IRC Convention Here To Discuss Near East
NEVER SECONDS IN ORATORICAL CONTEST; DEBATERS FINISH 7TH IN 27-TEAM DEBATE
By Pearl Onacko
Jim Nevers, versatile member of the debating squad, won recognition for Wilkes when he placed second in the men's oratorical contest held in conjunction with the National Tournament last weekend. Jim placed first in the preliminary point in the finals to Ted Sky of Army's oration "Do You Want War?" was described by Dr. Edgar Ridge of the Lehigh English Department, one of the judges, as "the most beautifully organized and logical I have heard in these eight years of judging orations!"
At an elegant dinner held for the debaters in Hotel Bethlehem Friday evening, Jim was awarded a silver medal by Miss Mildred Ann Dixty, Executive Secretary of the debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges.

CAST SELECTED FOR CHRISTOPHER FRY'S "THOR, WITH ANGELS"
By Peggy Williams
Ye Old Chace Theatre is again Thames. Rehearsals have begun for "Thor, With Angels". The theatre, which is in blank verse, is set in a Jutte forested near Caesarea. Megg, in the year 596 A.D. Fry, considered one of the best modern playwrights, builds his plot around the conflict and ultimate triumph of Christianity over paganism. Saxon, Hoel, is captured in battle by the pagan Jutes, Cymen, Quecl, Tafni and Osmer. The ensuing conflict of ideologies is complicated by the love story of Gunhild, who is in love with Tafni and the daughter of his father. The love story of Gunhild and Tafni is the last love story in the list of characters, given Fry opportunity for much philosophical exploration.
The cast of this play includes Cee-Cee of Unive. Anges, Priscilla of Frege, as his wife Clodwein, Cymen's daughter, who is the last love story in the list of characters, given Fry opportunity for much philosophical exploration.

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The fall of the poets’ corner

Intelectual Wilkes College has received an irreplaceable blow with the sudden fall of the Poets’ Corner. That one lost nod of knowledge, that bulwark of the classical men, has almost perished. It is very sad news for the Poets’ Corner, with all its evils, that it has offered some kind of a balance against all the lesser cliques of athletics, socialites, would-be socialites, materialistic scientists, and the increasing good-time Charley mobs. The Congress of Clique, the Cafeteria, seems pitifully one-sided without the old Poets’ Corner.

The Poets’ Corner, originated two years ago, was a collection of what could be considered the intellectuals of Wilkes. Whether it was a collection of true intellectuals or just some moles was never quite clear. The eighteen members who knew we were going to call them out of their rooms to talk were very pleased indeed, and when one considers that most parties around the campus, at times, are very undisciplined, it is almost a wonder that the Poets’ Corner was able to survive for so long. The discussions that went on at their regular meetings, and other occasions, did give much serious thinking. In fact, the Poets’ Corner was always engaged in serious thinking and in drawing deep conclusions, and in the absence of any one clique’s approval in their discussion, they would agree with their conclusions or not.

The Poets’ Corner consisted a scattering collection of talent. There were writers, actual poets, politicians, actors, actresses, musicians, orators, economists, historians, and even, for decent balance, no doubt, the captain of the wrestling team. All the talked was wise and witty, but, unless there were one or two very poor, tawdry, and dissolute, was very much like the life that goes on in the corner, beautiful and alluring, but able to make you only wish to go to the nearest corner. In this corner, the Poets’ Corner was not active in any way or other. Whether it was all going in the right direction or not is also another question.

Huddled in its choice spot in the Cafeteria, the Poets’ Corner would conduct itself like a Samuel Johnson coffee-shop group came alive, though the Poets always made themselves very much at home. They would hold on to the table, talk, talk, talk, and compliment, and dominate, and even on occasion a punch knocks something to the surprise and delight of the other lancers. At the Table of the Poets’ Corner, the head of the clique or maiden would sweetly say, “Tea, anyone?” and then when the Poets would sip the hot beverage, while the more vulgar round and about had chocolate milk and cookies. The Poets’ Corner has fallen for a number of reasons. Graduation stripped it of some of its more noble members and its outward snobbishness prevented the freshmen from filling the slot. A few of the Poets were tossed out of school for low grades, and one solid stripping of every one of the contributions of the group, and then other Poets willingly let the cold be and were cast adrift back into the vulgar.

The Poets’ Corner is a mere skeleton of what it once was. It definitely is no longer a power among cliques. All this is very sad. There is a place among the clerques here at Wilkes for the Poets’ Corner. This need for such a group, if only to have something alive among all the dead.

Day of academic freedom

The day after we had last week’s terrible grammar column in ‘The Beacon,’ the world was in a state of academic freedom—and has man a greater gift than academic freedom?—we celebrate that day, along with all the Czech students in exile.

Davies, Intellectual

It is interesting to note that only one person on campus caught last week’s terrible grammar column in ‘The Beacon.’ Heads the paper in the Library-three-lettred Ed. Davis spotted the ghastly “must have rang” attributed to Dr. Craig. He called it to the attention of the Editor.

“Oh, God,” said the Editor.
Colonels Likely To Top King's Monday

Club Rolling At Record 77.3 Points Per Game; Sikora, Milliman and Petrikal Are New Threats

by Paul B. Beer

Monday evening the Colonels go clumping into the Vaughs' Corner Gym scoring as possibly the best Wilkes club the Monarchs have ever faced off. Though the Colonels have the Kingmen twice in the 13-game series, no Baldwin team has ever entered the affair with the manpower of Oklahoma, three points, Wilkes might be the team to bet on this time.

In January the Monarchs and the Colonels met in the Wilkes Gym. Rocor's English team, boys, with a strong third quarter, grabbed the ballgame, 79-71, but it was a lot closer than most folks ever figured it would be. Since then much has happened.

During the last two weeks the Colonels have began to roar. Manfield eucked out a close extra time game over the Daveniers Colonels, 72-69, but Wilkes came back with an amazing 91-61 triumph over Hampur. A real tough Lynyrd team with plenty of big-time height barely beat the boys, 77-70, but then Rabot's men struck down Brookings and East Stroudsburg. Bloom fell, 92-81; East Stroudsburg, 66-70. The team is presently moving on an all-time record pace of 77.3 points per game. The record, established last season, is a mere 65.6.

The real story on the newly-sparked Colonels is the improved play of the three behind the Big Two, Len Bartrum and Eddie Davis. A slow starter without a double-figure game before Christmas, Big Cat John Milliman had three of them since. The Big Cat moved into the pivot with his unbeatable natural fake and is now a real scoring threat. The King's game was lackluster and uneventful. Aviation personnel from the service. He was a bit rusty then, but now he is slowly moving back into old form. He is now averaging 6.7 points a game and should be red hot for the Monarchs. The third man of the supporting cast, Joe Sikora, had his worst game of the season.

In the third game of the season the Colonels saw a couple of basketball games go right out the window when 6'1" Marhe Kasekey got hurt. Big Marsh at that time had one full season of activity under his belt and two beautiful sophomores. The New York Times had hit for 21 points and then 15 in his first two games and he looked to be headed for a wild season.

The injury to his knee was a serious one, as most knee injuries are. Marsh bounced back after three games, but he was not the same. He's been playing ever since. However, his control, his deadly over-the-head two-hand push, his reliable and, his most intelligent all-around basketball play is still with him, but without the full use of his legs Marsh has been handicapped.

Just for the record book Marsh has been in ten games this season, tallying an even 50 points for an average of 5.0 points per game. But for the injury, Marsh would not have high up in the double figures.

TOUGH BREAK

MARSH KASEKEY

There will be an important meeting of the BEACON staff Tuesday, February 24 at 11 A.M.

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FOWLER, DICK AND WALKER

Jayvees Going After Ninth Win in a Row; Ennis, Ferris, Jablonski, Van Dyke Big Guns

by Walt Chapko

Last Wednesday night the Wilkes Junior Varsity awarded the campus of Keystone Junior College in Parkville, Pa., and came home with an 81-78 victory. Harold Sippy led the Wilkesmen with 26 points.

Wilkes varsity team whipped the Bloomsburg Indians, 92-81, the same evening. Joe Wengryn, who knows the NJC's, got 34 points to lead his team to the victory.

Among the teams whipped by the jayvees were the 52 points scored against Luzerne Community College and 12 points over the Millersville team. The Missing Links team of the Intramural League. Among the teams who missed the jayvees were the 52 points scored against Luzerne Community College and 12 points over the Millersville team. The Missing Links team of the Intramural League. Most surprising freshmen have developed on the jayvees team and none of the Martian's players will be in position to score in their team. In the near future the JVs will engage some of the outstanding players and play more strong outside competition.
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