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COUNCIL TO FOLLOW UP LANGLEY FUND DONATION WITH BENEFIT SPORT DANCE TO BE HELD JULY 2

MICHAEL LANGEL

Lucky Barrel to Re收到 DONATIONS

Sterling Offers Free Service

COLLEGIANS WILL PROVIDE MUSIC

BY BILL KASHANS

The Michael Langel Fund was given a substantial boost when it was presented with a $150 donation from the Student Council. In order to further increase its contribution, the Student Council plans to sponsor the "Lucky Barrel" Sport Dance, the first social activity of the summer semester, and to turn the proceeds over to Mrs. C. F. Goering of the YMCA at the 11th Annual Drive.

The affair will take place Friday evening, July 2, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Times-Leader Building.

The use of the Ballroom for this purpose was arranged through the courtesy of the Times-Leader, though admission is free, a "reasonable" donation of $1.00 being asked in the middle of the floor for donations to the Langel Fund.

Miss Dorothy Reiner, director of the Bellefonte Reiner orchestra, will furnish the music.

George Budy, president of the Student Council, pointed out that although the money was not sponsored by the college, the doors will be opened to the public.

"The 11th Annual Drive"

The Langel welfare drive was initiated by the Times-Leader. News and was carried on by some of the civic-minded people of the city.

The purpose of the drive is to raise enough funds so that Michael Langel, a paralytic victim of World War II, can be provided with a new home.

"Believing the Student governing body of one of the most important institutions of this area, the Student Council thought it proper that they should enter this fight and see what they could do for the vet."

High-Spirted Vet Shows Slow Recovery

Mike Langel, a North Main Street World War II vet, is nearing the end of his fourth year of paralysis. His plight prior to the initiation of the Evening News was generally known beyond a small circle of relatives, friends and officials of the Veteran's Administration.

It may be noted that 350,000 veteran's residue from 30 counties in Eastern Pennsylvania, Mike, whose spine was severed by a piece of shrapnel during the war, was the only one with paralysis, a complex paralysis.

After 43 months of being bedfast and unable to control his organs, Mike spent many long, hard, and by continuous effort and exercise, has restored his full right arm.

After this dance, the golden "Lucky Barrel" hole will be placed in the main lounge of Chase Hall to receive donations. It will remain here after the drive and will be used as collection depot for all future dances.

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In a changing world the individual who does the hardest thinking and who stands out above the rest, will find the door of opportunity wide open. Our country grew strong, progressive and great because it has always championed individual freedom and initiative. The nation as a whole has advanced and prospered because it has encouraged the individual citizen to develop and utilize his best abilities to the widest extent possible, thereby making the citizen at once productive and socially responsible.

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Highlights From Wilkes' First Commencement

OPERATION: WILKES

June, 1948, marks an important milestone in the history of Wyoming Valley.

The sixty-one seniors who received their degrees at that time bear eloquent testimony to the eminent service to those hardy pioneers who planned and built Wilkes College into a four year institution of higher learning.

A grateful community can do naught but bestow its humble respect and honor upon those who have made possible so magnificent an achievement.

Especially so, in the case of the man under whose guidance, courage, and devotion the school developed from a handful of professors and students into a sound, progressive institution. We might very aptly say indeed, Wilkes College is the shadow of its trail-blazer and first president, Dr. Eugene Farley. To him the community says, "thanks for a job well done'.

And that is not all.

To found the school is part of the job; to maintain and to increase its high liberal and academic standards remains for the future.

For who among us does recall, nor remember the totalitarian methods of education as practised in the recently defeated Axis countries? There we saw rigid governmental direction and control of curricula and selection of texts. There we saw the careful indoctrination of professors not as teachers—but as overseers of the government's program. There we saw independent research and education perverted and prostituted for the production of mental and moral cripples, who could in turn be more easily molded to state ends.

The individual was submerged, and by one means or another his energies were channeled into activities determined by the needs and interests of a government, whose sole aim was world conquest. Thus we have borne a witness once again to the facts that attend the surrender of individual rights and responsibilities to an ambitious few.

We want none of that here in these United States! The American tradition of education has ever been the champion of individual freedom and dignity. It has ever held open the door to freedom of career and occupation. And free Americans, educated and enlightened in free institutions have made American democracy the greatest power on earth.

That is the meaning and significance of a college in a community. By educating and broadening the minds of its citizens, it keeps them free; by educating and making them skilful, they become more productive; by educating and making them socially conscious, they become more humane and considerate of their fellow man.

Education is an endless task, a duty, of every thoughtful citizen within the community. It is only through education of its members that a community can survive and progress. Only education can provide the better life.

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Pictured above are scenes from the first annual commencement exercises held recently by Wilkes College. Top shows the academic procession, led by Dr. Charles B. Reif, head of the Wilkes Science Department, which proceeded from the Presbyterian Church House, through the court yard, and down S. Franklin Street to the Presbyterian Church where the exercises took place.

Middle picture shows Dr. Everett Hunt, Dean of Swarthmore College, and principal speaker, addressing the assembly as Wilkes president Dr. Eugene Farley, and Dr. William Coleman, Dean of Bucknell University, took on.

Bottom picture shows the principals at the commencement exercises. Left to right are: Dr. Charles B. Reif, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Farley, Dr. Coleman, and Wilkes registrar, Herbert Morris.


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Four suggestions for a balanced life

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WILKES COLLEGE BEACON

SPORT SHOTS
By GARFIELD DAVIS
Beaver Sports Editor

SUMMER SLUMP
Moran bows out and Davis comes in.
Frolic, efficient, the former has
Now consider the latter—
As scribbler of sports patter,
Will you show me how and where to begin?

Our sports get sparse in summer.
It simply isn’t football time. No coaters race the floor. No reporters linger to watch.
And for thrills we search for a
We’d prefer to acquire that typing

RELATING adventures of a football group,
We’d extoll the lad, without bias—A reeling center like Sam Elias
Or a back like Waters (just call him “Poof”).
Ah, but alas, as sportsmen, and sports men draw a “bye”,
And won’t come full scale till October’s
But enough of singing sportsmen.
What we need is sporting news. You ask: Can we find some—?

TRANSITION
After seven seasons of turning out a prodigious amount of sports copy, Tom Moran has called it a day with his highly interesting “Sports Beacon”. Moran, in addition to turning out a column that is always thoroughly readable, was as well a potent agitator for athletic advancement at Wilkes. He was one of the first to come out for a football team to represent this institution, and in the days when this college was known as Bucknell C. F., and did not have a grid squad. Tom has done a fine job in what he called “the best job of all”. As sports editor, may we be half as successful as our predecessor.

SOFIBALL LEAGUE TO FUNCTION THIS SUMMER
Major interest for the hardy athletics at Wilkes during this summer season will be provided by the intra-mural soft-ball league.
This summer’s loop will be patterned after those which were such a big hit last summer, when the power-laden “Bad Bucks” knocked down all opposition. Led by Bob Anthony, who doubled as second baseman and manager, the “Bad Bucks” compiled an undefeated record to win the league’s championship.

Marty Blaylock, the star, played a key role during the season, and the entire team can look to this year as a real success. The team, which started with 15 men, and ended with 20, had to be content with second spot.

The season was concluded with a match between the Wilkes and the Penn State-Bucknell team. The Penn State-Bucknell team led 5-3 going into the last inning, but the “Bad Bucks” scored five runs to win the game 8-5.

MUSIC, MAESTRO

BY DON FOLLMER
The Music Director for the 1948 football season, Will Wilkes’ first class this spring, will be with his full staff assistant to the Dean of Men. His duties will include directing the college band, and now that he will be able to devote more time to the work, you may expect real improvements in musical interest at Wilkes. This writer will keep every effort toward that end.

As a beginning, the music

FOOTBALL MANAGERS

As stated, 21 new members of the Wilkes College’s Football Club have increased the squad membership to 87 members, making the squad the finest and most influential on the Wilkes campus.

The 21 men represent the various physical and mental gifts needed for a football team. They come from the junior, senior, and sophomores of the college.

The new members have been selected by Paul Thomas, president of the Lettermen’s Club, and they are to attend the club’s roster and help them in the activities of the club.

RAILSTON CALLS FOR FOOTBALL MANAGERS

Football Coach George Ralston has announced that the football team will be made up of men who are fully qualified to handle the responsibilities of the position.

The new members are needed to ensure efficient handling of the team and to prepare for the upcoming season.

The new members are expected to be available for immediate action and are to attend the first meeting of the fall season.

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Election
The Pre-Medical Society, upon the recommendation of Dr. B. B. Buellwage, reconvened at a recent meeting and named Doris Gorka as president for the summer semester. Elections for the outgoing officers will take place at a future meeting.

While the college plans have been as yet made as to summer activities, the officers are to visit the various medical centers in the east, in addition to the usual trips to various medical centers of a picture of general medical nature. All students are urged to attend Society meetings, the permanent time of which will be announce at a future date.

Pre-Med Society Elects President
Mr. Herbert Norris, registrar, has announced that the fall football season will be closed from July 10, through July 25. Any time desired to obtain tickets is requested to do so before the closing date.

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