Fire Leaves Conyngham In Charred Ruins

Early Morning Blaze Forces Move To Miner

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Annual Winter Carnival Scheduled January 23

The annual Winter Carnival will be held on Thursday, January 23, at the Cambecliff Ski Area in Tannersville, Pennsylvania. All members of the student body are invited to join in this annual event, which will begin early Thursday morning and probably last until late that evening.

All nineteen trails and slopes are expected to be open and in excellent condition. All students presenting identification cards will receive a discount on the use of the skiing facilities.

The ice-cream social will be open for those wishing to ice skate and rental equipment will be available at the rink. Students who wish to go tobogganing in the area will find sleds available for rent while snow mobiles will be waiting for the less adventurous. Refreshments can be purchased at the lodge throughout the day.

Capping the day's activities will be a dance which will be held at the Hearth, a popular resort lodge located on Route 611, approximately four miles from Cambecliff. The Tent-Catrina will provide the enter-

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Of Cabbages and Kings

Why is such an antiquated system of registration still the most up-to-date one at Wilkes?

Is it true that SG has formed a committee entitled “The Committee Established for the Purpose of Finding Out What Happened to All Those Committees Established but Not Heard From Since the Beginning of the Semester?”

Why are students so apathetic at Wilkes? Could it be that they just do not care enough?

What happened to the IDC-sponsored concert that was so avidly discussed last year, and, like SG committees, never mentioned again?

Why aren’t women students allowed to wear slacks to classes during the annual Valley ice-in?

Why do only a handful of students vote in elections held on Campus? Whose fault is it—the students’ or those holding the elections?

Why does the cafeteria food continue to rot? Why are students served hamburger seven different times in one week under seven different names?

Will be used the colorful or continue to cough all over the food? It doesn’t need any help.

Why aren’t there any cigarette machines on Campus?

Why do so few students support our athletic teams?

Why are the dormitory women still subjected to sophomoric curfews?

What happened to the SG-sponsored Spring concert?

Why don’t more dormitories follow the example of Bruch Hall (see story on page 6)?

What happened to SAC? Why aren’t 21-year-old students allowed to live off-Campus while attending classes?

What happened to the discussion of initiating pass-fail courses as a new type of grading system on the campus of the Boston Store?

Hope Also Endures

Triumph and tragedy. Heartbreak and hope. Those words about sum up 1968, the year that now is past. One more word shall be used to describe the trend.

War, violence in our nation’s streets, assassinations, political turnabouts, heart transplants, the “normalization” of Czechoslovakia by Soviet Russia, riots, weddings, a journey around the moon, and a host of other unexpected, unexplained and sometimes unbelievable events, all went up to make the year 1968.

As the new years begins, intelligent men in Paris argue over the shape of a conference table, while soldier and peasant continue to die in war-ravaged Vietnam. In Nigeria, little children continue to starve while their fathers wage a bitter and bloody war. In the Middle East, Arabs and Jews continue to kill each other while the UN diplomats grope for woolly explanations to preserve balancing conditions.

Throughout the world, disputations between individuals and between nations, hatred, strife, prejudice and fear ravage the human heart worse than any virus ravages the human body.

Sometimes it seems scarcely believable that the misery and sorrow man inflicts upon himself. Possessed of the intellect and increasingly achieving the power to shape and change the world, he seems to choose it a place of squallor, ignorance, injustice, and oppression.

Were this the sum total of man, the future would be intolerable. Neither the New Year of 1969, nor any other, would be endurable. But man has another side, as much a part of his nature as his fascination with death and destruction. And that side will, unless we heed, is there. His impulses to charity, altruism and selflessness are as strong as his penchant for suspicion, hatred, and killing.

Nobility is as much a human attribute as is smallness of soul, if less common. We could not recognize the ugliness we have created, had we no concept of the beauty that could be.

We stand in the mud, and we reach to touch the stars.
HUAC Hears Hayden Reply For New Left

WASHINGTON (CPS) — The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) subcommittee to investigate last August’s Chicago disturbances met last week and provided for a forum for leftist activists to fully explain their practical and theoretical ideas on revamping the American social and political systems.

The meetings were a continuation of the October hearings at which the “friendly” witnesses — Daley’s henchmen — testified.

This time HUAC heard from Tom Hayden, Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger. All three are connected with the mobilization. A minimum of advance publicity — both by the committee and in the local movement media — kept the attendance down to a minimum. Unlike the October hearings, no one appeared at the door was admitted except Jerry Rubin, when he twice showed up in a seasonal costume — a Santa Claus. The number of uniformed police was reduced daily from the opening day, to six the final day.

The first witness this time called was Abbie Hoffman, but he could not appear due to a case of infectious hepatitis. Hayden, a founder of Students for a Democratic Society, was the first “hostile” witness to take the stand. Mixing attacks on the HUAC with explanations of his activities over the past five years, Hayden managed to use most of his time to explain to the committee the bankruptcy U.S. policies in foreign and domestic affairs.

It was evident that the committee chairman, Richard Ichord (D-Mo.) and the other two members — John Ashbrook (R-Ohio) and Alberi Watson (R-S.C.) — were quite unprepared for the type of testimony they got. Hayden, and later Davis and Dellinger, showed complete familiarity with the committee’s question and its guilt-by-association tactics. All three answered questions casually, briefly and in such a matter-of-fact one, that they might have been discussing the NFL game-of-the-week rather than the international conspiracy. HUAC was so desperately trying to link them to all the witnesses had trouble getting the committee to understand what they meant by certain words.

Throughout the week, “attack.”

(Continued on page 6)

What — Where — When

Friday, January 18
Semester classes end at 5 p.m.
Dance, sponsored by the Psychology Club, to be held in the College gymnasium from 9-12.
Faculty Seminar, Center for the Performing Arts, 7:45.
Speaker — Dr. Gerald H. Perkus
Topic — Love in Literature
Moderator — Dr. Benjamin Fiester

Saturday, January 11
Swimming meet — WILKES vs. East Stroudsburg State College, YMCA, 2 p.m.
Wrestling — WILKES vs. Elizabethtown College, College gym, 9:00 p.m.
One act plays to be held in the CPA at 7:55. (Free admission)

Monday, January 13, through Saturday, January 18
Final examination period.

Wednesday, January 22, through Saturday, January 25
Evening college registration, Parrish Hall.

Thursday, January 23
Winter Carnival, Camelback Ski Area, 9:00 a.m.
Carnival Dance, The Hearth, evening hours.

Friday, January 24
All-College Registration
9:00 a.m. — Seniors
10:00 a.m. — Juniors
11:00 a.m. — Sophomores
12:30 p.m. — Freshmen
Dance, sponsored by the Accounting Club, to be held in the College gymnasium from 9-12.

Saturday, January 25
Basketball — WILKES vs. Delaware Valley at Doylestown
Wrestling — WILKES vs. Millersville State College at Millersville.

IDC Dorm Party.

TO A GRAND AND DEAR OLD LADY
My dear,
It is sad to see that you have fallen
Into such a state of unsightly despair.
Even with some modern improvements
You have dwindled away before our eyes
Until you are almost nothing —
Nothing but a mass of charred woodwork
And countless broken windowpanes.

I suppose it was a glorious end
To be splitting fire into the cold winter night sky.
But I would have preferred
To see you gracefully descend by piece
Into a grave of rubble.

I have spent hours looking out your windows,
Climbing your stairs
[And wishing I could slide down the bannister]
And sitting in your bedrooms
And dining room
And servant quarters.

And there was a window — a special window —
Overlooking the river
That had a tiny airbubble near the center.
I often tried to imagine how old the air was
And how long it had been trapped there.
But now the bubble is broken,
Which is a tiny loss
In your massive rigor mortem.

There was no question of your demise.
I know, it would have come regardless.
But so suddenly to have you swept away
And all that is left is an eyeless stare
And ribs and tattered hair.

Sometimes it is very hard to let something go:
To accept that they are over once and forever.
But, my dear,
Even, if you had survived your ordeal by fire
It could never be the same
And sometimes the only way we can keep things
Is to simply let them go.

by Anne Airnetti
The Colonels 69th center, who averages better than 16 points per game was one of the key players in the Wilkes zone press. The big man scored but one field goal during the game.

The Wilkesmen followed their maneuvering by launching a surprise attack. The Aggies opened the game, displaying a deliberate attack. Ryan was fouled at the 28 second mark, and the visitation conversion put the locals on top 1-0.

The two squads traded buckets and at the 5:56 juncture, Wilkes still led by but 1-0. The Aggies managed to overtake the upset Colonels at 3:50 when Don Sechler converted on a foul attempt.

Sophomore forward Wally Embach hit on a foul attempt with 6:15 seconds left in the first half, and the score stood 1-13, at half-time.

The Aggies sparked at the outset of the second half as they hit on three long stabs and built up an 8-0 bulge. The Colonels never gave up and once more strayed from Rainey's game plan. The Aggies scored the score 20-15 with Wilkes out in front.

Zone Press
At this juncture, the Colonels' zone press went into action and the tired Aggies were forced into four consecutive turnovers, all of them committing three personal fouls.

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The basketball victory last Saturday night was a masterpiece by any and all standards. More importantly, the triumph displayed the ingenuity and daring strategy of one of the finest cage coaches in college circles today—Tom Rainey.

The Aggies possessed one of the best offenses and possibly the tall-est team in the Middle Atlantic Conference. Del Val’s towering center, Don Sechler, was mentioned on several all-state teams last year and was averaging better than 18 points per game. Bill Eisel, a 6’3” forward, joined Sechler on the back line, giving Coach John Silian’s crew awesome board strength.

No one had any idea to do was field a quintet which would provide ample competition for the taller visitors from Doylestown. One more important factor—Rainey had just lost his only experienced center in a recent Christmas tournament. Center Bob Ockenfuss had suffered a broken ankle in the Pocono Classic, where the Colonels were defeated soundly by Lafayette and Kutztown State Colleges.

Digging into his bag of tricks, he decided to start four guards and one forward and then pray. Herb Kemp, at 6’3”, was given the responsi-bility of jumping center with Sechler while Billy Grick, Waltambach, Bo Ryan, and Jay Reitelm were instructed to play it tight and wait for the opening.

The impressive upset was definitely an example of superb teamwork and tremendous discipline. For a team which once depended entirely on a “go-go” offense, such a stall is very difficult.

Well, credit has now been heaped on the coach, and the team, but don’t forget the officiating. The two officials did a commendable job and do not deserve criticism—neither team was actually given a distinct advantage.

No one individual Colonel cager can be singled out for his perform-ance—all five played extremely well, but it is my feeling that one man should be given extra attention. It is my firm opinion that Billy Grick played the “game of games.”

This was Grick’s first 1968-69 starting assignment, but his perfor-mance hardly reflects it. Quite naturally, the ex-Montrose star fit right in with the likes of Reitelm, Umbach, and Ryan—both on offense and defense. It was Grick who took the first Wilkes shot from the floor. Interestingly enough, the ball ripped the cords and served as an impetus for the remainder of the game. The entire Colonel team managed but six field goals on 19 attempts.

To complete this story, hoop fans must know that Grick led the Colonels in assists and steals as well as being perfect at the charity stripe. Needless to say, Grick played one of his best games against Delaware Valley since donning a Wilkes College uniform— an example of spirit, pride, and ability.

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Joe Wiendl is caught during action in his finals bout with Al Steinberg, representing the Penn Grapplers. Wiendl subdued his opponent 11-2 for the Wilkes Open crown at 167 pounds.

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The Colonels failed to place an other man in the top four in any other weight class and placed fourth with 28 points behind the New York Athletic Club (67 pts.), Bloomington State College (55 pts.), and Temple University (31 pts.). Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Vir- ginia, finished fifth with a total of 28 points.

Mativik looked for gold. Tem- ple’s Jim Fiore in the champion-ship bout.

After a take-down and a near-fall in the initial period of action, Mativik found himself on the short side of a 4-0 count. The classy Phil adelphia veteran increased his lead to six points with a reversal be-fore Mativik took charge. The Wilkes junior regained his com-position with a take-down near the end of the first period with a first-period five minutes of action. Mativik’s excellent physical condition is an important part in his come-back.

Wiendl’s foes in the 167-pound title contest was Alex Steinberg, the eventual winner of the Serra- tin Trophy for the greatest num-ber of points. After a scoreless first period the 1968 Small College champ 100-pounder put his famed talents to work. Wiendl took a 3-2 lead into the final period on the strength of a take-down and a pen-alty point [Steinberg attempted to crawler off the mat].

The Colonel mat captain dom-inated the action as the Penn Grapplers could only must one more point. Wiendl displayed raw power as he compiled over six minutes of riding time for his con-vincing victory.

Wayne Heim of Bloomsburg State College won by default in the 123-pound class after breaking the hand of Jim Yeager. Tactical, ex-Wilkes great. Yeager suffered ached injury in the second period and was disqualified. Rich Bobo was eliminated by decision Bob Guzzo at 130 in an all-NYAC final. Heiman thus cap-tured his second Open title in two years.

Lock Haven’s Larry Rippey, who received the Blackburn Trophy as the tourney’s most valuable wrestle-ter, put on an impressive display of takedown maneuvers in his bout with Navy’s Lloyd Kaiser. Rippey applied the clamp to the Midship-man at 4:03.

Sonny Greenhalgh, also repre-senting the NYAC, decisioned Wayne Bright of Old Dominion College, 9-4, at 140. Gobel Kline collected the 152-pound championship when he decisioned Carl Rag land, also of Old Dominion, 9-4. Bloomington collected its second title in the 100-pound event as Ed Chapman edged Joe Gerst, 5-3.

Johnny Logan repeated as champ in the 177-pound class by decision- ed Stephen Vargo, 10-4. Oklahoma State’s much-heralded sophomore, Gooi Baum, then recaptured his crown in the 191-pound match Baum pinned Temple’s Marc Bar-ley at 6:49. Mark Kane, defending EIWA champ and one of the best heavyweights in the East, then blanked Bloomington’s Jim McCull in the final encounter. In the 187-pound class, the eventual winner of the 1967 Heavyweight title, Mike Tharp of Buffalo and was forced to default the match. Morris and Bob Roan entered the semi-finals but both suffered losses. Morris fell victim to Greenhalgh, but Roan defeated his winner, 5-4, while Roan defaulted to Mark Kane in the heavyweight category.
HUAC Hears Hayden Reply
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"political guerrilla," "militant," "non-violence" and "force" were
defined for the committee in the context of leftist activity to the
satisfaction of the HUAC.

Because of his alleged racist background, Hayden Watson was
singled out for most abuse by the witnesses. Hayden, bonged
down in a ritualistic sense of agreement, with Watson on the word "vi-
ce," said he was basically not violent, "certainly not any more
than you, probably less so, taking into account your South Carolina
background." The discussion dis-
gressed further when Watson
brought up the question of the
spiked golf balls supposedly used by the demonstrators. Hayden
countered, "If I were subjected to
that sort of violence, I would not stand
idly by."

Political media was also dis-
cussed. Committee Counsel Frank
Conley quoted from a New York
paper called RAT, which he said
was the house organ for SDS. "No,"
replied Hayden, "New Left Notes"
was the SDS publication. He then
proceeded to read into the record
the name of the entire staff of
RAT as it appeared in their special
convention issue. HUAC asked
Hayden about an interview he had
with Gramna, the official publica-
tion of the Cuban Communist Party.

After a lengthy reply, Hayden con-
cluded, "Maybe you should recog-
nize Cuba and then ask them."

Drama Group
Will Present
Four One-Acts

On Saturday, January 11, the
Wilkes College Theater plans to
present four one-act plays. Two
groups of high school students will
perform the dramatic productions.

The first student group is from
Marble-Newtown High School in
Philadelphia. It will present "Up-
stairs Sleeping" by Harvey Perr.
The director will be Jan Kubicki, a
recent graduate of Wilkes.

The New Group Theater of Scrann-
ton will sponsor the other three
plays which include "Hello, Out
There" by William Saroyan. This
will be directed by Carol Reynolds.
Ellen Langan will direct "Once Up-
on a Playground," in which Parkes
and Edward Albee's "The Zoo
Story" will be under the direction
of Robert J. Dinner.

The performances will be in
the Center for the Performing Arts.
Curtain is at 7:35 and there is no
admission fee.

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