WILKES COLLEGE, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA  
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FAMED AUTHOR, CARL CARMER, TO SPEAK
AT NEXT ASSEMBLY PROGRAM, JANUARY 3

Author Carl Cramer will speak at the Wilkes College Assembly Program on January 3. Mr. Cramer is the author of "Stars Fell On Alabama," "Listen For A Lonesome Drum," "Genesee Fever," "Dusk Trees To The Wind," and other popular books. He is also the author of "The Hudson" for the series. He is coming to Wilkes-Barre to learn about its history, folklore and for his coming volume "The Susquehanna".

Wilkes Colonels are Ready For King’s After Great Victory Over Stroudsburg

BY PAUL R. BEERS

Rocco English, his aides, and his boys will move in on College Avenue after Wilkes defeated Stroudsburg in basketball. There will be little tenderness and a lot of excitement down in Mr. Partridge’s Gymnasium Saturday night, as the Colonial and the Monarch have never been exactly sociable and are very apt to fight like cats and dogs to win a battle royal.

The whole game shapes up to be a very pleasant affair. George Balston is a busy man and things are working pretty smooth at the big gym, too, last winter Wilkes got somewhat happy and beat his opponents. It’s a contrast that was witnessed by many parties. This has always bothered Rocco. A win tomorrow will make the old pro feel better.

The two squads shape up pretty fairly, King’s, without last year’s top man, Bob McGrane, has looked every bit of a powerhouse. Stroudsburg dumped Arnold very smoothly last week and was victorious over Col. Smith, an accurate shot. One guy who has been causing a lot of trouble is John Mackin, King’s 6-3 forward. Two years ago Mackin pulled the show for the boys by leaving Wilkes and going to King’s. The boys have been out to stop Mackin ever since. That, too, is interesting.

Balston has his Colonial looking bigger. Last Saturday before a nice crowd he defeated Nazareth, the place’s No. 1 team, before a fast E. Stroudsburg team, 68-64. There were actually spots in the game where the Colonists looked bigger. Some more dead-eye shooting by the Bats, and a jump shot and lots of last night’s sweat, and George Balston’s Colonial will stay a pretty good, tough crew to submerge.

So, be there tomorrow night. King’s meets Wilkes at 8 in the Wilkes Gymnasium. For fifty cents you can see blood and guts, too, and maybe holler a red-hot "yee haw" to the over its deadly enemy, King’s.

GENDRAL EXPLAINS FEDERAL WAGE LAW TO WILKES GROUP

Fred Gendral, of the Department of Labor, Wage-Hours Division, addressed a group of Wilkes College students on the Federal Wage-Hours Law. The group met in Pickering Hall, Room 250, on Tuesday morning at 11 o’clock.

Gendral opened his talk by expressing his eagerness to address people on the Wage-Hours Law since so many people are misinformed about its various aspects. He made it clear in the beginning that the law is not on the side of labor or management, although it has helped labor in a number of cases. However, Gendral pointed out that the time the Department of Labor takes to settle a case is not very good. Moreover, the law is in an under-staffed situation. In Washington working for as little as ten cents per hour. Even in our own city the wage laws is approximately 18.

Since so many students hold part time jobs and are looking for information, the Federal Wage-Hours Law affects them as individuals. Another facet of the law is that these exemptions are provided by the law. One of the most important of the exempted groups, he stated, is that which includes employees of retail and service establishments.

Thus he explained why so many local department stores are able to pay less than the minimum seventy-five cents per hour and allow their employees to work more than forty hours per week with no overtime pay. Although he covered all the major points in the law, students crowded around him after he closed to ask specific questions.

THETA DELTA RHO TO HOLD SUPPER

The Theta Delta Rho sorority will hold their annual all-college buffet supper Monday, December 17, in the college cafeteria at 6 p.m. Helen Wray, chairman of the affairs, announced that the program for the evening and the guests will sing songs.

Betty Lou Jones is chairman of the refreshments committee, assisted by Naomi Kivler, Patricia McManus, Victoria, Ellen, Louise Wint, and Ruth Dilley. House committee is headed by Ann Belle Sheller and consists of Elaine Newton and Dinah Fiechter.

Miss Jones announced that the charges of the publicity committees, which includes Robert Jones, Joe Pfeiffer, Lois Creole, Lois Creole, head of the clean-up committees, is sided by Pat Jones, Rocco English, Helen Hawkins, Eric Giulianni, Frances Haywood, Charles D’Amico, and Donnel Berrey, chairman, and Jane Simonski are arranging for the entertainment.

The social committee is asked to donate food or money. Among the events, students will be able to order their choice of plates of the college as also see invite.

Excitement is running high on campus today, with students eagerly awaiting the biggest social affair of the year. It’s the Letterman’s Christmas Formal, to be held at the luxuriously decorated gym tonight, and rumor has it that this will be the best of all Christmas Formals.

John Stormy and George Elia, in charge of the decorations, have worked long and hard transforming the gym into a dreamlike Holiday Ballroom, and last night the letterman, armed with rope, paper, string, and many other things too secret to mention, invaded the gym and did such a good job of decorating that it would make Santa Claus envious.

Dance chairman Al Molash announced that favors for this year’s bash will be sent to all those who attend the dance will receive one. He said dancing will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The band that will come to continue, then Al Anderson and his orchestra will continue to play until 1 o’clock.

Edd Ritsko, ticket chairman, said plenty of tickets are well and expect a large turn-out tonight. Dan Plisko, refreshment chairman, said plenty of refreshments will be on hand. President George McFarland and the crew of hard working letterman are looking forward to an enjoyable evening at the only formal affair this year, the Letterman’s Christmas Formal.

CHWALEK DISCUSSES JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION FIELD

At an informal social meeting of the Educational Society on Thursday, Mr. Chwalek, director of the Placement Bureau, gave an informative talk concerning job opportunities in the education field. Mr. Chwalek said that in the elementary grades are unlimited, and those in secondary education are numerous except in this area of Pennsylvania. There are many possibilities in states adjacent to Pennsylvania, especially Maryland, New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Chwalek hopes to have representatives of schools in Maryland and at Wilkes before the February graduation.

One of the most interesting and practical parts of the talk concerned the do’s and don’ts of technique in applying for teaching positions in which Mr. Chwalek emphasized the fact that college graduates are no longer supposed to be immature and must have the poise of a well-adjusted adult when trying for a job. He is going to give some hints to students of education before graduation.

The next business meeting of the Educational Society will be held Thursday, December 11, at 11:00 in Pickering 203.

On Thursday, January 10 at 6 p.m. the annual meeting of the club in Butler Room will be held. A short program will be shown. Everyone is invited.

Wilkes Gondoliers will Present Concert Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday at 4 o’clock, the Magdral Singers of Wilkes College, with John Detroy conducting, will perform at Town and Country’s Town and Gown Concert Series.

The group will perform wonderful songs of European composers of the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. The music includes madrigals, carols, solos and duets.

The program will be performed in the style of early musical singing, with the group surrounding the conductor on the piano.

Solist will be Nancy Boston and Thomas Schrader. They will be accompanied by the conductor, together will sing Purcell’s “Sound the Trumpet.”

Detroy has explained that a madrigal is a secular composition of varying lengths, in melody and polychoral gres.

Scholarly and stiffened, the magdral may evoke the daily lives of people or nymprising, woodland and the tales of the people. One of the magdral to the carol, although unlike the carol it does not deal with the Navity alone.

The Magdral Singers have been invited to many other colleges and concert a success; the only thing that happened was the attendance of the student body.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
EDITORIAL—

Sports Scandals

Dr. Oliver C. Carmichael, president of the Carnegie Foundation of Teaching, declared recently that the Nation's colleges and universities must assume the major share of the responsibility for the widespread collapse of moral standards revealed by various athletic scandals.

The Philadelphia Inquirer picked up Dr. Carmichael's indictment and pointed out that the colleges are responsible in two ways:

First, colleges have encouraged a double standard of conduct in athletics; commercialism in sports has been "pliably shrouded by athletic scholarships, and by the fact that the college's own eagerness to turn a fast buck has set a cheap example to students."

Now that the evils of commercialism in sports are before the public, everyone is hopping on the bandwagon to help beat the drum. But if John Q. Public had opened his eyes and ears a few years ago, it is very unlikely that the sports scandals would be in the public eye today.

But you reply, "We didn't know that gamblers were corrupting college sports." We reply, "If you kept your eyes and ears open!" Leo H. Peterson, sports editor of the United Press, in 1947 (four years ago), conducted a poll to find the attitude of sports editors on the subject of gambling in intercollegiate sports. The results reported in the Editor and Publisher are in part quoted below:

"Do you feel that the gambling evil is serious enough to threaten the future of intercollegiate athletics?"

55.3% yes 43.5% no

Yes, sports writers were aware of the inherent evils of commercialism in intercollegiate sports no less than four years ago.

We do not wish to labor a point, but you should realize that the corruption in collegiate sports has existed for a good number of years; it is only recently that it has been exposed to the public.

"Big time" football, conceived by scholarships and nourished by egocentric alumni, provide a Klonide for gamblers. If you are following the basketball scandal at Bradley University, you know that there you can get graduate credit for such ridiculous courses as "The Art of Self-defense", "Tumbling"; the list is long and the "courses" are absurd. But also some persons saw that you were paid for your participation in sports—sometimes as high as one hundred dollars a game.

The only permanent solution, in our opinion, is to restore collegiate athletics to its proper place—a place where a college athlete is looked on as an amateur, not as a professional.

Before the school year began last year, Wilkes announced and published its Athletic Code which was set up by the faculty and administration, and approved by the Board of Trustees. This Code, in short, declared that extra-curricular activities (sports included) were an integral part of the school program. It added, however, that a balance must be maintained between scholastic and extra-curricular activities so that scholarship would not be affected by excessive participation in student activities.

The Code states emphatically that the stress at Wilkes College is intellectual development and learning. It states that Wilkes, when arranging for intercollegiate sports competition, seeks to establish permanent ties with only those colleges which have policies of admission, retaining similar scholastic standards, and offering assistance on the same basis.

The second criticism of the Nation's colleges is that they are failing to teach morals. The question is, "Should colleges teach morals, per se?" It is assumed that an educated man possesses morals, at least according to the "Marks of an Educated Man", which you will find in any copy of the college yearbook.
The scrappy Wilkes quintet noted in last year's season report, the 1951-52 season by drowning out the powerful East Stroudsburg Teachers in the last quarter, has continued its success. The Colonels had a perfect evening at the ’51 Athletic Awards Banquet as the players, coaches, and fans celebrated the team’s accomplishments.

To the Greeks—Actually, there is one sport and one sport only in which each man is on his own and can’t flub the dub without being sold out. That sport is wrestling. When the referee says, “wrestle!” and brings down his arm like a hatchet, the matman is on his own. There’s no two-platoon system, or fallible umpires to help. It’s a test of will, alone, and that is someone else. It all boils down to one fact—the gruff and green boys are on their own once they start. It’s the only sport that requires complete dedication and personal courage.

And we come to turn to mat. In the past, Wilkes has had great teams under Cromwell Thomas and the present coach, Jim Laggan. With a line-up of six senior wrestlers, a majority are returning for the Colonels constantly pummeled the posteriors of their opponents. They only lost meets to the wrestling colleges of the East, namely Millersville, West Chester, and Juniata.

This year, the growers are out again, but lack some of the boys that held their squads up high, namely George McMonagle, Zim Crook and Dolores, so the Colonels have been reconstructed. If the tone, Cromwell graduated, and Dvorzanek is not at this institution.

However, we do have at the lightweight Jimmy Ward, and Bobby Reynolds, two good cookies who can sling their weight around and look to get as many points as possible. Balton’s back, Joe Yanovitch has been working out at the 157 lb. class as the only contender for that spot. Yanovitch has plenty of in- tense talent, enough to also place, according to Charlie Thomas (the lad Paul Beer’s said is “also out”) has shown up again—but is not to be ignored. Thomas, a letterman of three years ago, seems ready to burst on the scene, and can probably repeat his last year’s performance.

Bobby Javer, a quiet letterman of one year’s experience, will drop from the heavyweight class. This class is all-Jackie Robinson. And, a man last year who outweighed him by about 54 pounds. This season, he looks good at 185.

It’s the Tommy Heinrich, the “Old Reliable”, of the matmen. Phil moves like an ape across the mat but he can use his speed and strength three rounds plus—and he usually ties up a victory. Phil”, the Colonels’ veteran wrestler, has been a hero of the team. Without him, the Colonels would have given the opposing team five points for a short time, and it’s the boys hitting the 200 mark who could take over the job. Why don’t they go down a little better on the mat? Because I couldn’t throw an arm lock on my aged grandmother.

At the game, Phil can keep working his men as in the past. Wilkes has not been that you would call a winning basketball school. Three years ago, they had a juggernaut outfit that cleaned everybody up, but in these days they had Joe Pinkowski, a good batch of boys and a great number of championship aerials.

Anyway, it seems that our small but determined cagers have come up with something. Perfect on the foul line, and better than Larry (Goo) Goo, the Colonels haveNine Points in the poki.

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My blood boiled. It was something I could not take lightly. The very next day I penned a letter to the New York Post which read as follows:

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Wilkes College
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear New York Post:

Your newspaper has always been to me one dedicated to the ideal of fair play. Perhaps that is the reason why I always considered the New York Post to be the finest of all New York’s afternoon newspapers. I must point out to you, however, that this ideal of fair play that you champion has not been furthered by a member of your sports staff.

In the most recent issue of your weekly edition, an article was written by Mr. Friedlander about the NYU-Temple game to be played on Saturday night. Mr. Friedlander devoted much of his column to the scoring attributes of Temple’s big man of the basketball court, Bill Milky. He mentioned the various scoring records that are held by Milky including the record number of points for one game, 78; and the most field goals in one game, 82, which is fair shooting in any league. It is that part of the column that I feel I must take exception to. Mr. Friedlander has slurred Wilkes College in his statement that Wilkes was “apparently founded for the purpose (of allowing Milky to set the aforementioned records) since it was never heard of before or since.”

We here at Wilkes are proud of our school. It is apparent that Mr. Friedlander does not realize that the prime purpose of a college is to produce educated men and that is exactly what Wilkes in doing. Sports, of course, are important to that development and the authorities here fully realize that fact. Wilkes maintains varsity teams in wrestling, soccer, football, baseball, and basketball in the true spirit of amateurism. Our players play the game for the love of the sport only. Scholarships at Wilkes are issued to those who earn them through scholastic ability and not for athletic ability. It might interest Mr. Friedlander to know that Wilkes, academically speaking, is ranked in the upper fifth of the nation.

Still Milky, the night he scored his 78 points against our basketball squad, was hotter than a firecracker. Playing against simmering so-called big schools, he would have easily scored 40 points. It’s not fair to take anything away from Milky because his records were made against a little-known school. I feel that an apology is due from Mr. Friedlander to both Milky and to the student body of Wilkes College.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Dannick

P.S. It might interest Mr. Friedlander to know that Wilkes established some sort of basketball record Saturday, December 8, by caging 24 foul shots in as many attempts for a perfect percentage.

There you have it. It remains to be seen whether the letter will be printed or whether it will be answered. No matter what the results, you’ll hear the sequel to the next issue. In the meanwhile, let’s all get out there tomorrow night and show our basketball team we’re behind them every inch of the way, whether they win, lose or draw.

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