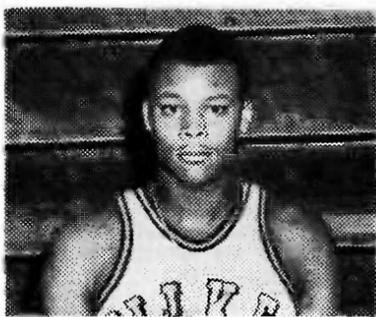
The Colonels will miss the services of the veterans from last year's squad — Jim McCormick, who should be ready by second semester; Fran Olexy, still trying to recover from various injuries; and Doug Forde, who has decided not to pursue the winter sport

this year.

The starting lineup will probably include Andy Matviak at 123 pounds, John Marfia at 130, Galan Cruise at 137, either freshman Dennis Vierzera or Steve Foglio at 145, freshman Gary Willets at 152, Joe Wiendl at 160, Dick Cook at 167, Barry Gold at 177, and either freshman Ron Fritts or Jack Williams at heavyweight. It is very possible the lineup could include three freshmen.

Coach Reese expects a victory on Saturday but anticipates a tough match with Appalachian State of North Carolina on Tuesday, December 12.

# Athlete of the Week



HERBERT KEMP

## Dialogue

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male students are housed in the New Men's Dormitory, the YMCA, and the Hotel Sterling.

### Gore returns

At this point Dr. Farley interjected that next semester Gore Hall would again become a men's dorm; the women presently housed there will move to the newly acquired Bedford residence.

Dean Ralston also stated that the small residences formerly occupied by men had been an ideal living experience incorporating the best features of fraternity life without the exclusiveness or snobbery of social fraternities. He said that this condition created an esprit de corps in the men.

The *Beacon* honors sophomore forward Herbie Kemp as its first Athlete of the Week for the winter season. The strapping 6'3" forward's performance in the first two games must definitely be noticed and plauded. Kemp scored 23 points against both E-town and Ithaca and also garnered 19 rebounds in each game. Against the taller Blue Jays, Kemp simply out-classed the defense with his drives and scoop shots. It was a repeat performance at Ithaca a night later as Kemp was the only consistent gun in Coach Rainey's arsenal.

Kemp has proven he is definitely one of the young stars of the MAC. It will be interesting to note the forward's development when some of the more experienced MAC teams start to apply the pressure. It is almost safe to assume that the native from Abington High School, Abington, Pennsylvania will come through in the same manner. The *Beacon* wishes good luck to Herb and the entire Colonel squad for the remainder of the season.

## - NOTICE -

Dr. Kay of the Philosophy and Religion Department has announced that all students interested in forming a Philosophy Club may meet with him on Thursday, December 14, at 4 p.m. in Stark 110.

# Malleeters insuperable

Special to the *Beacon* by Anti-Publicus

Last Sunday, in an event unprecedented in the annals of the twin cities of our happy valleys, gentlemen, entering with a sense of competitive spirit, superior breeding, and exemplary manners, raised their standards and their mallets as one: the aforementioned event, being a perfect union of the catholicity of manner and the purity of action on the playing field, reminiscent of the latter years of the McKinley administration, evoked in the countenances of passers-by and on lookers alike, initially surprised — subsequent to the festive decoration of the field itself by one impassioned young afficionado — a transcendent emotion of genteel appreciation and approval not unsurpassed by the genuine enthusiasm of the participants, filling the air with shouts of sheer joy, eg. "huzza," "hooplah," "hoorah," "bravo," and "bis," with only an occasional exasperated cry, e.g. "cheez, cheez, cheez," and one isolated case of "balderdash," i.e. "moan."

Next times gamings, near the eve of Russian Christmas, and be announced in these columns will be accompanied by the strains Sir Henry Parcell's anthem "Come Ye Sons of God." At half-time, as his contribution to the revival of the ancient and gentlemanly art of falconry, the Earl of Grey will display his falcon brewed for the delectation of the public.