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Henry Newman.

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## DEBATERS PLACE 5th AT BOSTON; LOSE CAR, LUGGAGE, NOTES IN FIRE

### Science Department Presents Show Tonight, Tomorrow

By NATALIE GRIPP

The lights of science will be burning tonight and tomorrow at the Lecture Hall and Conyngham. Voris B. Hall, head of the engineering and physics department, is in charge of a committee that has arranged a very interesting science show. The show will be given at four different performances each beginning with a demonstrative lecture at the Lecture Hall and then proceeding with a guided tour through the various department.

Members of the student body at "Conyngham Campus" have arranged numerous displays pertaining to science in the modern world. It is hoped that the students representing the high schools in and about Wyoming Valley will find them both educational and stimulating.

Among the many graphs and drawings being shown by the engineering department will be a large map of the campus as drawn by Thomas Goblick, a graduate of Old Forge High School. Tom is studying electrical engineering.

Dick Kleyps and Dean Arvan, biology majors, are displaying a "chick embryology" project. There are also physiology and bacteriology projects which were done by other members of the student body. William Saba, president of the Chemistry Club, and other young chemists have worked on several undertakings that should prove interesting.

John Malamas, Marvin Strope, and Henry Mago, physics majors, will demonstrate methods of measuring temperature.

At the Lecture Hall Mr. Thomas will speak on lecher wires and Mr. Hall on transistors. A HIGHLY EXOTHERMIC REACTION of secret nature will be demonstrated by members of the Chemistry Club.

A new addition to the science show will be the math display in which the math department will point out to students that "Arithmetic is not Enough" in the modern mathematical world.

Approximately 1000 tickets were available to high school students wishing to attend. Most of the tickets have been distributed indicating a fine attendance.

### Education Club Sponsors Speaker

On Tuesday, March 16 at 8:00 P. M. in the Science Lecture Hall, Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, specialist in children's literature and writer of children's books, will speak on a very interesting topic, "Young Feet on the Road." The lecture is to be sponsored by the Education Departments of the three local colleges — Wilkes, King's and Misericordia.

This lecture should be of interest not only to education students but to everyone. There will be no admission charge.

Mrs. Sayers is well known for her numerous speeches at library association conferences, booksellers' meetings, and parent-teachers association.

### "Hot Issue" Stirs Campus; Assembly Voting Starts Row

Another battle of words seems to be developing in what has proved to be the most acrimonious year in campus politics since the days when vigorous intellectuals like Henry Merolli and Joe Reynolds struggled for campus power. Whatever the intellectuals, this year's controversies have lacked nothing in intensity of feeling, widespread interest, recrimination, and the inevitable letters-to-the-Editor. The present "hot issue" centers around efforts to amend the budget clauses of the student constitution.

Action began this week with the circulation by Lou Steck and other campus leaders of a petition decrying alleged "irregularities" surrounding the referendum conducted in assembly in which the proposed amendment was approved by a 243-175 vote. The petition cites the absence of a secret ballot, lack of adequate publicity of the referendum, and the making of attendance at assembly a prerequisite for voting as violations of democratic procedure. Originators of the petition, which demands that the election be declared null and void, have got over 200 names and claim they will get at least two-thirds of the student body to sign by early next week.

It is too early to predict the outcome of this dispute at press time. As yet, there has been no reply by Madden or other Council spokesmen to the cries of "unfair" circulating about the campus. Nor is it possible to predict at the present

### Senior Spectacle Plans March 13 Event

Senior Class of Wilkes College announces the Senior Spectacle on March 13 at 8:30 P. M. in the Wilkes Gymnasium.

Co-chairmen of Senior Spectacle are Jane Carpenter and Al Wallace. They are assisted by Charles Zezza, tickets, and Dick Hawk and Alex Cathro, publicity.

On the agenda is a basketball game between the senior boys and faculty men while the senior girls engage a team of imports in the preliminary basketball game. A dance will follow the program and admission price is seventy-five cents per person for Senior Spectacle. The proceeds will be used for the Senior Class gift.

The faculty men boast of a record of two victories and one defeat in this basketball rivalry, but the senior boys will hold private practice to deadlock the series. The cheerleaders from former squads and a referee chosen by faculty and seniors will assist in this performance.

The Senior Spectacle is a major production by the seniors for students and friends, and everyone can enjoy himself by attending.

time what action the Council will take when it receives the petition. One thing is certain: It will be some time before this argument cools, and opponents of the election have declared their intention of appealing the Council for action as far as possible.

### C'n'C Plays Analyzed Closely; "Wheat Fire" Acting is Finest

By DALE WARMOUTH

Public Relations Director

It is always hard to digest what has happened in a Cue 'n' Curtain one-act plays series and give justice to everybody concerned. A reviewer is either tempted to throw bricks promiscuously at all exposed heads or else to put on kid gloves and soothe everyone, deserving or no.

This critic-of-sorts saw the plays on Monday, which is not the best day of the week at any time of the year. At least, as far as the late production went, it was the acid test. It showed how far along the actors had come and that patchwork undoubtedly would come later on.

Above all, the general opinion was that Margaret Luty, playing a most difficult part, was the best performer of the night. She played a strong role, one which demanded a great deal of her as the farmer's wife in "Wheat Fire," and she lived up to all requirements.

She had a good supporting cast. Her husband was played by Jim Miller, a newcomer to the Stable Stage at Chase Theatre, and he understood his part. His only demerits were that he spoke too loudly for a postage-stamp stage and too high for Margaret, whose role is so sensitive that it required a modicum of underplaying on the part of Miller at times.

Carol Ann Gardner, as Miller's other love-interest, was a countryside cupcake, but like tyro Hillard

so brief that she never quite got warmed up to the task.

Director Peter Margo still has his good sense of cast and player selection and can still do wonders with thespians.

"A Night in the Country" was a dandy job of spoofery. It was held together quite nicely by leads Herbert Bynder and Ruth Webber, both treading the local boards for the first time.

The play would have gone sour with too much hamming, but the entire cast kept it down to the proper frothy pitch, with plenty of verve and phony dialect.

It would be impossible to comment on each member of the cast, but they all did adequate-to-good jobs. In the cast were Jerry Stein (quite good), Nancy Brown (adequate), Fred Cohn (adequate), Les Weiner (slightly better than adequate), director Fred Kroehle (adequate, but better as director), Margaret Luty (giddily good), Robert Cohn (good and eldritch.)

"Love and Alexander Botts" wobbled and fell to its knees soon after the curtain opened. Everyone seemed to be on edge and it was

### Team Does Well Despite Loss Of Material; Wins Four, Loses Two

By T. R. PRICE

Last week the auto in which the Wilkes debating team was traveling to Boston was destroyed by fire, proving a severe handicap to them in the Boston contest.

The fire destroyed the Cadillac in which they were riding, almost all of their luggage, and the debating material which they were to use in the Boston tournament.

Queried on the fire which counted so much in most of the Wilkes defeats (the team received scores of superior in all debating classifications save evidence, notes concerning which were burned), Dr. Kruger, coach of the debaters, explained that several times they had noted difficulties in the right tire, and stopped several times to investigate, but could find nothing.

About 85 miles outside of Boston, near Rockville, they stopped again, discovered tiny flames licking round the tire. The debaters and their coach fought the fire with water and sand until the blaze drew near the gas tank, when they stood off at a safe distance and watched the auto reduced to cinders, and with it, most of their wardrobe and their debating materials.

Fortunately, a Mr. W. E. Weese of Boston happened by in his auto and took them to that city, where some friends of Dr. Kruger, the M. G. Shermans, treated them with what one of the debaters described as "fantastic consideration", which Kruger declared "marvelous, words cannot express their hospitality."

The plight of the debaters was given considerable attention by both the Boston papers, which ran a photo of them attempting to rewrite their debate notes from memory, and by TV star Dave Garroway, who several times mentioned the event on his network show as a human interest item.

Undaunted by the difficulties he had faced, and heartened by the splendid performance of this team, Kruger declared, "I feel that we have an excellent chance for the national championships on the basis of performances this year. I feel, too, that we have a very good chance to win the state championship."

### ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Monday, Mar. 8: P.I.A.A. Basketball, Gym; Mid-Semesters begin, to Friday;

Tuesday, Mar. 9: Orch. Practice, Lobby, Gym;

Wednesday, Mr. 10: Girls' Basketball, 4 P. M., Gym;

Friday, Mar. 12: P.I.A.A. Basketball, Gym; Wilkes Faculty Women Party, Cafeteria;

Saturday, March 13: Senior Spectacle, Senior Class, Gym.

obvious that lines were incompletely memorized. Nobody seemed good enough to get more than A for effort but Pat Stout and Jim Benson show promise. John Williams, as the lead, failed to set the pace or the mood, and director Sheldon Schneider, stepping in as the villain was frenetic though dramatic. Lois Jones was the offstage

The Wilkes College debating team placed fifth in the Annual National Invitational Debate Tournament last week-end at Boston.

Despite handicaps imposed by loss of their debating notes in an automobile fire on Thursday, the team of J. Harold Flannery and James Nevers, coached by Dr. Arthur N. Kruger, went on to defeat Notre Dame, Amherst, Brooklyn, and Tufts, losing only to Harvard and Maine.

Flannery placed second in the extemporaneous speaking contest, defeating Herzel Spiro, of Vermont, last year's New England extemporaneous speaking champion. First in the competition was Robert Walker, of Vermont, who was runner-up to Spiro last year. Interestingly, Flannery defeated both in the semi-finals, and by a wide margin.

Flannery also did well in debate, tying for fourth place for debating in the tournament, while Nevers reached the semi-final rounds of the tournament oration contest.

Calling the Boston contest "a tournament of champions", Dr. Kruger mentioned in an interview that of the teams competing, at least half had won one or two tournaments in the last year and that one (University of Vermont) was a semi-finalist in the national championships last year. Among other greats he noted were Army, Navy, Colgate, Pennsylvania, Penn State, Yale, and Dartmouth.

In trying for the finals, the Wilkes team won the first four rounds, lost the fifth to Harvard in a close debate on a question of evidence, notes concerning which were lost in Thursday's fire. In the final round, Kruger noted, there were some six or seven teams with approximately 4 to 1 records entered. Among these were Dartmouth, whose coach judged Wilkes in the last round and thus eliminated one of his chief competitors, for had Wilkes won (and taken fourth instead of fifth place) Dartmouth would have been unable to enter the finals.

In the finals, Dartmouth defeated Notre Dame, a team previously defeated in the semi-finals by Wilkes. In these finals, one of the layman judges was Erwin Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, who spoke here some two weeks ago.

### PARTRIDGE CONCERNED OVER McNEW'S INJURY

Mel McNew, considered by Baseball Coach Bob Partridge as one of the top pitching prospects for this diamond season, suffered a badly sprained ankle in an intra-mural basketball session Tuesday night.

The Baltimore, Md., hurling ace and Ashley Hall dorm resident has been on crutches during most of this week. With first diamond drills scheduled for the near future, Partridge is hoping for a quick and complete recovery for McNew, whose ankle was weak from a previous injury.

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## MEET THE FACULTY

By JEAN KRAVITZ

One of the newest additions to the faculty here at Wilkes is Dr. Eugene Hammer, recently appointed head of the Education Department. A native of Wheaton, Illinois, Dr. Hammer attended Wheaton Academy, at which he received letters in all sports. He received his B.S. degree in Wheaton College, where he majored in Chemistry. Dr. Hammer later attended Northwestern University and obtained a M.A. degree in Guidance and Personnel Work. For his doctoral study, he made an international study of teachers' salaries and received an EdD, or Doctor of Education, from Columbia University, where he studied Educational Administration.

Dr. Hammer's international study, which was sponsored by the World Organization of the Teaching Profession, was the first attempt by anyone to make such a report. The WOTP, which backed the study and felt the need for it, sent the Doctor to the annual conference of the organization at Copenhagen, Denmark in the summer of 1952, to report on his findings. His findings have since been reported in the Yearbook of Education, published in London in 1952.

Dr. Hammer spent 20 months in the armed services, 15 of those in Europe. He was squad leader in the Infantry, the 84th Division. Before coming to Wilkes, he was a member of the Research Division of the State Department in Albany, New York for one year. He was also employed as Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Scarsdale, New York for one year.

Since starting here in September as department head, Dr. Hammer also acts as Executive Secretary of the Anthracite Institute for Developing Schools, a local school study council including ten independent superintendencies and thirty-five districts under the county superintendent. AIDS was formed as a cooperative effort to improve education in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He is a member of the state advisory committee of the civil air patrol. Dr. Hammer also speaks at many PTA meetings.

After getting married in his first year of college, Dr. Hammer worked his way through school. He now resides in Kingston with his wife and two children, a son who is a freshman in Kingston High School, and a four year old daughter.

Speaking of Wilkes College, Dr. Hammer has said that he considers the whole college program to be very good, considering that the school is only 6 years old as a four

year institution. He hasn't anything but praise for the school, and has heard nothing but praise for Wilkes. He also said, "The attempt here to try to serve the community instead of setting up an ivory tower is the sort of thing I'm interested in." Dr. Hammer came here because he felt that a liberal arts school is the best kind of his philosophy of education, he school for teacher education. As for said, "I feel that a teacher-training program should contain a maximum of subject-matter study and a minimum of methods. A teacher must have something to teach first, and then learn how to teach it."

Wilkes College has gained a well qualified and very capable educator in Dr. Hammer. We are glad to extend a hearty welcome to our new department head.

## Grad Sleeps Way Through College

"I slept my way through college," said Nebraska college graduate A. W. Turnbow, who received his degree last June.

This startling statement came as a complete surprise to ex-student Turnbow's professors who had once predicted his college career would end in failure.

Last week graduate Turnbow disclosed his secret. He had been "Sleep-learning."

"I'd read many articles on the theory of sleep-learning," he said, but none told me how to go about it. So I made my own sleep-learning device and experimented. I was working full time and trying to carry 19 credit hours. I was told I was failing, so I figured I couldn't lose anything."

Time has proven that he didn't lose anything. According to Mr. Turnbow, president of Sleep-Learning Research Association, 114 S. 38th Ave., Omaha, he owes his college degree to his pioneer experiments.

"It was hard the first few weeks," he said, "but anyone can learn while they sleep if they stick to it. It's the easiest way in the world to get an education once you start getting results. Sleep-learning will revolutionize education once the public accepts it."

## Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Sir,

An elementary fact all too often ignored by the members of both administrative and student bodies is the basic function of student government is to provide students with opportunity and incentive to gain experience in utilizing the various democratic processes on which our form of government and society is based. This proposition is not startling.

Certainly no one would dispute that the administration could efficiently handle the various problems entrusted to the student council. It is also probable that the several faculty advisers to the clubs could carry out the program of their organizations without being bothered by the cumbersome, frustrating machinery of elections, parliamentary procedures, prolonged discussions and so forth. But of course we don't do things that way under our system. We don't for two very valid reasons: (1) despite short run convenience, we believe that in the long run, democratic methods with their many checks and balances, their fruitful interchange of ideas and rational considerations are more conducive to a sensible, stable order, and (2) arbitrary methods would destroy the very-reason-for-being of student governing bodies mentioned above, namely to provide students with actual laboratory practice and experience in working with democratic machinery.

We submit the above re-examination of the fundamental concepts of student self-government because of the recent action of the student council in respect to the referendum conducted by that body in last week's Assembly. At that meeting, a very important amendment to the student constitution was submitted to the student body for consideration. We should earnestly like to entreat the student council to invalidate that election on the grounds that this election was contrary to the following provisions in the constitution of the Student Body of Wilkes College, Art. IV, Sec. 4, and Art. VII, Sec. 4:

(1) The election was not properly publicized and as a result, the majority of the student body was unaware that such an election was to be held.

(2) Not every one attends assembly. Seniors, for example, are allowed 15 cuts. Others are excused because of practice teaching, jobs or for other valid reasons.

To make attendance at assembly a prerequisite for voting is contrary to the student constitution as well as our democratic ideals of the right of free vote.

(3) There was no representative vote taken. Amendments are serious matters. Most organizations, including our own government require a 2/3 or 3/4 vote to amend a constitution. Yet after this election, the proposed amendment was declared implemented on the strength of a favorable vote of 36 per cent of the student body. (Estimating enrollment at 650, we find that 36 per cent voted yes, 27 per cent no and 37 per cent, the largest number, did not vote at all, many because they did not have the opportunity to do so.

(4) There was no secret ballot. That the opportunity to cast one's ballot in private is a basic right disputed by no one. That it is a necessary right is demonstrated by an examination of the corruption and intimidation surrounding national and state elections which made necessary the adoption of the Australian ballot.

In view of the facts stated above, the "election" held in the assembly should be declared null and void because it violated both the letter of the student constitution and its expressed provision that changes in the constitution be made only through a bonafide election in the democratic method of elections.

We do not, of course, feel that the situation was caused by ill-will or that it was any sort of "plot". No doubt this situation was caused by oversight. It is hard, however,

## College Student Vs. Draft Boards Discussed By Beacon Reporters

By MELVIN SCHMEYZER  
and NEIL TURTEL

The army wants you! In fact they want you for eight years of your life. Face it, you men of Wilkes, you are going to have to serve sometime.

Most of you have been classified by the army but unfortunately few of you know its meaning. The student upon reaching his 18th birthday receives his first classification which is 1A. This classification subjects him to immediate induction if he does not continue with his schooling. However, a student is entitled to a 1S deferment which permits him to complete the scholastic year.

Whether the individual is permitted to continue in school further than his freshman year depends upon several factors: his scholastic standing, college deferment test, and discretion of his local draft board. These three factors are affected by each other. That is, if the student remains in the upper half of his sophomore year, the upper two-thirds of his junior year, the upper three-quarters of his senior year or receives a 70 per cent grade on his college deferment test, he is permitted to stay in school. (Asking the impossible, aren't they.)

Of course, all of this depends upon the discretion of his draft board. This discretion, in turn, is affected by the monthly draft quota, the age of the student, the rating of the school in which he attends, the subject being pursued, the physical condition of the student, and the combination of his academic standing and deferment test mark.

If the draft board considers you worthy of continuing school you are granted a 2S deferment. If you have any desires of attending graduate school, however, you must maintain your standing in the upper one-half of your senior class.

Possibly you are displeased with your classification. You may either enlist or read further. If you decide to read further, you are surely army material — guts and no brains.

Seriously, however, a student displeased with his classification may appeal to his local draft board within 10 days upon receipt of this rating. This appeal is considered before a closed session of a board of officials.

Even though the student may not appear before the board he can enclose any information, in his appeal, that he thinks may help his case. If the decision of the board is not unanimous and does not favor the student, the right to appeal a second time is granted. This appeal is decided by a presidential board whose decision is final.

If you are still in doubt as to the draft situation we urge you to see your local draft board for further information.

\*—The information acquired was

that an election should be held in the very Assembly Hall where so often the student body is regaled with dynamic platitudes concerning the democratic method of our precious heritage. Here is an opportunity to put some life into these otherwise empty words.

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Barry Iscovitz,  
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## March 8th Is Deadline For Deferment Test

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, last week reminded college students that the deadline for submitting applications for the April 22 Selective College Qualification Test is midnight Monday, March 8, and that applications postmarked after that time cannot be considered.

Application blanks and information bulletins, with sample questions, may be obtained by students from the nearest local board. They do not have to write to their own local board to secure an application. Students are to mail their completed applications to Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey.

To be eligible to apply for the college qualification test a student must (1) intend to request deferment as a student; (2) be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction; and (3) must not have previously taken the Selective Service Qualification Test.

The April 22, 1954 test is the last one scheduled for this school year. Students whose academic year will end in June are urged to take the April 22 test so they will have a test score in their cover sheets before the end of their academic year, at which time their boards reopen and reconsider their cases to determine whether they should again be deferred as students.

The present criteria for deferment as an undergraduate student are either a satisfactory score (70) on the Selective Service College Qualification Test or specified rank in class (upper half of the males in the freshman class, upper two-thirds of the males in the sophomore class, or upper three-fourths of the males in the junior class.

Students accepted for admission or attending a graduate school prior to July 1, 1951, satisfy the criteria if their work continues to be satisfactory. Graduate students admitted or attending after July 1, 1951, must have been in the upper half of their classes during their senior year of make a score of 75 or better on the test. It is not mandatory for local boards to defer students who meet the criteria.

Gen. Hershey has emphasized many times that the criteria are a flexible yardstick used to guide the local boards and that the standards may be raised any time necessity for manpower demands.

obtained through interviews granted us by officials in the Selective Service System.

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## Cagers Look For "Winning" Season At Harpur

### DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS

#### SITTIN' ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Another week and here we are, surprisingly, still two floors above Carey Avenue, pounding our typewriter. It seems that our little upheavals have caused greater upheavals outside Wyoming Valley than they have right down (those puns just keep slipping out) in South Wilkes-Barre. We've received hasty communication from Washington (not from Ike, our Mother), Panama and New Hampshire. Our faithful relatives, it seems, were waiting for their little gem to write a sequel to Alfred Hitchcock's "Snake Pit," entitled "Coal Pit," but much to their relief, we have neither time nor cause to author such a manuscript. Guess the only black we'll be getting on our face, for the time anyhow, is the smudge from our worn out typewriter ribbon. But save your confederate money, boys, the South shall rise again.



CURTIS

The Colonel basketballers will be trying to uphold what seems to have become almost tradition this year when they tackle Harpur College at Binghamton tomorrow night. Last week the Wilkes grapplers turned the trick over Muhlenberg and became the second Colonel team to notch a winning season this year. The first was the soccer team and the cagers could make it three 'over the top' campaigns in the win department for four teams thus far, which would not be a bad record by any means.

#### REESE SUCCESS AS COLLEGE MENTOR

As a matter of fact, we're checking to see if Wilkes has ever had such a good year athletically. You've got to hand it to the grapplers. They did it the hard way. Coach John Reese, a newcomer to the collegiate coaching ranks, did a terrific job with what little manpower he had. Last year we caused considerable concern among the cauliflowered cult by stating that a number of the grapplers very possibly didn't deserve letters. This year? Not a chance. Every man on the team worked hard and gave forth his best efforts. That also goes for a couple of unsung heroes who didn't get to wrestle in the meets, but who nevertheless, stuck it out. These guys will get their chance next season. A real credit to the school, the wrestling team. The grapplers have good reason to be proud.

We'd like to call your attention to a feature of next week's issue of the BEACON. Articles by Coaches John Reese and George Ralston will appear in the sports section, the third and fourth in a series of articles written by Wilkes coaches reviewing their seasons. Watch for 'em. — And in several weeks the sports staff will select the "Beacon Athlete of the Year," probably around the time that the athletic banquet is held. According to Director of Athletics Ralston, as yet no plans have been made for the banquet in honor of Wilkes athletes, but we should have that for sure next week.

#### COLLEGE GYM SERVES COMMUNITY

The Wilkes gym, which was built originally not only to serve the college, but also the community, is really getting a workout these days. Last Friday and Saturday the District Wrestling Championships were held at Bob Partridge's daytime abode and the Eastern Regionals are slated for the gym tomorrow. Then, too, Plymouth and Nanticoke High Schools will square off Monday night for the Wyoming Valley Loop title. One day last week there were five basketball teams on the floor at the same time. Plymouth, Nanticoke and Luzerne joined the Wilkes varsity and jayvees in drill sessions. McAdoo, one of the contenders for Class C honors in District 2, will play here tomorrow night.

Ralston stated yesterday that Wilkes may not have an eighth game on the grid schedule for next fall unless something turns up soon. He advised, "At this late date, things don't look good for a game. We don't take just any game, either. We're looking for a suitable opponent." He explained that Wilkes wants to play schools of its own caliber and academic standards. No argument from this corner.

#### PERSONALITIES ON THE SPORTS BEAT

We received word from two former Colonel athletes recently. Got a letter from our ole buddy Joe "Ace" Wengyn, erstwhile cager and diamondman, who relates that he saw the Furman-George Washington cage tilt in which Swoyerville's Joe Holup outscored the fabulous Frank Selvy. Ace says Selvy is out of this world. He also jokes, "How did Wilkes let Holup get away?" Joe is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., but expects to be transferred soon—in line for stateside duty. Word also has been received from Mo Batterson, former soccerman, cager and moundman, that he expects to be back at Wilkes next fall. Mo is currently living it up in Paris, but is confident that he will have a med down enough to be ready for Wilkes come September. What a success story—Paris to Wilkes. Eh, so you can't always be funny.

#### THE "MIL", DELLA COHEN ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

For the second time this year John Milliman has met his match. First it was Uncle Sam and his nasty ole draft, but now, much more on the pleasant side it's a woman.

It was learned last week that the fabulous "Big Faker" has become engaged to a very pretty Wilkes co-ed, Della Cohen, Sterling Hall dorm student from Brooklyn, N. Y. No fake here.

Milliman visited the campus this week on leave from his army duties at Fort Belvoir, Va., and presented his fiance with a diamond ring. Ah, well, even the best fall sooner or later. The Beacon wishes the two much happiness.

## Five Seniors Play Final Game At Binghamton Tomorrow Night; Win Would Produce 11-9 Record

By AL JETER

Coach George Ralston ventured a prediction Wednesday afternoon that his hoopsters would end up the season in the black with an 11 and 9 record—a winning season.

Half of his crystal gazing came true Wednesday night as the Blue and Gold romped over Susquehanna 93 to 45. The win boosted the Colonel record to 10 wins against 9 losses. Tomorrow night the WC team will be shooting for the clincher when it takes on Harpur College in Binghamton on the latter's court.

#### BART COMPLETES RECORD

Lenny Batrone has an all-time 1612 point record for four years going into the last game. He has averaged 22.6 per game this year.

The Susquehanna River is running high and fast with the spring flood at the present time but it was ebb tide for its namesake, Susquehanna University, on Wednesday. The Colonels started "red hot" and held command of the game to the end.

Sparked by the brilliant work of "Skinny" Ennis with 20 points and the always crowd pleasing Lenny Batrone with 13, the team put on a beautiful show for the home folks in its last scrap of the season on the Wilkes boards.

Parker Petrillak and Joe Sikora had control of the boards the entire evening as the WC sharpshooters completely outclassed the visitors from down the river.

Coach Ralston was high in his praise of the team as a whole. He stated that this year's squad is one of the finest in Wilkes history.

Slowed at the start by the loss of Big John Milliman, who was called into the service, and Jim Moss, who broke his arm early in the season, the team went on to score some brilliant victories in what was probably the roughest schedule that a Wilkes basketball team has ever played.

Five seniors will wind up their collegiate careers tomorrow night at Harpur. Jimmy Atherton, the wonder boy of the set shots; Bob Heltzel, an aggressive little guy with lots of hustle; Joe Sikora, who has developed into one of the best pivot men in these parts; Eddie Davis, the flashy ball-handler and always a dangerous scorer; and Wilkes' own wizard of the court, Lenny Batrone, who is rated as one of the best ball players ever to come out of this region.

All five of the men will be sorely missed next year.

When asked about next year's team Ralston had very little to say except that "time will tell." However he did cite Harry "Skinny" Ennis, Jim Ferris, Joe Jablonski, and John Bresnahan as his expected mainstays. The coach also mentioned Frank Kopicki, Joe Popple, Joe Gavel, and Cliff Bratigan as men who had developed well and would be in for action in the basketball wars of the 1954-55 season.

that phone, we've gotta catch the Super Chief on Franklin Street in five minutes.

#### TO BATTLE THE BOOKS NOT ENOUGH

### Lou Steck Tries For 4th Straight Win As Collegiate Biffer in Amateur Show

By AL JETER

If you happened to see a slightly built, dark-haired lad leap out of his seat at sound of the school bell, you wouldn't think a thing of it — just another guy in a hurry to get out of class. But this particular dark-haired fellow not only leaps up, his fists fly and he has that certain far away, glazed look in his eyes.

It isn't time to call on the Psychology Department, in fact, this guy isn't even a psycho, er, psych major, it's just Lou Steck, popular campus personality tuning up for his amateur bout at the Marine Corps Reserve Headquarters on Tuesday night.

"Kid" (Geez, a flock a dem went over dat time) Steck is one of the area's most promising amateur boxers. He enters his fourth bout as a simon pure on Tuesday in a card that starts at 8 P. M. at the Marine Headquarters at First and Sharpe Streets in Wyoming.

#### Perfect Record

He's had three fights to date, all under the auspices of the Marine Corps and his record is an impressive three wins. The kid from Kingston has shown improvement every time out.

Although Lou has no knockouts to his credit, all three of his wins have been by unanimous decision.

In his time here at Wilkes Lou has been quite active on campus. In his freshman year he was elected class president, proving that fighters can be nice guys, too. Always the mainspring, he has also been active as a football manager, and has even found time to do a little wrestling.

#### "Dangerous Dan"

The campus clouter fights in a straight style and is very aggressive. A former track man at Kingston High School, he is light on his feet and fast. Lou is what the fistic trade might classify as a dancer but he also packs a punch that makes him a "Dangerous Dan."

In a cafeteria interview, Steck stated that all he wants out of the rock and sock trade for the present is experience. Sometime in the near future he expects to be called into



LOU STECK

active service where he hopes to have a try at service scraps. When asked about pans beyond that, Lou stated that if he made out well in the service he would think seriously of taking up the beak-busting business.

#### Partridge Is Stablemate

Since amateur rules prohibit disclosure of a fighter's opponent until ring time, we have no information as to whom Lou will go against Tuesday evening.

Steck is in top physical shape as sparring partners Ahmed Kazimi and Bob Partridge can attest to. From this corner he looks like a real threat for the future — maybe Wilkes' answer to Michigan State's Chuck D-D-Davey. For cryin' out loud, would someone please answer

## BEACON'S GRAB-BAG

By PFC. CHUCK GLOMAN  
Camp Atterbury, Indiana

"I'm going in town to do some shopping. I'll be back in about fifteen dollars."

With that I hopped in a jeep, zoomed around the corner and ran into an old friend of mine. He's known as Tom Collins, since everybody likes him and he's a good mixer.

He was on his way to the social security office. You know what the social security is. When you get so old you can't work anymore, the government gives you a little money so you'll take longer starving to death.

Collins said he was surprised to find me a G.I. but I explained that my father is an ex-soldier and my brother is an old Navy man, now in the reserve. Calvert's Reserve, that is.

Another brother is a two-letter man at college — he writes home for money twice a week.

He and I used to date the Doone sisters—Lorna Doone and Nuttin' Doone.

Despite the wintry bleakness of February, there is somehow a touch of spring in the air. And as poets proclaim: in the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the draft board, income tax, final exams, the draft board, the Cinderella Ball, and the draft board.

Spring must be nearly here. Last week the barracks sergeant was all smiles.

"Why so happy, Sarge?" I asked. "Did the commanding officer get hit with a truck?"

"Nope."

"Did you re-enlist for 30 more years?"

"No!" he exclaimed. "It's great news! Got a phone call from my wife this morning. I've just become the father of a bouncing baby!"

"What is it, a boy or girl?"

"Can't tell," he said. "It hasn't stopped bouncing yet."

Your reporter saw the kid the other day. Funny, they still can't tell whether it's a boy or girl. All day long it just hangs from the chandelier by one hand and scratches it's stomach, mumbling, "iOop! Oop! Oop!"

It's good to see the Sarge happy, though. Not everybody in the barracks is contented. Snerdie Mudfender, for instance, complains daily of his dreary existence.

"It's not fair," he sighed yesterday in the mess hall.

"What's not fair?" I prodded. "The food? Surely you're not complaining about this delicious sparrowsoup."

"No, that's not it."

"Well finish drinking your mashed potatoes and tell me your troubles."

"Oh, It's women, that's all. You have a girl. Johnson has a girl. Barcroft has a girl. Everybody has a girl but me."

"Now listen, Snerdie," I said. "You have the wrong idea. You must realize that in this world there's a man for every woman and a woman for every man. You can't improve on a setup like that."

"Who wants to improve on it? I just want to get in on it! Just this week I've been turned down so many times I look like a bedspread."

"Don't feel that way. You'll find the right girl one of these days. She'll be beautiful."

"Oh I don't care about that. Beauty is only skin deep."

"Well that's deep enough for me. I'm no cannibal."

The way I figure, girls are like watches. They have pretty faces and shining hands, but they're hard to regulate when wound up.

My girl? Well she is the type that thinks that men are beasts, but does she love animals!

Her brother sounds like a great guy, although I've never met him. On a TV quiz show he won a trip to New Zealand. Last I heard he was still in New Zealand trying to win a trip back.

My gal enjoys ice skating. She's good at it, too. Graceful. Course I'm also graceful on skates — like a bowlegged camel with a case of rheumatism.

Saturday night we were skating side by side to the strains of that beautiful new love ballad "She Was Only The Washwoman's Daughter But She Took Me Unaware."

Suddenly my left skate turned right, and the right one went left. I went straight ahead.

Nobody laughed. But the ice made a few cracks.

Just then some "girl" skated by. I'm not saying she was ugly, but her face looked like it was up in curlers.

After skating we stopped in a seafood restaurant. The menu read, "We sell anything that swims."

I ordered Esther Williams.

"Sorry, out of season!" yelled the manager.

Now I'm not saying the prices were high at this place, but my girl ordered lobster and the waitress said, "Okay. How do you want it financed?"

After taking our orders the waitress waddled toward the kitchen. She reminded me of a football team — heavy up front and shifty in the backfield.

The cooks were very accomodating. They were all out of chocolate pudding, so I got vanilla pudding and a pair of dark glasses.

Not that the place is actually expensive, but when the waitress brings the bill you just throw all your money and jewelry on the table and she tells you how much you're short.

They're nothing but a bunch of robbers who let you use your own hands.

Seriously though, a dollar goes much farther these days. It goes all the way to Washington.

## Intramural Playoffs

Thursday, March 4—6:00 P. M.

Idiot's Row vs. Bar Rags  
Officials: Hoover and Williams.

Friday, March 5—6:00 P. M.

Club 20 vs. Missing Links  
Petrilak and Hoover.

Monday, March 8—4:30 P. M.

But-Weeks vs. Simon Pures  
Hoover and Williams.

Monday, March 8—5:30 P. M.

Matchembios vs. Engineers  
Williams and Petrilak.

Tuesday, March 9—7:00 P. M.

Winner of:  
Missing Links-Club 20 vs.  
Simon Pures-But Weeks  
Hoover and Williams.

Tuesday, March 9—8:00 P. M.

Winner of:  
Idiot's Row-Bar Rags vs.  
Matchembios-Engineers  
Petrilak and Williams.

Date and time of championship game to be announced.

And now, in closing, this is your GI reporter leaving you with this thought: If your hand itches, it's a sign of your going to get something. If your head itches, you've got it!

## Wilkes Freshman Wins Chemistry Award

This week Miss Virginia Leonardi was made the recipient of the 1954 Special Achievement Award given by the Chemical Rubber Publishing Company of Cleveland, O. The award is given to the student who has attained the highest grade in the first semester College Chemistry course.

Other Wilkes winners have been (1949) Richard Carpenter of West Pittston High School, (1950) William Saba of G.A.R. and James Moss of West Wyoming High School.

## ATTENTION!

The editor of the "Manuscript" wishes to inform the student body that publication time is drawing near. All students interested in writing are urged to send stories, poems, etc., to the Manuscript office.



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