Town Meeting to Feature Cecil Brown

FAMOUS RADIO COMMENTATOR TO APPEAR IN WORLD BROADCAST FROM WILKES GYM
MEROLLI IN CHARGE OF CAMPUS TICKET SALES

by Mike Lewis

The prediction made by John I. Chwalek, chairman of the local committee sponsoring the "Town Meeting of the Air" which is to be broadcast from the Wilkes Gym on March 18, to the effect that the "most interesting and timely" was vindicated this week by Dr. Clarence R. Decker, moderator of Town Meeting, announcing that the subject for the discussion will be "Should We Fear The New Germany?"

Debating this crucial question which caused much argumentation and concern in both official and public circles in recent months will be Cecil Brown, world-famous radio commentator, and George N. Shuster, president of Wilkes College. Dr. Decker, the moderator, is president of the University of Kansas City.

Mr. Brown, who will handle the affirmative side of the question, achieved fame as a foreign correspondent during World War II.

The broadcast will be carried by the 274 stations of the American Broadcasting Company, every corner of the United States, Canada, and Alaska; it will be heard by millions of Americans who listen to "Cecil Brown and the News."

Mr. Brown recently completed a trip around the world. Taking issues with Mr. Brown will be the distinguished educator, Dr. Shuster, who is a recognized expert on German affairs. Dr. Shuster is known for his studies of the German question as has been his center of some of the most authoritative and timely in the fact that Bavaria has been the subject of some of the most authoritative.

WILKES STAGES AIR RAID DRILL

The mock air raid held last Tuesday, March 4, has been pronounced a complete success by Dr. J. B. McManus, professor of mathematics and chairman of the Student Council. An official statement immediately following the drill all the "talkers" had reported their buildings secure. The drill was completed at 10:56, 40 minutes after its start.

The simulated air raid began at 10:15, as scheduled, with the rings of the campus siren being heard eight minutes after the start of the drill. The drill all the "talkers" had reported reported their buildings secure. The drill was completed at 10:56, 40 minutes after its start.

The drill was completed in complete success in all respects. It accomplished the duties of the various air raid shelters and proved that in the event of the real thing, the Wilkes Campus will not be a major disaster area as everyone concerned conducted themselves in such a way as to make the drill go off in the smoothest possible manner. Sincere thanks to everyone for a job well done.

Answer Their Call!

- In Korea only the thin red stream of blood flowing into his veins from a transfusion bottle keeps death from a wounded soldier. On a thousand Main Streets across the nation, life-giving blood stands between death and the lives of tens of thousands, the blood of hundreds of men and women and children each day.

Through your help - the Red Cross can answer their call.

Wilkes College

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For "Town Meeting of The Air"
EDITORIAL

TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR

One of the aims of a college education is awareness of world problems. Wilkes students have a unique opportunity to hear the opinions of some of America’s foremost authorities on a problem that is vital to the world’s welfare: Should We Fear The Soviet Union?

Mr. John Chwalek, director of the Wilkes Placement Bureau, has announced that on Tuesday evening, March 18, the famous radio forum, “Town Meeting of the Air,” will be aired from the Wilkes gymnasium. The broadcast will be picked up by stations WNYF, WNYT and WYNY in the United States. The Voice of America will transmit the program to the rest of the world.

The featured speakers will be such prominent personalities as radio commentator Cecil Brown, famed foreign correspondent; and Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College and former Lord Commissar of the British head mission. The moderator will be Dr. Clarence R. Decker, president of the University of Kansas City and assistant director of the Far East Mutual Security Administration.

As Mr. Chwalek points out, “This is the biggest program ever to hit the Wilkes-Barre area. The community is behind the program and the entire student body, including the alumni, will be hearing this message.” The forum is expected to draw a larger audience than any previous Town Meeting program.

student participation is one of the most important factors needed to make the local Town Meeting program a success. Reports from advance sales indicate that the students seem to look forward to the occasion.

Let’s get behind the Town Meeting sponsors and make the forum a success. Tickets are only one dollar. What could be a better way to spend a dollar than to invest it in education, in the preservation of your knowledge of the pro’s and con’s of one of the world’s most disturbing problems.

EDITORIAL

YOU ARE NEEDED

An extensive campaign to raise urgently needed funds for the American Red Cross will begin on campus Monday. Once again the student body will take a leadership role in the effort to provide the much-needed relief to the victims of the current war.

The Wilkes College student body and faculty have contributed generously in the past and it is hoped that the new campaign will be an even greater success. However, the 1952 campaign has been conducted in a manner slightly different from that of previous years. Contributions will be in charge of the president of each campus organization. Students are asked to leave contributions with the head of one of their extra-curricular groups, who will make returns to Robert Parkhurst, director of the campus drive.

It is urgently needed. Remember that the Red Cross is people everywhere, ready to help—trained, capable people at the scene where need is greatest—ready to do what you ask to do, whenever you ask.

How completely the Red Cross acts as the channel through which millions of Americans fulfill their desire to serve others is most plainly seen in the record of every Red Cross volun-

teer in the United States is a Red Cross member; and 1 out of every 30 is an active Red Cross volunteer.

This wide support stems the strength of the organization. A dramatic example of how volunteer spirit in action followed the outbreak of war in Korea. When the confi-

ude into the 1951 training became the nucleus around which was built one of the most intensive and efficient programs ever carried out by Red Cross volunteers. College students also contributed largely to Red Cross service.

The campus campaign is your chance to respond to a des-

perate plea from the other side of the country—or the world. Be prompt. Be generous. To war Red Cross.

CASE OF THE MISSING BOOKS

The books in your college library are a part of a two-way investment. They represent your investment in Wilkes College, and the college’s investment in you. Part of the money which is paid by each student goes into the purchase of books, and by careful selection throughout the short time which our library has existed it has grown into one of which we can be proud.

Yet through carelessness or casual behavior there has been a constant leakage of books from the stacks. In an interview this week, Joseph H. Myers, the college librarian, revealed that some 1500 books have disappeared in the past five years—almost one a day!

With the unprecedented increase in the cost of books, this presents a problem which can be most unpleasant. Not only are books more expensive to replace, but many of the items are not available at any price.

Even if it were possible to replace all the volumes which have strayed from our college shelves, the money allotted to Mr. Myers for books would be further reduced. Every book which must be brought again leaves a new book unpurchased.

Along with the problem of disappearing library stock, students are baffled and angered to discover their texts being “appropriated.” Upperclassmen can look back upon the balmy days when one could leave a book for an indefinite period in any one of the lounges. But such days seem to have gone. Does this mean there is a degeneration of the standards among Wilkes students?

Some members of the student body have been complaining about the new anti-cut ruling. They believe, and state often, that it is an infringement upon their rights as students. We do not seek a quarrel with the administration on this matter, but the problem is a serious one. Consequently the disappearances might lead to similar drastic action at the library.

Mr. Myers stated that one answer to the problem is to close the lounges.

This would create added inconvenience for the students. They would no longer be able to browse, one of the most gratifying contacts with reading matter that we have yet discovered. All books would have to be ordered from the card catalog via a library employee.

It would also mean extra burdens on Mr. Myers’ staff. Since the library has neither intercommunication nor a dumb writer, some one would have to climb the stairs, search for the book in question and bring it to the main desk.

Past campaigns have been dismal failures, percentage-wise. Only about a quarter of the books have ever been retrieved.

A successful drive will mean that the book which one is interested in may actually be in the library. It also means that the library will be able to order a new specimen, in case the one on hand is marked up or covered with disguise.

A Wilkes College library book is easy to identify, and very few are marked for anything but legitimate reasons. It is imperative that we continue to use it, or the entire collection will be lost. It is necessary due to recent misunderstandings regarding the interpretation of the policy that the librarians will be asked when several organizations staged a drive against book theft. This drive was within the limits of the policy. There were restrictions in which the community, mild to be sure, but indicative of more severe out breaks. This is a matter which was allowed to continue unchecked.

It is hoped that in the question appeared in the Beacon, a meeting of club and class presidents and advisers will be held when the problem was considered seriously. It is imperative that the volumes which are missing be retrieved.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problem and to clarify the policy. The meeting was well attended and the members present present agreed that such action was necessary. It is hoped that the librarian, Mr. Myers, will read the book to every faculty, and the Student Council will change the present policy so that any student who should break the rules would be subject to severe punishment.

The volume which has disappeared from the stacks is a book written by John F. Kennedy, “Profiles in Courage.” He has written an introduction about how important this book is and whatEREADERS START HERE

WILKES COLLEGE BEACON

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1952

WILKES COLLEGE BEACON

JAMES FOWLER

Letters To The Editor--

Dear Mr. Grossman:

Last Friday's Beacon carried a letter from the Student Council questioning certain aspects of the Activities Policies at Wilkes College. I would like to point out a few errors and add a few comments.

First, let me say that most college students feel that the activities policies which govern their activities are necessary. They feel that the rules are strict, liberal, others are "middle of the road." At Wilkes College we have established a middle of the road policy geared to serving students as a College community. This policy was approved by both the Administrative and the Student Senate.

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Dear Mr. Fowler:

Editor-in-Chief

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I am writing in regard to the article which appeared in the Beacon for March 11, 1952. It was signed by Myron G. Grossman, "Letters to the Editor." The letter expressed the opinion that the Wilkes College Activities Policies were strict, liberal, or a middle of the road policy. I would like to point out a few errors and add a few comments.

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TWO CAMPUS CRITICS DISCUSS ONE-ACTS PRESENTED BY CUE "N" CURTAIN PLAYERS

BY THOMAS PROCTOR

The three one-act plays, "Pipes of Dunbar," "Short of Murder" and "Hands Across The Sea," which were presented on February 11, 12 and 13 at the Armitage Theatre, were the real test of the skills of the three young men who first confused and four pages of the script were slip-

Mr. Grub, adviser of the Drama Society, has predicted that the majority of the performers were the athletic team. He said that they were not only the most experienced players like Peter Maxwell, John Armitage, Tim Stein, Chuck Gloman, and Pat Virtue, but that they had all seen their performances, have appeared in many Wilkes productions whereas this was Pat's and Armitage's first experience with the CUE.

The Cue "n" Curtain has altered the method of directing one-act plays. From now on, it will be in the hands of the directors, and will give the regular members acting for Cue "n" Curtain a chance to see acting from the critical, objective point of view and as, a result, improve their stage abilities. Since only one 3-act and three one-act plays are given, Cue "n" Curtain will give new players enough time to grow into their parts; the one-act is going to start classes for those who are interested in the stage. That is why there will be new players on the plays, and the director has a class of acting; then, a class of directing.

A new policy of Cue "n" Curtain is that, from now on, one-act plays open to everyone on campus, whether he is a member of the club or not. The reason for this is that, as the one-act is probably the only place on campus where a person can escape himself.

No other members acting for the first time at Wilkes were Shelton Schneider, Peter Wurm, Marjorie Steck, Margaret Klein, and Lou Steck.

Ae has recognized to be made to the following people: Peggy S. Benne, who stepped into the role of "Piper" and made her debut here on Thursday night. She did a good job, and I look forward to seeing more of her work.

Jack Krankenfield, who designed for "Pipes of Dunbar" the most attractive set that any writer inside or outside of CUE would be hard at Wilkes. He is an up and coming stage players, without whose help the plays could not have been successful.

HOMER BONE

"Cue 'n' Curtain's three one-act plays, "Pipes of Dunbar," "Short of Murder" and "Hands Across The Sea," the erstwhile stable on the campus, have been pulled out of their audiences in the aisles and Freeze, and away from the stage, in Best 14-goers. The principal of the author of the comedy, intend to be sophisticated, would have wised by the stage and touched by such outstanding performances as those of Bill Stein, Addie Elvis, Billy Crowder, Bob Evans, Dale Warmouth, Helen Brown, Peter Maxwell and Armitage who comprised the cast. No wonder the members of the show, took the part of a confused nitwit who could not remember anything.

The intercollegiate volleyball tournament to be held at Binghamton, N. Y., has been postponed to April 19. Originally the tournament was to have been held on March 22, but the postponement will give our entry ample time to prepare for the best teams in the region. It is hoped that once a team is selected, it will be made for the team to play against the Jewish Community Center of this city. It is also hoped to allow our players to become ac-

The postponement has necessitated a slight change in the organizational setup at Wilkes. Bob Part
eridge's baseball team will be competing in the playoffs on the same day, March 13. Parteridge's play off is for a spot with either Bob, Robert Moran. Mr. Moran will be in charge of the baseball team, and he is sure to have a good team even though they may not win. For con-

The baseball team will be coached, among others, by John Armitage, an excellent student of the game and a former member of the CUE's baseball team.

The cast, only two were veteran players, Lois Long and Sam Mel

The role of "Ezra Eaton" was played by a young man named Charles Smith. The role was played by a young man named Charles Smith. His performance was excellent, and he succeeded in making the character come alive.

The role of the lawyer was played by Michael Murphy, a member of the CUE. He did a fine job, and his performance was a treat to watch.

The role of the judge was played by Charles Smith, a member of the CUE. He did a fine job, and his performance was a treat to watch.

The role of the prosecutor was played by Michael Murphy, a member of the CUE. He did a fine job, and his performance was a treat to watch.

The role of the defense attorney was played by Charles Smith, a member of the CUE. He did a fine job, and his performance was a treat to watch.

The role of the plaintiff was played by Michael Murphy, a member of the CUE. He did a fine job, and his performance was a treat to watch.

The role of the defendant was played by Charles Smith, a member of the CUE. He did a fine job, and his performance was a treat to watch.

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MANUSCRIPT NEEDS MORE MANUSCRIPTS

By DALE WARMOUTH

The deadline for the spring issue of Manuscript, Wilkes College's own literary magazine, is drawing closer. Wendel Clark, editor in chief, wishes to remind those who intend to turn in manuscripts that only a month remains before the copy must be turned over to the printer.

"Quite a number of students," Clark said, "have expressed a desire to submit something to Manuscript, but they have neglected to do so as yet. We would appreciate it if they would drop their material in the Manuscript box in Kirby Hall as soon as possible."

Manuscript will be produced in offset this spring, be explained. This places much more work in the hands of the staff. For instance, the entire script must be typed twice by June Stevens, the dean's office, and she should have as much done before the deadline as possible.

Once in a while people on campus ask questions which seem to reveal that there are some misconceptions about the content and the purpose of the magazine. In order to clear up the minds of students, members of the staff have prepared a question and answer series which follows:

What sort of material does the Manuscript want?

Everything—essays, poems, stories, plays. The Manuscript is interested in class-prepared work as well as original contributions. A well-rounded selection of the best writing available is the Manuscript's aim.

Does one have to be a member of the Literary Society or an English major?

No. The fact that the Manuscript staff members are also in the Literary Society is coincidental. Some of our best articles and stories of the past have been written by people outside the English department.

Isn't the Manuscript interested in 'long-hair stuff'?

If it's good, yes, but Manuscript is not an organ exclusively dedicated to the literature. The best answer is found in the 1951 issue which contained many selections on the lighter side.

Who reads the Manuscript?

The majority of copies go to students, to whom it is distributed without charge. In addition, hundreds are mailed to colleges and public libraries, other college magazines, staffs, and people in public life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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stood by the group, and since he couldn't clarify it orally, he chose to withdraw it. Thus it seemed that the entire group was in accord in accepting the policy. Remember now this was a group of campus leaders and faculty men who were closely affiliated with the Activities program.

I might also add that I am adviser to the Student Council and have attended all but one of the formal meetings. I could very well have answered their queries at the meeting in which it was decided to draw up the letter of protest, but due to other commitments, I arrived at this meeting ten minutes late, and action had already been taken on it. Open discussion ended when I walked in and except for my own insinuations I would have learned nothing about it until the minutes of the meeting were published in the Beacon.

The Activities policy is not meant to be restrictive. It is meant more in the spirit of cooperation between the Office of Activities and the many clubs on the campus.

It is restrictive only in that it anticipates actions by the above-mentioned two percent and seeks to protect the interests of the college from their thoughtlessness. I sincerely hope that this letter clarifies the situation.

Robert W. Partridge
Director of Student Activities

SNOW DEFEATS DEBATES

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will accompany the team to Brook-
lyn, where they will engage in the Sixth Annual Brooklyn College De-
bate Tournament. It was at this
tournament last year that the Wil-
estykes came out with the high-
 lest team totals and the only super-
ior team rating out of 48 colleges.

In addition to this honor, Fred Davis was the number two speaker, and Tom Morgan the number three speaker of the tournament, outscoring the debaters. Morgan is now in the Army, but Davis is still with the team and has been termed by coaches who have heard him as one of the top debaters in the United States.

Dr. Kruger plans to enter him and John Martin in an elimination tournament to which Wilkes has been invited and which is to be held March 31 and 32 at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., to determine entries for the National Invitational Debate Tournament, scheduled for April 23-28, at West Point, N. Y.

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