

# STUDENTS PROFIT FROM TALK BY BAFFIN ISLAND NATIVE

By TOM ROBBINS

Baffin Island, 400 miles from the North Pole, approximately 2000 miles from Alaska, and boasting of no dishonesty, no stealing, no "rackets," no contagious diseases, no decaying teeth, and no baldheaded or bearded men, was the subject at last Tuesday's assembly program in the Baptist Church House. The speaker was diminutive and vivacious Anauta, a native of Baffin Island, but a resident of the United States for 20 years. She has written a book entitled "Land of the Good Shadows," which is a story of her life and homeland.

Baffin Island has no record of time, no clocks, no calendars, and the people have no knowledge of their birth dates. Thus, no one from Baffin Island knows his age.

Anauta explained that all girls on Baffin Island old enough to do any work do their own sewing. There is no form of affection on the island, not even rubbing noses, as is supposedly the custom of Eskimos. Only occasionally is there a friendly pat-on-the-back. If a young man sees a girl he admires (because of her spear-throwing or igloo-building ability) he notifies his parents who in turn notify the parents of the girl. Suddenly the girl finds herself with a husband.

The islanders live in deer skin tents during the summers and in igloos during the winters. Their winter clothes are made of two layers of deer hides, and skins together. The summer togs are made of deer fur and wool-fur lined materials.

They hunt the year round, even through the four months of darkness. During those months the Northern Lights aid the hunters. The lights are like curtains in the sky, and on a calm night any noise will cause a ripple in the lights. Therefore, the hunters can spot herds of deer, without seeing them, by noticing ripples in the Northern Lights. Four months of the year the sun never sinks below the horizon. The remaining four months contain both days and nights.

According to Anauta, her people on Baffin Island never stay in one place more than three days at a time, except in emergencies. Igloos are built in 1½ to 2 hours, so it is not much trouble to build a new one each day or so. The igloos are larger than those tiny things pictured in cartoons and are built of wind-packed snow, not ice. Anauta presented a complete description of the construction of an igloo.

The Eskimos are a happy group, and they are content in the 70 below zero temperatures. Anauta stated that Eskimos never want to leave their homeland. She came to America by accident. The English captain of the annual ship to Baffin Island persuaded her to take the trip. That was twenty years ago. Yet, even today Anauta clings to the Eskimo philosophy:

"Yesterday is gone,  
Tomorrow has not come.  
Today is here —  
Put only the best into today."

## HENRY V SHOWS NEXT WEEK AT ROXY THEATER

The Shakespeare class of Wilkes College will attend a showing of the motion picture, Henry V, next Thursday night. The picture will be shown at the Roxy Theatre, Lee Park, on December 8, 9, 10 and 11. There will be a matinee daily; regular evening performances begin at 8 p. m.

The picture is a Shakespearean drama and should prove to be very interesting from the standpoint of education and entertainment.

All seats are reserved, and any student interested in attending the show may obtain tickets in Chase Hall on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. The tickets available are for the night of December 9. Admission to the evening show is \$1.20 and for the matinee 60 cents.

## Cuba Travelers To Have Warm Clime

Early this week twenty persons were still scheduled to go on the Cuban trip being sponsored by Miss Silseth. However, all of them had not paid their traveling expenses, due by December 1.

The visitors to Cuba will leave Wilkes-Barre shortly before 8 a. m. on the day following Christmas and arrive in Havana at 6:20 p. m. on December 27.

For one week afterwards they will see Cuba in rapid but thorough fashion as they tour city and country life. A night tour, and a tour of the Morro Castle are included on the itinerary.

The temperature in the "Land of the Rhumba" should average just below 73 degrees during the winter season. For that reason only summer clothes are needed. The travel folder suggests, though, that a light overcoat be taken along for an occasional cool night.

Both flights between Miami and Havana should consume little more than two hours traveling time.

## Alumni to Sponsor Yule Dance Dec. 28

The newly reorganized Wilkes College Alumni Association will hold its annual Christmas Dance on December 28. The Hotel Sterling is the site and 9-12 are the hours.

The annual affair has always been well-attended and this year's dance should prove even more successful. A large number of out-of-town alumni, home from college and work, will be among the crowd. Tickets for the dance are on sale in room 306, Chase Hall, and are available to undergrads as well as alumni. The cost will be \$2.50 per couple.

Tom Moran, president of the senior class, has arranged to have the drawing for an Elgin wrist-watch which the class is "chancing-off", made at the affair. Members of the senior class are especially invited to attend the dance — in the capacity of potential alumni.

Danny Williams, president of the association, and his committee members are completing final arrangements for the Christmas frolic. This is the second major affair on the alumni 1948-49 calendar of events, the first being the successful Homecoming celebration.

Music for the dance will be provided by Reese Pelton and his Orchestra.

## Lettermen to Meet Monday In Lounge

There will be a Letterman's meeting Monday, December 6, 1948. Mr. Ralston requests the presence of ALL members of the football team, at Chase Lounge at 7:30. Plans for the coming Christmas Dance and Football Banquet will be discussed at this time.

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## SORORITY WILL HOLD READING

Theta Delta Rho will sponsor a reading by Mrs. Conrad on Wednesday evening, December 8, at 8:00 p. m. in Chase Theatre.

The book to be read is DINNER AT ANTOINE'S. Tickets are 60c and can be purchased from members of Theta Delta Rho. All are invited.

## Joseph Gallagher, Accident Victim, Second Wilkes Fatality Within Week

Joseph T. Gallagher was killed in an automobile accident last Wednesday night at Mills Corners in Nanticoke. Three other students, George Lewis, John Feeney and Albert Dalton, were injured in the accident. All of the victims were World War II veterans, and they were also member of the Wilkes football team.

## College Bandsmen Invited To Second Annual Intercollegiate Band Fiesta

Wilkes College band has received an invitation to send bandsmen to the second annual Intercollegiate Band Festival to be held in March at Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, Pa. The three day festival of rehearsals and classes will culminate in a full-scale concert. Morton Gould has written special music for the occasion, and will be guest conductor for the entire festival. The band, which will be composed of student - musicians from colleges of the east, will be limited to 125 members.

This is indeed a distinction for the musicians of the band. The notice received by director Reese Pelton did not state how many select bandsmen would be allowed from Wilkes, but it is expected that three or four musicians may be allowed to attend. Instrumentation will be a large factor in choosing bandsmen for the festival.

A list of Wilkes bandsmen, eligible for first semester credit because of work with the college band has just been released by the director. The issuance of college credit to band members is based on three points — attendance, co-operation, and performance. The following list is of those members

of the football band who satisfied the minimum requirements. Additional credit will be available to members of the concert band who successfully complete work with that group next semester.

**TROMBONE** — Leon Gilbert, Dick Shafer, Fred Ingold, Bill Beck, Willard Prater, Delbert McGuire.

**TRUMPET** — Lewis Blight, Carl Strye, John Hughes, Leon Decker, Harold Flack, John Hychko.

**CLARINET** — Don Follmer, Bill Nelson, Sam Reese, Carl Messinger, Stan Manalas, Earl Crispell, Tom Kleback.

**SAXOPHONE** — Paul Shiffer, John Fink, Sanford Cohen, Francis Kryzwicki, Fred Rummage.

**BASSES** — Walter Greenwald, Philip Hoffman, Bob Henney.

**BARITONE** — Al Cyganowski.

**ALTO HORN** — Bob Levine.

**PICCOLO** — Homer Middleton, Bob Gill.

**BELL-LYRES** — Daniel Dzury, James Mack.

**PERCUSSION** — Frank Mayewski, Gerald Ostroski, Joe Piorkowski, Doug MacNeal, Donald Perrego.

**DRUM-MAJOR** — Jay Rauscher.

According to Nanticoke police, Lewis, the driver of the car, swerved into the pole in order to avoid an approaching car. The car turned over several times.

Gallagher was pronounced dead upon admission to Nanticoke State Hospital. Lewis underwent a major operation and his and Dalton's conditions were reported as "fair" by a spokesman for the hospital.

Feeney suffered a fractured wrist for which he was treated and discharged. He reported to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital yesterday for X-Rays.

This is the second death in the Wilkes student body within a week. Lawrence Rachunis died from a heart attack at his home in Glen Lyon last Saturday afternoon.

Gallagher graduated from Kingston High School in 1945. After serving in the Navy, he attended Syracuse University. He enrolled at Wilkes in 1947 and played end on the football team for the past two seasons. He was a representative on the Student Council in the 1947-48 body.

## MISSIONARY TO SPEAK MONDAY AT 4 IN CHASE

Miriam Long

Eli Stanley Jones, missionary to India, will lecture about conditions in India on Monday, December 6 in Chase Lounge at 4:00 P. M. sponsored by the International Relations Club.

Having received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Asbury College, Kentucky, Mr. Jones was sent, as a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to India. There assigned to the district of Lucknow, he assumed the positions of Pastor of an English church, Superintendent of the Lucknow District, and Principal of Sitapur Boarding School. With all these duties, Mr. Jones found time to do some Evangelical work in northern India for the North India Conference of 1917.

After coming back to the United States and staying long enough to earn his Doctor of Divinity degree, Mr. Jones returned to India to continue the work to which he had dedicated his life.

Because of his impressive record as a teacher of religion to the high educated castes of India and the East, and his work while earning the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology at Syracuse University, Mr. Jones was elected, in 1927, to the Episcopacy in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Later, however, he resigned in order to continue his missionary work among the people.

Throughout his career, he has written many books; prominent among these are Christ and Communism, Christ of the Indian Road, and Christ of the American Road.

## Wisniewski Chosen Pre-Med President

The Wilkes College Pre-Medical Society, one of the most active and largely attend clubs on campus, at a recent meeting elected John Wisniewski President, Wade Redline Vice President, John Dinstel Treasurer, and Jean Ryan Secretary.

The club, which in the past has made various trips to points of medical interest, including the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia and the Cornell Medical College near Ithaca, New York, recently embarked on their new program, when on November 29, they presented, as guest speaker, Mr. Edward J. Pugh, principal Health Officer of Wilkes-Barre and acting Manager of the Kirby Health Center who spoke on the benefits that the Kirby Health Center renders to the public.

A tentative plan of activities has been drawn up for the near future which will include movies, lectures, and trips to various places of interest.

Anyone interested in the work that this club is doing is invited to attend the meetings.

## LAWRENCE RACHUNIS



Lawrence Rachunis, a member of the senior class here at Wilkes died last Saturday afternoon at his home in Glen Lyon. He was the victim of a heart attack.

After graduating from Newport Township High School where he was Salutatorian of the class of '46, he entered Wilkes and became affiliated with the Chemistry Club. He was also on the Dean's list.

Deepest sympathy is expressed by the faculty and fellow students.

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### EDITORIAL

## WELL DONE

Looking back over the last several weeks of the present semester, we find there is much to cheer about in the way of student accomplishment.

Members of the football team have brought the school more than its share of gridiron glory with another splendid record of victories.

The Thespians have put on a good show with their three one-act plays before packed audiences.

Dr. Kruger's debating team was impressive in its first appearance before Wilkes students.

Finally in the scholastic field we are proud to have twelve of our students honored by being listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

It's a good thing now and then, to take a little time out to take a look at the record and pass out a few bouquets.

But it would be equally foolhardy to rest on our oars, and try to get by on our past achievements.

So good luck to all, and may we all in our own good time prove to be a credit to ourselves and the Alma Mater.

Edward Jan Wasilewski

## Student Government

By TOM ROBBINS

The Student Council is currently engaged with the task of revising the Wilkes College Constitution. That statement will affect Wilkes students in three possible ways. Some students will say "I know it." Other will say "So what?" A final group will be astonished, for it is unusual indeed that the constitution needs a revision so soon after its initiation into the college. However, we are told that the case was one of necessity. Following the change in financial and operational control, the constitution would be impotent if it was allowed to remain with the original text. The revision will at least do away with any possible confusion in interpreting the constitution.

There seems to be an ominous cloud hanging over the Wilkes campus. It is almost like the cold war in Berlin, silence from all sides, no explanations of matters, and a somewhat hostile manner shown by everyone concerned. We realize that the purpose of this column is to relate Student Government activities to the students, but the council's activities are restricted. Consequently, there is little to

report. At the present time a murmur of discontent seems to be running through the campus, that is, with the students who are in any way concerned with council activities, including some council members. The council has been called "nothing more than a figure-head," and its meetings are termed by many as "social hours."

We hereby step gingerly out upon the already weakened limb and submit a proposal that the Student Council president make a report to the students concerning the council's powers, restrictions, and duties, thereby possibly clarifying the doubt many students hold about the council's usefulness.

At the last Student Council business meeting, the topic of "high school letters" was brought forth. Many Wilkes students are still wearing their high school letters and emblems, and the resulting collection of a score of different letters must be confusing to any visitor to the campus.

A majority of colleges do not allow foreign letters to be worn by their students. School spirit would probably grow by leaps and bounds if there were no conflicting alma maters represented on the campus. The Student Council members unanimously agreed that the campus appearance would be improved 100% if students would take it upon themselves to leave the high school letters and emblems at home.

The council realizes that no one can be compelled to take the letters and emblems off the sweaters, so it is appealing to the students to dress up the campus by wearing only Wilkes emblems,

## Choral Group Will Hold Carol Service

By PRISCILLA SWARTWOOD

The Wilkes College Choral Club will hold a Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday morning, December 14 at 11:00 A. M. in the Baptist Church House.

The first part of the program will be devoted to the singing of hymns by the combined voices of the audience and the choir. Afterward, the Choral Club will present a concert of both sacred and secular Christmas selections.

The first group of numbers to be sung by the choir will include FANFARE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY by Martin Shaw, THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS arranged by Lyn Murray, and GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, a Tennessee mountain spiritual, arranged by John W. Work.

Miriam Long will sing the soprano solo and Theodore Thomas will sing the tenor solo in the last selection.

For its second group, the Choral Club has chosen to sing LULLAY MY LIKING, a Christmas carol by Gustav Holst, with words taken from A MEDIEVAL ANTHOLOGY. The next selection in this group is AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD, number four chorus from THE MESSIAH by George George Frederick Handel. The last number is the CHRISTMAS SONG by Gustav Holst.

At this service the Choral Club will wear the new royal blue choir robes with white collars that the administration has recently procured for them.

On Sunday evening, December 19, the Choral Club will present a Christmas concert in conjunction with the choir of the Kingston Methodist Church in that church.

Mr. Donald Cobleigh, director of the Choral Club, will conduct the Christmas Carol Service here at school with Mr. Charles Henderson at the organ.

## County Has Lowest VD Rate In State Says K.H. Member

At a meeting held Monday night in the biology building, the Pre-Medical Society of Wilkes College was addressed by Mr. Edward Pugh, member of the faculty and director of the Kirby Health Center.

Mr. Pugh brought forth some interesting statistics and facts concerning the operation and functions of the health center. He stated that Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne county has the lowest venereal disease rate in the state of Pennsylvania. Less than one half of one per cent of the total population of this area are afflicted with this dread disease. Mr. Pugh also presented some of the services that the Kirby Health Center is performing in the interest of public health. Among those mentioned were the Visiting Nurse service, Public Sanitation, Pre-Marital service, Meat and Food inspections, Pre-natal clinical service, and numerous other necessary services. The health center is also the center for a number of state wide functions in agriculture, sanitation, and health inspections.

At this meeting tentative plans for the remainder of the year were presented. Several field trips to local medical institutions as well as a possible trip to some medical school or institution out of the state were suggested. Plans were also initiated for the possible affiliation of the Pre-Medical Society of Wilkes College with the National Pre-Medical Fraternity.

John Wisniewski, newly elected president of the Society, announced that December 12 at 7 P. M. would be the date for the next meeting of the organization.

## Theatre Will Play 'The Male Animal'

The CUE & CURTAIN has started working on its production of the current season. The rollicking comedy about college life, THE MALE ANIMAL by Elliot Nugent and James Thurber, has been selected for presentation about the middle of February at the Irem Temple.

Tryouts were held during the past week and further tryout sessions will be held this coming week. Anyone interested in reading for a part should watch the bulletin boards for information as to when and where tryouts will be held. If you ever wanted the opportunity to imitate one of your professionals — here is your chance. Two types of students should be especially interested in attempting this:

1. Those who don't care if they flunk.
2. Those who are so far behind that they could not pass even if they were related to the professors.

A business meeting of the CUE & CURTAIN will be held next Monday evening in Chase Theatre at 7:30 p. m.

CUE & CURTAIN broadcast one of its recent productions—WHERE THE CROSS IS MADE—on W-B-R-E last Friday evening. A fine performance was given by the following: Evan Sorber, Arvilla Travis, Sheldon Fried and Nancy Perkowski.

## Economics Club to Visit Lance Shaft

Mr. Nelson Bryan, counsel for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corporation Tax Office, delivered an entertaining and educational lecture to Wilkes students November 23.

The talk was sponsored by the Wilkes College Economics Club. The club has taken the initiative in bringing qualified speakers to air their views on matters of current economics interest.

Mr. Bryan briefly highlighted the historical background of the Auditor General's office in which he served as deputy. He indicated many items of an unobserved nature. These facts so interested the members who attended the meeting that many direct and pointed questions were asked. Attorney Bryan explained how the various corporation bonds were protected by an intricate system of vaults and safes. He informed the group of the various methods employed in obtaining revenue for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Economics Club has planned a very ambitious and interesting program for the present semester.

A field trip into the Lance Colliery of the Glen Alden Coal Company is also planned. This proposed trip will offer the students of Wilkes a chance to really see what goes on inside a modern coal mine.

## A BOOKWORM'S VIEW

By TOM ROBBINS

THE HEART OF THE MATTER—John Calvin once said, "The torture of a bad conscience is the hell of a living soul." In Graham Greene's latest novel, THE HEART OF THE MATTER, those words become an actuality.

Graham Greene, an Englishman, has received plaudits from readers and critics alike in his native country. His popularity has spread to America, as well as throughout Europe where his name has been placed in the small bracket of important writers. His most recent book is a big step for him as a novelist toward the pinnacle of long-lasting fame.

For THE HEART OF THE MATTER the author chose a British-governed town on the west coast of Africa, adding fascinating characters involved in an entanglement of love, intrigue, and evil, polished the story off with superb narration, and presented a novel destined to become one of the year's best, if not one of the all-time great books.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER is the story of a man's conflict with himself, his religious beliefs and conscience pitted against his passionate nature and desperate circumstances. It is a story of reality, of believable character and understandable incidents. Written in a fast moving tempo and fascinating style, the story is a study in human thought and actions.

Major Scobie, a British police officer during the war and stationed at the West African outpost, is the main character. He is married to a woman who habitually nags him about his not being advanced in rank. Scobie's love for his wife dies, and he is aware of an inward joy when she leaves for a vacation. That is the cue for Scobie's chance meeting with Helen, a woman who lost her husband and possessions when the ship they were on was torpedoed. One and one makes two, and Scobie's returning wife makes three, a crowd in any romance. It is then that the time-bomb of the story begins to tick.

Major Scobie is also involved in

sunning Yusef, a Syrian under observation by the police for his sympathetic attitude towards the Nazis. Traveling along dark alleys, passing the human wharf rats, and arriving at his arriving at his destination, Scobie meets treacherous Yusef. Later, Yusef apparently orders the death of Scobie's trusted servant. Scobie is forced to borrow money from Yusef and consequently is unable to avoid aiding the Syrian in traitorous acts. Guilt begins to eat at Scobie's conscience. Ironically enough, the major is a good man but is made a victim of inevitable circumstances.

The uncomfortable climate of the story's locale, the hot humid season and the rainy months, adds to the reasons for fatigued nerves and short tempers of the less hardy personalities. The possibility of a flare-up at any moment is one way Graham Greene adds suspense to the story.

A book of the magnitude of THE HEART OF THE MATTER is one which cannot be ignored. Those who want to investigate the workings of the mind and want to read an impressive theological thriller and an unusual story of love will want to read THE HEART OF THE MATTER.

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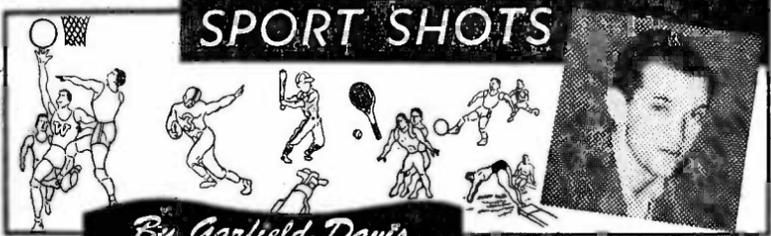
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**SPORT SHOTS**



By Garfield Davis

BEACON SPORTS EDITOR

**ANOTHER WINNER**

That muddy affair of two weeks ago that terminated in a 26-0 victory for the Wilkes footballers was win number 18 for the Colonels over a three-year period. The record now stands at 18 wins, two ties and three losses, not a bad performance for a three-year-old infant. Coach Ralston and his group of hard-hitting young men have turned in some exceptional football in the past three seasons, and though their games have not always been attended as well as they might have been, we don't think there are many students who aren't aware of the fact that the outfit has done an excellent job.

If the team hadn't proved itself in the first two years of competition, winning 12 out of 14 contests, it certainly did this year in bouncing back with such vigor after dropping those first two discouraging games to Bloomsburg STC and St. Francis College. After those disasters the coach and the players realized that they had a long way to go if they were to have a winning season. They had a lot of mistakes to correct and they did the job in time to hit their winning stride in the third game of the season, against Hartwick College. From that point on the lads were unstoppable, except for a 7-7 tie against the Mountaineers from Mansfield, Pa.

**POOP SAVES UP**

For the first time in three years, Bob Waters fell far behind in the touchdown derby. In the first two seasons Bob was right up there with the front-runners, but it seems that this year Poop was saving up, and you know for whom. He zipped 29 yards through the middle for a score against King's College, once again playing a large part in wrecking that school's hopes for a win over the Colonel football team. Reports from our spies at the Northampton Street institution indicate that the Kingsmen are already holding pow-wows for the purpose of devising some method of stopping Poop next year.

**FLORKIEWICZ HEADS TOUCHDOWN DERBY**

Chief producer of six-pointers for the Colonels this year was Halfback John Florkiewicz, who blasted into the end zone six times in the five games he played, for a total of 36 points. Runners-up were Leo Castle and Jack Feeney. Castle scored 30 points on five touchdowns, while Feeney had a point total of 23 on one touchdown and

17 conversions. Feeney missed on only three attempts to convert out of 20. Fullbacks Hank Supinski and Francis Pinkowski each contributed three touchdowns, and Bob Waters and Olie Thomas each scored once.

Though there is no doubting the speed and deception of the Wilkes backs, it must also be remembered that the Wilkes line contributed heavily to the powerful offensive the team showed throughout the season. As usual, the sturdy seven were practically immovable when it came to bruising line play, and their downfield blocking certainly left nothing to be desired. You don't have to take our word for that — ask a couple of guys named Castle and Florkiewicz.

**OFF WITH THE OLD**

As of last Wednesday night, Co-captains Elias and Supinski of the gridgers stepped aside to make room for a couple of other leaders — Paul Huff and Joe Swartwood — who will head the Wilkes cagers this season. On paper the Colonel five stacks up as a fine quintet, having a roster that shows five veterans of last year's team and two of the most promising freshmen to come from last year's local high school teams.

Though the team will be playing a tougher schedule than last year's, it will be out to improve on last year's record of eight wins and seven losses. Unfortunately, we'll have to wait until February 5 to see the Colonels make their seventh attempt to win a basketball game from the King's cagers. It would seem that both schools have their frustrations to put up with — the Kingsmen on the gridiron and the Colonels on the basketball floor.

**SHORT SHOT**

Earl Jobes' system of picking the upsets has finally paid off. He is now proudly telling all who will listen how he picked Pitt to beat Penn State by 7-0.

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE '48-'49**

Date	Opponent	Place
December		
9	Triples Cities College	A
13	Susquehanna University	A
18	Utica College	H
20	Bloomsburg STC	A
January		
8	Triple Cities College	H
12	Scranton University	A
15	Lycoming College	H
22	Mansfield STC	H
26	Bloomsburg STC	H
29	Utica College	A
February		
5	King's College	H
9	National Agricultural Col.	A
12	National Agricultural Col.	H
15	Mansfield STC	A
19	Lycoming College	A
March		
8	King's College	A

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FACE TOUGH OPPONENTS

By BILL HART

The Wilkes College Basketeers opened the '48-'49 season Wednesday night at Oneonta, N. Y., against an experienced Hartwick team. With a nucleus of five veterans from last year's squad plus some promising freshman material, Coach George Ralston hopes to build a top-flight team to represent the Blue and Gold on the hardwood court.

The Colonels this year have been greatly hampered by the lack of a practice gym, and played the Warriors of Hartwick with only two practice drills under their belt. They worked out in the Wyoming Seminary gym Monday and Tuesday in preparation for the season's opener. With the YMCA floor definitely out for practice sessions, Ralston has had difficulty in obtaining a court on which the team may work out. Tentative plans have been made to enable the team to practice in the Kingston Armory and in the Wyoming Seminary gymnasium.

This season the Colonels will play a more different schedule than they had previously. They engage such top fives as Bloomsburg STC, Mansfield STC, Scranton University, Hartwick College, Susquehanna University and, of course, the traditional rival, King's College.

Coach Ralston announced that regular drills will be held as soon as a permanent floor is obtained for practice. He urged that all candidates for the team report to him as soon as possible. On securing a practice spot, Ralston plans to hold large-scale tryouts from which he will shape his squad. He stated that all positions are open at the present time and that he will carry a ten- or twelve-man traveling squad.

The team will be captained this year by Joe Swartwood and Paul Huff, both of whom hail from Ashley. Swartwood has been the team's "dead shot" for the past three years, while Huff goes into his second year as a Colonel cager. Other holdovers include Ed Witek, of Glen Lyon, who played here before the war and then returned in time to play the latter part of last season; Paul Zlonkiewicz, Glen Lyon, and Charlie Jackson, Swoyerville. Jackson and Zlonkiewicz are also second-year men. Freshman standouts are Joe Piorkowski, from last year's highly successful Wyoming High School team, and Phil Sekerchak, who played last year on the outstanding Swoyerville High School five.

**Wrestling Team to Practice Monday**

The 1948-49 wrestling team will hold its first practice session on Monday, December 6, in the St. Stephen's gymnasium. Equipment will be issued to the grapplers this afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Kirby Hall basement.

Coach Cromwell Thomas called for a large turnout of candidates recently, and expects many of last year's wrestlers to report for action this year. Included in this group are such stalwarts as Tom Lasky, Nick Heineman, Bill McGinley and Art Rice.

Thomas announced that a wrestling clinic will be staged tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the YMCA gym. Billy Sheridan, one of the oldest and most experienced wrestling coaches in the country, will be present with some of his Lehigh University wrestlers.

Thomas urges all Wilkes wrestling candidates to attend.

**LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT LETTERMEN'S YULE FORMAL TO BE HELD DEC. 11 AT IREM**

JACK MELTON'S ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FOR THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

By ART SPENGLER

By this time practically all of the student body will have been approached by the ubiquitous lettermen who are industriously engaged in selling tickets (\$4.00 per couple) for their third annual Christmas Ball which is to be held on Saturday evening, December 11, 1948, at the Irem Temple Club.

**Swimmers Making Final Preparations For Season Opener**

Wilkes College Aquateers have begun work this week, having had their first practice session yesterday at the YMCA.

Following practice, coaches Flack and Karemblas stated that the squad is beginning to shape up and they expect to have a good team to start the Blue and Gold's first season in inter-collegiate competition. Pointing to the large turnout — twenty-eight team members — the coaches announced that while the team lacks experience they should turn in a good record against their opponents.

Arrangements are being made to engage seven local colleges in swimming meets on a home and away basis. Like Wilkes, most of these schools have only recently inaugurated the water sport in their sports curriculum. Bloomsburg State Teachers, Lock Haven State Teachers, Shippensburg State Teachers, Hamilton College, Lycoming College, Rider College and Wyoming Seminary are listed as prospective opponents.

Each meet will be divided into five events: free style, back stroke, breast stroke, diving and medley relays. The distance events range from the 100-yard freestyle to the 440-yard medley relay. Members of the team, in addition to Co-coaches Flack and Karemblas, are: Dave Bolton, Richard Cassar and Tom Hodorowski, breast; Charles O'Shea, Jim Slamon and Richard Cassar, back stroke, Bob Swigert, Tom Hodorowski and Jesse Webb, diving.

Those who will compete in the free style include: Harold Anderson, Len Bartikowsky, Crane Buzby, Wade Hayhurst, Walt Horn, Henry Hurtt, Russ Jones, Shadrach Jones, Dave Kuchinkas, Dave Davis, Don Jones, John Baloga, John McConn, Bob Starr, Bob Sutherland, Richard Todd, Carl Strye and John Young.

**Colonel Cagers Drop First Game**

The Wilkes College basketball team opened its campaign last Wednesday night at Oneonta, N. Y., against the Hartwick College five. Hartwick won the contest by a 64-53 count.

The Warriors held a narrow 17-16 lead at the end of the first quarter, and at half-time the score was 26-24, with Hartwick still leading. In the third quarter Hartwick began to pull away from the Colonels, scoring 15 points to the Wilkes 12, and seweed up the game in the last session, dropping 23 counters through the cords while the Colonels were getting 17.

Rookie Phil Sekerchak was high man for the Colonels with 28 points on 13 field goals and 2 fouls. Joe Swartwood had 9 points, Ben Dragon had 7, Joe Piorkowski 6, and Paul Zlonkiewicz tallied two to round out the Wilkes scoring.

If you have succumbed to the sales of strategems (and we hope you have) of these spirited and persistent salesmen, you will see that Jack Melton and his orchestra have been engaged to provide music for dancing from 9 to 1.

Nothing definite has been released as yet but it is quite feasible that the receiving line will be comprised of President and Mrs. Farley, Deans Harker and Ralston, Registrar and Mrs. Morris, and Comptroller and Mrs. Kerstein.

To minimize the financial strain as much as possible, the lettermen have contacted Mr. Baum, a Wilkes-Barre clothier, who readily agreed to rent tuxedos for \$4.50 and to be available for fittings from December 1 to 11. As yet, the lettermen have not concluded negotiations with Mr. Stetz, another Wilkes-Barre clothier. Unlike the practice of the black market era, you will not have to sidle up to the proprietors and say, "Benny sent me." Now you may approach the proprietors with resolution and undisturbed conscience and say in clear, crisp tones, "Poop sent me."

Nick Heineman and Jack Kloeber are the co-chairmen for this annual affair: They will be aided by: Joe Gallagher and George Lewis, arrangements committee; Chet Knapich, program committee; Paul Thomas and Norm Cross, ticket committee; Tom Moran and John Florkiewicz, publicity committee; Al Molash, Dick Scripp, Al Semmers, Francis Piontkowski, Don Blackenbush, Boyd Earle, Frank Evan and Joe Danielowicz, all on the decorations committee.

Last year the second annual Christmas Ball, a semi-formal affair, was attended by more than 150 couples, a gratifying turnout. The lettermen are sincerely hoping that attendance at this year's dance, the first formal dance for the college, will exceed the figure for 1947.

**Season's Results**

Wilkes	Opp.
0	Bloomsburg STC 25
0	St. Francis 31
14	Hartwick College 6
28	National Agri. College 13
7	Mansfield College 7
34	Lycoming College 7
14	Rider College 0
14	Steubenville College 0
26	King's College 0

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# DEBATERS GIVE KEEN DISPLAY AT FIRST MEET

By TOM ROBBINS

Last week the newly formed Wilkes College Debating Club formally added its name to the growing list of activities on the campus by holding a "dress rehearsal" in the Baptist Church House. It was the first chance the Wilkes students have had to see the debaters in action.

The topic chosen for the symposium was "Do We Have A Free Press?" It was apparent that the speakers did not leave a reference book unopened in their search for staunch arguments. Each of the participants made sound and effective pleas to win his point. Those answering "yes" to the "do we have a free press" question were Donald Kemmerer and Harry Hiscox. Those with the negative answers were Thomas Morgan and George Carpenter. George Maisel, Mr. Kemmerer and Mr. Hiscox pointed out that newspaper policies, except in infrequent instances, are governed by the editors, publishers, and officials of the newspapers. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Carpenter, on the other hand, stated emphatically that advertisers, governmental departments, and monopolistic newspaper chains are the powers which control the policies of our nation's newspapers.

Following the formal talks, the audience was invited to ask questions of the speakers. The ensuing lively question and answer session was enjoyed by those present. Most of the students seemed eager to learn more about our press in the United States, free or otherwise. Many questions were concerned with the press policies of the newspapers in Wyoming Valley, but those queries were avoided by the moderator.

Dr. Kruger, instructor of several public speaking courses, as well as coach and adviser of the debating team, spoke briefly preceding and at the conclusion of the symposium. It appears that the Wilkes campus will soon see another champion in its midst. If the recent display was a true example, the youthful debating club will make itself known in many other colleges.

The Debating Team has been invited for speaking engagements before the following high school student bodies:

- Coughlin High School December 3.
- Forty Fort High School December 9.
- Plymouth High School December 10.
- Kingston High School the second week in January.

# On Borrowed Lines

By RUSS WILLIAMS

"In The Doghouse", a column in the B. S. T. C.'s Maroon and Gold, tells of a University of Oklahoma professor who warns his classes that they should expect a surprise quiz any day he happens to enter the lecture hall through the transom. Later in the semester, his self-assured students are unpleasantly astonished when he actually does crawl through the transom and begins distributing quiz papers. Must be the Thin Man's brother.

The Barter Bureau column in the Rider News gives a new twist to an old saying. "A fool and his money are some party!"

In the Keystonian, the "By The Way" column includes this poem: One thing I always get for free Is lots of nice publicity I'm pretty patient if Perfume floats from my handkerchief Or when my eye meets sight

as fair  
As my tie streaming from her hair  
I'll even bear a lipstick smear Enhancing me from ear to ear.  
But, please God, let my girl know better  
Than to wear a white angora sweater.

Al Bird, in the Duquesne Duke, says, "Here's hooping for a good (basketball) season." Let's wish our team a good Hoop-er rating.

A reading in G. A. R.'s Blue and Gray reads, "Macri Appointed Editor." Of course it refers to the new, hard-working editor of the Beacon who is an alumnus of G. A. R.

Burt Lovitz, Temple University, suggests that a new name be given Park Avenue, near the school. It doesn't hold true, he says, at 9 A. M. when he's trying to find a space for his car. Why don't they call it South River Street.

# SILSETH GROUP WILL RADIO TO BAHIA ON WHWL

Seven Wilkes College personalities will participate on the radio program, "Wings of Imagination," tomorrow morning at 11:30 on station WHWL. Appearing on the broadcast with Miss Martha Silseth, Spanish instructor, will be six students: George Ermel, Joseph Petrosky, John Persico, Lester Gross, Richard Scripp, and Manuel Duch. All of these students take Spanish except Manuel Duch, a native of Barcelona, Spain, who is studying chemical engineering. He assists Miss Silseth by conducting a Spanish conversation class once a week.

This week's imaginary visit is to Bahia, fourth largest city in Brazil. Facts about its history, Geography, and culture will be presented on the half-hour program. Music, characteristic of Brazil, will be featured on the broadcast.

# MS Contributions Must Be In Dec. 6

A last appeal is being made for contributions to the winter issue of the MANUSCRIPT with the deadline for acceptance set at December 6.

All manuscripts should be typewritten and submitted to an English instructor or a member of the MANUSCRIPT staff.

More material is needed to complete the issue. Manuscripts which are accepted will reach an audience.

Distribution of the Winter issue is scheduled for soon after the Christmas vacation. Help the MANUSCRIPT meet its deadline.

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