McMahon Chairman of Formal: Big Dance Set For Next Friday

BY WALT CHAPKO

Bill Morgan, President of the Formal Club, has appointed Geo. McMahon as Chairman of the Christmas Formal Dance to be held on Friday at 8:00 in the gym and to which all members of the Upperclass will be invited, and Mrs. Morgan will be the Dummy. The date for the dance has been set for December 1st. This year the party will be planned by the members of the Formal Club, and the arrangements have been under the direction of Mr. George Morgan.

The purpose of the dance is to give all members of the Upperclass an opportunity to meet new people and to have a good time. The dance will feature a variety of music, including both国语 and modern dance. There will be a prize for the best-dressed couple, and the judges have been selected by the members of the Formal Club.

The dance will begin at 8:00 and will continue until 11:00. Admission will be 25 cents for students of the Upperclass, and 50 cents for students of the Lowerclass. No tickets will be sold at the door; all tickets must be purchased in advance from the Formal Club.

The Formal Club would like to thank Mr. George Morgan for his generosity in allowing them to use the gym for their dance. They would also like to thank Mrs. Morgan for her help in planning the event. The Formal Club looks forward to a successful dance and hopes to see all members of the Upperclass in attendance.
Teachers Find Scarsdale a Mecca

Scarsdale, magic word in education circles, was the goal of the Editorial Board at one time before the Thanksgiving holiday, members of the board, under the leadership of Dr. Fisher, and education students who were interested gathered together in front of Chase Hall, stepped into the waiting Martz bus, and made their way to Scarsdale. The group had been made up by dining and leaving for a date at a "reasonable" hour to their hotel rooms, and so much appreciated by being shown around the various schools.

The students of the trip to Scarsdale were much impressed by the school paper, which are the most modern that many of them had seen. Beautiful buildings and broad, well-equipped gymnasium, competent instructors, and intelligent and well-behaved students, all of whom make up the atmosphere, which the students were privileged to view. The students who went to Scarsdale are still buzzing about their impressions of the places visited and similar trips in the future.

This 'N That...
by ludwig

Hi.

Well, I see that I'm supposed to be thanking you for your personal support of the Beacon of a few weeks ago. In view of this I shall now try to enliven your copy of the Beacon with some information on the social events which shall captivate their public, and which are of great importance.

The girls are throwing cards to the winners, which is as this appears to you. Well, I am going to bring a little change to your life if you please and tell you about the cards. We have in our regular playing with the person on the other card and the cards of just two of the many different types of personalities that play cards. If you are going to the party Friday go to have a good time and while you're there good luck to you.

Hoopsters Lose First To Ithaca, 77-73; Marsh Karesky High Scorer With 21

By CHARLES WHITE

The Wilkes Colonels opened their quart season last Wednesday night when they traveled to Ithaca, N. Y., to play Ithaca College. This was the first time Wilkes had ever played in Ithaca. The ten men who traveled to the first away game of the season included eight returning lettermen and two freshmen newcomers, Len Batracey, Ed Davis, Joe Silsor, John Milliman, Marsh Karesky, Bob Helfert, Joe Weingore and Jim Atherton were the veterans. The two freshmen were Frank Kopicki who played with Plymouth and Jim Ferris who played Kingsport last year.

Throughout the Thanksgiving vacation, while many a Wilkes student stuffed his face with Turkey, the basketball team held three practice sessions which were highlighted by a scrimmage with the Ithaca College Colleens. Coach Ralston stated several times that the competition for the first ten spots on the team might be quite light-some. As a matter of fact the last five players were not picked until after Practice Tuesday night. Saturday the team travels to Williamsport to meet the Loyalsock team Tuesday night.

Ed Note: The results of the Ithaca game were too late for press deadline, so that the final score is 77-73. High scorer for Wilkes was Marsh Karesky with 21 points. The Colonels competed exceptionally well in their first encounter, forcing Ithaca to the all the way. The home team won with a rally in the final quarter.

Tiger and Chem Club Unstoppable

The Chemistry Club downs the Biology Club for the championship of the Intercollegiate Basketball. The final score was 49-23. This win eliminates the Biology Club acquiring the Chemistry Club. The Chemistry Club was scored upon only twice, due to a turnover by the Biology Club. Changing Donald (Tiger) McFadden and the pass of George Norms (Powder-Puff) Gates. The offense of the champions was led by McFadden, who caught seven touchdown passes and kicked three extra points for seven points. Right behind him was William (Butt) Gorecki with 30 points on six long touchdown runs. Gates tossed for 14 touchdowns and ran for two. Gorecki was the leading ground-gainer with 610 yards on 42 tries. Few players are the team that attempted to stop the Chemistry "steamroller":

42-Biology Club 6
28—Engineers 0
23—Physics Club 9
7—Theta Delta Rho 6
4—Biology Club 0

Editor's Note: Theta Delta Rho was particularly hot, appearing to the day that the Chem Club tangle with them.

Economics Club To Show Movie

The Economics Club of Wilkes College is presenting a full-length movie, "The Miracle on 46th St.", starring Edmund Gwenn on Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the lecture hall. This feature is a very human and touching story which is highly appropriate to the Christmas season. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Economics Club.

DIKE DIVOTS

ALL-AMERICANS—WE'VE GOT TWO OF 'EM

We'll have to admit that we were quite surprised when we learned Wednesday that GEORGE ELIAS AND RUSSELL PICTON were given honors as First Team All-American, but really, we shouldn't have been. Let's face the facts, both of the Colonels who were so honored were deserving, and we're glad that the AP Sportswriters realized it. Take "Gigi" Elias for instance. He's a graduate of Meyers High in South Wilkes-Barre, who switched from his high school position, center, and went on to be one of the most dependable backs that COACH GEORGE RALSTON had around for (four too short) years. George sparkled all season long this fall and really played his heart out even though it was "back-pain" time of the year. He really picked up a collection of bruised and pulled muscles, but nothing stopped him. Ellsworth Elion, who's really "confirmed" the kind of ball player that football coaches seldom get their hands on. A versatile fellow, George showed his mettle by handling a number of positions out there on the gridiron. In the single and double wing formations, he was the blocking back and left wingback respectively, in the "T", he was the fullback, and on defense he was a "Rock of Gibralter" at a line-backer slot. For the most part he was a 60-minute man, too. Never much of a scorer—he always let the other fellow make the TD's—George realized his first collegiate touchdown in this, his final year as a Wilkesman. The team Co-Captain can well be proud of a real fine grid season.

FOUR GAMES MADE PICTON CHOICE

RUSS PICTON looked like a candidate of some kind for All-America honors right from the start, but that terrible blow in the Hofstra game—a broken leg—made many think that he would be a forgotten man when the voting time rolled round. But he was far from a forgotten man. Everybody who saw the Wilkes-Hofstra grid encounter at Hemplestad, L. I., this fall went away singing the praises of our first-rate, rugged guard. It was his misfortune in the third period, and it seems like the Wilkesmen would have turned back the East's second best small college team had it not been for the interference of Lady Luck. Duration the tilt, we were parked in the Press Box surrounded by sportswriters and coaches from over the East who were making their votes known. Talking about Russ Picton would have given ordinary a guy a swollen head. Hofstra's Coach HOWDY MYERS stated after the game, when he came to the Wilkes locker room to thank the East's fine condition, that he hoped he wouldn't have to face a team or a guy that are as good as Wilkes and Russ for an other time to come. Of course, the Hofstra wasn't the whole show for Picton. His 95-yard play against Scranton that he played at game of the season, in which he Kropinski did some fine ball handling, was a preview of things that were to come. At the time of the Hofstra game, Wilkes, via the arm of Russ and our other talented toter, Eddie Davis, was rated as one of the top passing teams in the small college ranks; the result of plenty of passing and slotting. Davis, a member of the team, was rated as one of the best passers at the quarterback position, and he's not let the other touchdown with the in middle of a football field. An honorable mention selection to a fellow who played only four games is one of the most sincere pats on the back that we've seen in a long time.

DIKE DIVOTS, THE BRACON, and the entire student body, we're sure, extend heartiest congratulations to George and Russ.

The REASON would also like to congratulate HARRY MILLER, King's College ace, on his selection to the Catholic All-American Team for 1952. In winning a first string berth on the Catholic team Miller had led his team out from such schools as Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Fordham, Villanova, etc. He must be very highly thought of, Again, nice going Harry.

Campus capsers ball for Coke

When grades are posted, get hold of yourself—maybe the news is good. Anyway, there'll always be problems ahead, so start now and face them refreshed. Have a Coke.
THE WILKES STAGE
‘Hotel Universe’ Most Convincing
In Most Fantastic Moments

By DALE WARMOUTH

It was indeed refreshing to have serious drama on the Wilkes College boards this fall after what became a suffet of comedy, sometimes bordering dangerously on plain slapstick. From the rigors of “Charley’s Aunt!” and “Theatrecraft, Glo-Hat!” frisky stuff, we were pleasantly catapulted into the problem play with a salubrious switch, that, from what to do about the girl friend, to what to do about the soul.

Maybe a few people in the audience fidgeted under Barry’s talkativeness, but it was worthwhile to have something with a little meat in it.

In addition to old standbys Peter Margo and Ann Asta, who can be expected to turn in a creditable job for Cue ‘n’ Curtain, the big joy of the evening was Ben Foester, in his first stage performance anywhere, other than a walk-on in high school days. Portraying a sar- donic, suicide-bent youth, he could have let his part get out of hand. Without control, his role could have turned the whole play into some- thing as heavy as a bride’s biskette.

Occasionally the characterizations, especially by those who have not as yet won their spurs in stagecraft, became a little wooden, but

comely widows. The scene inwhich he suffers a stroke was so masterful that one could feel the presence of another character not listed on the playbill. He brought this character on stage as few amateurs could, and that personage was Death.

‘Hotel Universe’ broach three female fledglings to the gymnasiurn theatre and all show promise. The catty chat-chat that passed be-tween Nancy Ellen Batcheler and Basia Michlowski had an eminoently human touch, though inhumane. As a middle-aged mother, Sally Wolfe revealed that there is such a thing as maternal love in the dark cocktailish atmosphere of Barry’s people, good to know in this world when sociologists cry over the imminent breakup of family institutions.

Ann Asta is a girl that gets better every time she appears for Cue ‘n’ Curtain. Her experience is something more than a list of appearances. We believe she learns something every time. Along with Ben Foester, she had to set the mood for the entire play, and her task was the more exciting since she was called upon to make subtle changes constantly. There was no room for her eruptive emotion in the bygone comedies, and she appeared to have accomplished the switch.

Bounding out the cast were John Williams, as a profit-soggish financier who finally realizes that true love can put a little zest and warmth in a gilt-edged life, and Peter Wurm who pleased the house with his frequent walk-ons, all delivered in French.

Not the least important was the excellent staging, presided over by Jack Frankosky, whom we understand spared no pains in creating an authentic cypress tree in paint for an effective background.

The day the West Point “honor system” story broke, with some 90 Cadets being dismissed, a horse named Honor System ran second at Del Mar. The day Adai Stevenson lost the presidency, a jockey named Stevenson booted in a winner at Garden State Park.

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