

Budget Amendment Defeated

Debaters Go To Meadville For State Debating Tournament

By T. R. PRICE

The Wilkes College debating team left Thursday morning to attend the State debating tournament held by the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges at Meadville, Pa., this week-end.

The team, whose record for this year is 15 won and 5 lost, is entered in the men's oratory and extemporaneous speaking contest, and in the women's extemporaneous speaking contest, as well as in the debate proper.

John Doran and James Neveras will uphold the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved: That The United States Should Adopt A Policy of Free Trade," while Sally Harvey and J. Harold Flannery, Jr., will take the negative.

Neveras is also entered in the oration contest, where he will speak on "The Cold War at Home". Flannery, in the extemporaneous contest, will have "McCarthyism" as his subject.

The Wilkes team has compiled a record of 12 won to only 4 lost in this state contest in the last two years. In the first year, the team was the only undefeated team, winning 6, but prevented from attending its remaining 2 contests by a snowstorm which necessitated a default. In last year's performance, the team again won 6, dropped only four.

The debaters' overall record for all the contests in which they have been entered in the six years of their existence is approximately 125 won to 65 lost.

Interviewed Thursday, the debater, who did not attend the state tournament with the team, remarked, "I think we have a good chance

to get into the finals. Our toughest competition should come from last year's winner, Pittsburgh, and from Temple, runner-up at Brooklyn last week. We have been working very hard looking up recent evidence (to replace that destroyed in the auto fire at the time of the Boston debate), and in this we have been helped very much by Mr. Elliot and Mr. Farrar of the Economics department."

Concerning the team's chances in the extemporaneous contest, Dr. Kruger said of Flannery, "We have very high hopes for him, in view of the fact that he defeated the New England Champion at Boston."

In regard to the oratory event, the debating coach noted that Neveras was second in the state last year, losing to Ted Sky of Dickinson, who Neveras had defeated in the semi-finals.

Next week, the Wilkes debating team, composed of Flannery and Neveras, and their coach will travel to the nation's capital at Washington, where the two debaters are entered in the regional District 7 elimination, to compete for a place in the nationals, held later on at West Point.

I. R. C. Plans For Harrisburg Meeting

By JEAN KRAVITZ

Pearl Onacko was unanimously chosen Secretary of the I. R. C. at a meeting held on Wednesday, March 10. She was elected to replace Mrs. Peggy Williams Schlager, who resigned the office. An active member of the club for the past two years, Miss Onacko has already begun to handle the duties connected with this office, which include taking the roll and minutes of each meeting, and handling the correspondence of the I. R. C.

At the meeting of the club on March 17, a report was made by Mike Lewis, president of the I.R.C., on a convention held at Scranton University on Saturday, March 13. Pearl Onacko, Jean Kravitz, and Mike Lewis were sent as delegates from Wilkes to attend the Northeast Regional Convention of the Intercollegiate Conference on Government. This convention was held in preparation of the State I.C.G. Convention at Harrisburg on April 8.

At this Regional Convention, which was attended by delegates from 9 colleges, the delegates formed a mock legislature, and divided into various committees: Rules, Military Affairs, Government Organization, Agriculture, and Miscellaneous Committees. Bills were introduced by delegates and passed or rejected in the manner of Congressional Committees. Following the meetings of the committees, a plenary session was conducted, where the bills which had been reported out by the committees were introduced on the floor.

These bills were debated and then

HARMONAIRES CAPTURE SECOND EISTEDDFOD WIN

The popular musical foursome of the Wilkes campus, the Harmonaires, captured first place in the quartet division of the annual Eisteddfod at the Edwards Memorial Church, Edwardsville, on Wednesday night.

It was the second straight year for the Wilkesmen of note to win the title. Last year, the first the group entered, the Harmonaires, with Jake Kovalchek singing tenor, turned the trick. A repeat was scored with Norm Chanosky warbling the high ones on Wednesday.

The quartet, which includes Chanosky, Jack Curtis, Dick Gribble, and Carl Lahr, will do a number of personal appearances throughout Wyoming Valley this month, starting with shows at Coughlin and Kingston High Schools.

The Collegians, Wilkes Male chorus, are also listed for the high school shows.

voted upon by all the delegates. Bills which have been passed by the Region will be introduced at the Harrisburg Convention and supported by all the Regional delegates.

The principal speaker at the Convention was State Senator Hugh J. McMenamin, who discussed the qualities necessary in a good politician and a good political party.

ST. PATRICK'S WEEK, YET WILKES DOWNED IRISH!!!

In the Boston Debating Tournament held in February, the Wilkes debating team was the only one to beat Notre Dame.

"Nervous Wreck" Coming to Gym

It's here! Ever since Charlie's Aunt, the Wilkes campus has been clamoring for another comedy. After many sessions and discussions by Mr. Groh and his thespians, The Nervous Wreck, a farce comedy has finally been selected.

The play which was written by Owen Davis takes place out west. It seems that a certain young man's doctor has run out of giving him prescriptions. As a last resort, his doctor sends him to a dude ranch. While at this dude ranch he assists a young lady in running away from her father and the Sheriff, who is her fiance and one of the meanest men in the west. The complications which set in make a very delightful and enjoyable play.

The Nervous Wreck will be held at the Wilkes Gym, April 9th and 10th. Besides the two regular performances, there will be a premiere showing for the surrounding high school dramatic clubs. The curtain will rise at 8:30 P. M.

You certainly will be a nervous wreck until you come to see The Nervous Wreck!

WANT AD:

Anyone who has an old Ford or knows the whereabouts of one, is asked to contact Mr. Al Groh. It is needed for a scene in the NERVOUS WRECK.

\$3,850 in Scholarships To Johns Hopkins U. Offered in Essay Contest

Students interested in international affairs may win up to \$1,000 or a full fellowship, amounting to \$1750, at The School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, according to an announcement made today by the "Foreign Service Journal" as it launched its Prize Essay Contest.

The essays, to be written on "The Organization of American Representation Abroad", will be judged by a committee of six nationally known men including John Sloane Dickey, President of Dartmouth College, Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, and Lt. Gen. Harold R. Bull, former commandant of the National War College.

Secretary of State Dulles, in a statement which accompanied the contest announcement said: "I hope this contest will produce constructive and helpful public thinking on a matter of importance to all Americans."

Students constitute one of four categories of entrants outlined in the contest announcement. Other categories embrace former and present State Department and Foreign Service personnel, personnel of other governmental agencies, and competent persons other than those in the first three categories. A total of \$3,850 will be awarded in prizes after the contest closes October 15, 1954.

Full details of the contest may be obtained in the Dean's office, or by writing Foreign Service Journal, Contest Committee, 1908 G Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., or in Dr. Thatcher's office.

Spirited Controversy Comes to End With Budget Amendment Defeat

PRESS-TIME BULLETIN

Late yesterday afternoon, the proposed amendment to the Student Constitution failed by a slim margin. Out of 270 votes, 134 were in favor of the amendment, and 136 were opposed; hence, it failed by about a fractional vote of the total ballots cast.

Subject of considerable and often-acrimonious debate for the last two weeks or so, the amendment was put to a re-vote in the college cafeteria, after petition was made to the Council protesting the fact that the first vote, which passed it, was held in an assembly and students not attending the assembly were unable to cast their ballots regarding the amendment.

Budget Controversy Background . . .

By HELEN M. KRACHENFELS

It is really beginning to look as if the major issue on campus this year has come to a conclusion.

Now the final step has been taken, although at the time of this writing it is unknown whether or not the amendment has been ratified in the re-vote which was held on Thursday. Perhaps some are not aware of the proceedings of the past few weeks concerning the assembly voting, student protest in the form of a petition, etc., so we shall attempt to bring you up to date.

At the first meeting of the new semester, the Student Council members made provision for a vote to be taken in assembly on the ratification of the Budget amendment. The only reason for choosing the assembly hall as the voting place was the Student Council's wish to obtain a vote from the largest number of students possible.

At this vote the amendment was passed by a sizeable majority, but a protest was voiced by a committee of students headed by Lou Steck, to the effect that the vote was not taken in a democratic manner. The committee circulated a petition among the students and obtained over two hundred names. The petition was presented to the Student Council last Friday, in an effort to declare the assembly vote null and void and provide for another vote to be taken.

The Council voted in favor of accepting the petition, and declared that the re-vote be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, March 18, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. If the students who circulated the petition made their purpose absolutely clear to the signers, then the results of the re-vote should not differ greatly from those of the assembly vote, since the petition was not to be directed against the amendment itself, but only against the undemocratic method of voting. The results will speak for themselves on this point.

So much for the background — now let's have a look at what some of the prominent personalities who were connected with various phases of the whole issue have to say about it.

Wayne Madden, Student Council

President: "I feel that this matter of the amendment has done a great deal of good in that it has aroused the interest of the students and has increased their awareness of Student Council action which will affect them directly, but which they were formerly unconcerned about. The petition, in particular, has stimulated campus spirit."

Nancy Hannye, lone Council member who voted against accepting the petition and holding a re-vote: "I felt the first vote was adequate, the petition was uncalled for, and many of the people who signed the petition did not know what they were signing. A lot of names does not necessarily signify anything valid."

Lou Steck, originator of the petition: (In answer to the question "What did the petition accomplish?") Well, first and foremost, it was accepted by the student council with only one dissenting vote, a new election was granted to the student body, a more democratic election that is. This was the major purpose of the petition, but it also gave the students of Wilkes College the opportunity to participate in a democratic procedure, that they might never again have the chance to engage in. It also served notice to the student body that they still control their government and it also served notice to the student council that their every action is being observed and digested by the student body. I think the whole spirit of the action constituted a new and more energetic view of campus politics. The petition was not created to "put anyone on the spot", rather it was a test of democratic principles and procedures."

Library Notes . . .

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Thet grusum lookin kritter awt to be took off the mantell peece befour Satidy — Valltair, thet iz. If it shows in the movie it'd skair off any perspective student. Also, thet Indiun thet is markt "Dante". It looks az if it had bin thru the "Inferno."

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By the wegh please don't kritsize my spelin. It aint my fault. It's just that they woodn't let me repeat the sekund, thurd, and forth grayds more than three times each. One more time and I think I kood hav made it.

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GENE SCRUDATO

Letters To Editor Welcome

We, of the Beacon, wish to remind the student body, faculty, and members of the administration that the 'Letter's to the Editor' column is open to all who wish to express opinions.

The letters can be dropped in the Beacon mail-box, office, or may be given to the editor or any staff member.

Beacon policy forbids the acceptance of unsigned letters. Names will be withheld upon request.

DR. ROSENBERG:

Free Thought of Utmost Importance, Health of World Depends on Colleges

No institution can long continue without the free interplay of free ideas, Dr. Samuel Rosenberg, head of the Wilkes economic department told students in assembly on Tuesday last.

In one of the semester's shorter Tuesday morning programs, Dr. Rosenberg, speaking on the subject "Evaluation of Education", explained that we live in a small world, measured by the time schedule. Never, he noted, do we seem to have enough time, despite the fact that our lives are continually growing longer each day.

We are, he went on, in the midst of vast changes — changes in our skills, in our ideals, even in our wealth and power. All are in a state of flux. These environmental changes have regimented us, have made us dependent upon the standardized product of the factory, have us living by artificial light in artificial climate, have arisen from the results of our intellectual curiosity accelerated by necessity and the instinct to survive, can go on growing only if we allow the free play of our ideas and faculties.

Colleges, Dr. Rosenberg explained, prepare us to be able to continue such free thinking today. Newman thought that practical training in the colleges was important, but also recognized the necessity for familiarization with the political, social, and spiritual as well. But the greatest of all these problems is living, to which we pay little attention, following the advice of parents and instructors in other things, but stumbling in this.

Those who wish to destroy civilization, he noted, have found that the best procedure to follow in destroying the centers of civilization is to destroy the colleges, which are its centers of thought.

Too, he continued, there is danger from more or less well-meaning sources, noting that a firm of book publishers wishing to interest the college in a certain type of textbook had noted in their letter concerning it as one of its better features, that it presented the student with one point of view, so that he would not have to consider many confusing sides of the question.

In the sight of these people, it was better to thus lead the student, rather than have him make his own decisions or opinions—better to have him accept the dogmatic statement of one organization. This, declared Dr. Rosenberg, is a

Wilkes College considers bad education, this fostering of only one type of thinking.

The student, we believe here, should gather all the facts, then form his own opinions, not merely accept those of, say, his teacher or instructor.

College education today, he added, affects the outlook of us all. The results thereof permeate to all walks of life, and on the wealth thereof depends the well-being of our nation, of our world.

The concern of our colleges ought therefore be to allow the pursuit of freedom, to seek the ideal of Goethe's "more light". This, Dr. Rosenberg concluded, ought to be the course of our colleges, for to fail in this is to fail in faith.

Fiction Contest

What will life in America be like 100 years from now? That is the theme of a new collegiate fiction contest, and a national science fiction magazine is paying \$2,000 for the answers. With submissions limited exclusively to undergraduates in the United States and Canada, students will present their prophecies in the form of a 10,000 word novelette, basing their predictions on classroom work, their own interpretations of the trends today and their imaginations.

The form of a novelette has been selected as a medium by the editors of IF Magazine, sponsor of the contest, because 10,000 words can be handled more easily by amateur writers than a long novel, which requires too much time and experience. The editors believe there are a great many young people in colleges who would like to express their ideas and fancies on the subject if given the opportunity. Professional writers attending college will not be eligible to enter.

First prize is \$1,000 in cash, with six runners up receiving an additional \$1,000 in prizes. Students submitting manuscripts must have them in the mails before midnight May 15, 1954. Winners will be announced nationally the first week in September. Send manuscripts to Quinn Publishing Company, Inc., Kingston, N. Y.

HOMER'S HODGEPODGE

Homer enrolled in Wilkes College last semester and wrote several letters to his parents commenting about the student's life at college.

In his first letter, he wrote about an article which appeared in the Beacon concerning the lifeless people in the library who shouldn't move or breath, but remain stationary.

What problems necessitated such unduly noise in our modern library?

One of the serious problems is the majestic squirt coming from the water fountain. Sometimes it has been reasoned that the college is paying for an inadequate water supply or is allied with local health officials to raise revenue because a drink of water must be tapped from the tip of the water sprayer.

In the reading room of the library, a magazine rack almost completely devoid meets the eye. I look at the anguished faces of the intellectuals who read the New Yorker only for the jokes and see them complain to the librarians after it has disappeared for at least two weeks.

The only clue that our man Friday has detected is the obvious fact that the faculty has borrowed it for the usual reading period of a week and naturally forgot to return it.

The despair of many students will start a fund of fifteen cents to those students and faculty who can't share our beloved New Yorker.

I usually spend my lunch period at the cafeteria. Buzz, buzz, sounds the bell and everyone assembles for lunch period. The pies which have been on display for a whole week are invigorated with the thought of being tasted now appear fresh and are consumed by our healthy students.

An advantage to frequenters at the cafeteria would be the posting of the menu for the following day in advance. The cafeteria would benefit by an increase in revenue and students wouldn't have to pack lunches.

A bulletin announced the meeting of the television club. Here, indeed is an organization and with student and faculty help will bring untold fame to this college as an innovator in producing campus programs.

CAMPUS CANDIDS

Dr. Rosenberg: Was it Browning who had six daughters?

Jack Curtis: No. His wife, Elizabeth Barret was crippled. I think they had a dog, though.

Student (seeing Mike Lewis back after his two-week cruise with the Navy reserve): Good heaven's! He's back!

Bob Darrow: Yes, the whale hath spewed him up from its belly after ten days and nights.

Mr. Riley: . . . the id is saying: "I want to bury the hatchet in my mother-in-law's head"

The "superego retorts: "No, you can't, it's evil."

. . . and the poor ego is caught between, saying "Hey, fellows . . ."

Mr. Riley (about a psych test): The questions will be multiple false, true and choice.

George Schlager: The psych department is an illusion. It's all in your mind.

Joe Gregory: One of our local politicians is so crooked that they call him the Luther Burbank of Wilkes-Barre (he's so good at grafting).

Eddie Davis (entering an open-windowed room on a cold and drafty day): Someone must have been born in a barn — or a furnace.

Mr. Sym (on the final): Now are there any questions about the questions?

RALSTON'S COURT PHILOSOPHY:

Past Season Was Best In Many Ways; Reserves Give High Hopes For The Future

(The fourth in a series by Wilkes coaches reviewing their seasons. A baseball review by Coach Bob Partridge will be the last in the series.—Sports Editor.)

By GEORGE F. RALSTON, Head Basketball Coach, Wilkes College

EIGHT YEARS DOESN'T SEEM LONG

To look back on eight years of Colonel basketball — and it really doesn't seem that long — is truly a worthy reflection for it is precious in every respect. Those students who have played the game over the years have endowed us with an everlastingly savory educational experience which will forever have a sort of intimate significance quite invaluable for the lives of us who have been learning.



RALSTON

For those who love athletics it is always sad to see a season end. So it has been in 1954. In some respects the recently completed season was our best. In the first place our schedule was the most representative ever; secondly, the number on the squad was sustained at a high level, and the calibre of play was above our average; thirdly, 1551 points were scored, which is the most ever achieved by a Wilkes team. These data are not too significant, but they can be considered in a re-capitulation of the season.

Early in the season we lost John Milliman our steady rebounder and team "balance wheel". He was available for only three games. John was grand in every respect. His loss weakened our team to the extent that play was not stabilized for at least four thereafter. More seriously, the loss of "Cheetah" broke up a smooth team combination which was almost irreplaceable.

Our team this year was bolstered substantially by the play of the fine group of Junior Varsity men from last year which included Harry Ennis, Joe Jablonski, Jim Ferris, Carl Van Dyke, Ed Trautman, Frank Kopicki, and Joe Popple. John Bresnahan, a freshman, overcame some of the usual stage fright and made a significant contribution to our varsity team.

This entire group certainly gives us hope for the future.

SENIORS BROUGHT RICH EXPERIENCE

For four years it has been a rich experience to have worked with seniors Joe Sikora, Jim Atherton, Leonard Batrone, Eddie Davis, and Robert Heltzel.

These men formed the foundation for the 1953-54 season. Although the group might have been short physically as basketball teams go, it was never a group that lacked courage, team spirit or a proper philosophy with the respect to the play of the game. Along with these seniors the return of Parker Petrilak added greatly to the team effort.

Eddie Davis and Lenny Batrone were fine captains, both were devoted to the team and were unselfish. So long as students mingle along the ivied walls of our campus, these two men will be looked upon as gentlemen, scholars, and great athletes. The loss of these men along with the other seniors gives us sadness at the end of the season.

They will never be forgotten.

Our 10 and 10 record is a good, and although it may not be called a winning season, we are certain that it was successful. Our athletes played as a team and our team was always a shining example of the principles for which Wilkes stands. The 1953-54 squad adhered not only to the letter of the rules but played the game in the spirit which has from the start surrounded all that is good and wholesome in competitive sports. In this our squad was a champion.

"BALANCE," BATRONEY SYNONYMOUS

Balance and Batrone were key words this season. We worked constantly to gain and maintain team balance. When a game was lost it was chiefly due to imbalance. After Batrone's 22.7 average, Sikora followed with 9.8; this span was too great, we needed more men in double figures.

Our eggs were in one basket. Fortunately, Bart was great night after night. He was all heart and spirit — always.

We call him our greatest basketball player and he had a fine group with him. Having been a part of this squad has truly been a high point in my life.

Our team missed only one thing in 1953-54. It did not win more games than it lost. To have done so would have been an accomplishment — not the greatest, true, but more like a feather in the cap. Our team won many victories — not all — and we look, therefore, forward — as Ulysses . . .

"Tis not too late to seek a newer world . . . we are not now that strength which in old days moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are . . . one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will . . . To strive, to see, to find, and not to yield."

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Swatters Face 14 Games; Drills Underway

Open Season at East Stroudsburg On April 7, Home Inaugural With Muhlenberg Apr. 10 at Barons' Field

A "heavy load" 14-game schedule faces the Wilkes diamond-men this spring it was announced yesterday by Athletic Director George Ralston. The curtain-raiser for the new edition of the WC swatters is an away game with the talent-loaded East Stroudsburg club at the teachers home grounds on April 17.

This year's slate will see the addition of two newcomers to the Colonel baseball wars and also includes a varsity-Alumni game on April 15.

Eight of the 14 games will be played at Artillery Park, the Colonels' home field.

The new faces added to the calendar this year are Muhlenberg and Moravian. Last year the Mules were scheduled, but the game was rained out and wasn't re-scheduled. The other addition, Moravian, should be a familiar name to Wilkes football and basketball fans, and will likely prove to be a formidable opponent.

Several Goals

The Wilkes sluggers will be out to attain several goals this season. First and foremost they will be trying to extend one winning season into two. Last year the club finished with an 8 and 7 record.

A winning season would automatically give the diamond-men their second goal; that of pulling the hat trick by being the third varsity team this season to end up in the black. The soccer and wrestling men have been the "winners" up to date.

The swatters are also anxious to erase a double loss inflicted on them last year by Bloomsburg.

Three Missing

Replacements will have to be found for sterling performers John Milliman, Joe "Ace" Wengyn, and Joe Kropiewnicki, but the team is well stocked with returning vets and if promising "greenies" come through, Wilkes should be hard to beat.

Coach Partridge did not show any premature optimism, however, as he warned that the schedule is anything but a snap with powerhouses the likes of Ithaca, Bloomsburg, Cortland, and Rider on the docket.

Partridge also revealed that negotiations are under way with Albright College and there is a possibility that the Reading, Pa. college will be added to the schedule before the season gets underway.

The 1954 Wilkes Baseball Schedule:

April—		
7—Wed.	at E.Stroudsburg	
10—Sat.	Muhlenberg	
13—Tues.	Scranton	
24—Sat.	Ithaca	
30—Fri.	Cortland	
May—		
1—Sat.	at Hartwick	
8—Sat.	at Susquehanna	
11—Tues.	at Cortland	
13—Thur.	Bloomsburg	
15—Sat.	Alumni	
17—Mon.	Moravian	
19—Wed.	at Rider	
22—Sat.	at Bloomsburg	
24—Mon.	Susquehanna	

20 Diamondmen In Drills at Gym, Go Outside Today

By AL JETER

Snow and baseball, a combination that mixes like beer and moo juice, were both on hand Monday as twenty prospective pitchers went south to the WC gym for the first practice session of the year. The snow, a sharp warning that dame winter might still have a dirty deal or two up her sleeve, didn't deter the diamond-men in the slightest from going through the initial drills with good spirits and high enthusiasm.

At the beginning of Monday's session Coach Bob Partridge gave a short talk to the candidates. He expressed impatience to get the club outdoors as quickly as weather conditions allow.

The coaches desire to set up shop in Kirby Park stems mainly from the fact that opening day is less than a month away, which means Bill Mock have very little time to that the pilot and his assistant fashion and tailor a ball club.

Time Is Important

Realizing that time is an important factor at this stage of the game, Partridge urged all candidates to put their utmost drive into an admittedly short conditioning period.

He warned pitchers, however, to be careful of their bread winning arms in the first few days of practice, "because," he cautioned, "the college season is short and a sore arm now, will render a pitcher useless for the entire season."

The coach then put teeth in his words via a sharp calisthenic and wind sprint drill that showed up more than a few muscles and joints to be out of tune from a winter of comparative leisure.

At the completion of the initial drill a group of soaked sweat-suits slithered up the locker room steps, their occupants lighter by several pounds.

Overheard were several out-of-breath mutters of "So much so fast" and the well known famous (continued on page 4)

Mock Named Assistant Baseball Coach for 1954



BILL MOCK

Director of Athletics George Ralston yesterday announced that William C. "Bill" Mock, present assistant basketball coach, will take on the job of assistant baseball coach this spring at Wilkes.

Mock, a former collegiate basketball and baseball star, is expected to give Head Coach Bob Partridge

COLONELS' LADIES TAKE GRACEFUL THUMPING LOSS IN GAME WITH "MISERY"

The Wilkes girls basketball team found out for the second time in two weeks that it doesn't pay to live dangerously. And you're living dangerously when you tangle with Misericordia's hoopsters.

Misericordia, undoubtedly trying to prove some sort of ridiculous point, almost reached its objective — that of hitting the 100 mark — when it humbled the green Colonelettes 93-17 at the Misery gym.

Phyllis Walsh was high for the Wilkes girls with 11, while Eleanor Mitroka took runner-up honors for the second game straight. Greenhorn Frieda Billstein, playing her first game, hit for an amazing two to take the third high spot, among the few high spots Wilkes had.

a big lift by handling the pitchers and catchers.

The new assistant diamond mentor is a resident of South Wilkes-Barre and is a former pitcher with the Wilkes-Barre Barons of the Eastern League. Mock also played basketball professionally for Eddie White's Wilkes-Barre Barons.

DIKE DIVOTS

By JACK CURTIS

WHO'S IN SHAPE? — WATCH

It's not hard to see who's in shape and who's not, particularly at the beginning of an athletic season. Unrefutable proof could have been seen at the Wilkes gym any day during the week as indoor baseball drills began for pitchers and catchers as well as any other ambitious baseball candidates.

At the end of each practice, Coach Bob Partridge, affectionately known by his boys as the "Quail," directed the group of some 30 diamond aspirants around the gym for 15 laps or so. The first day the whole bunch looked like champions—that is for about the first five laps. Then the men were separated from the boys. All this scribbler can say concerning the workouts is which way is the marble tournament.

Jim Ferris, fresh from basketball season, was a ball of fire all week, along with John Bresnahan and Harry Ennis, also in shape as a result of the cage wars just past.

The trio unintentionally made the rest of the boys look just a little on the pooped side each day around the tenth or eleventh lap.

Many of the baseball hopefuls are finding muscles they never knew they possessed. You'll pardon the typing errors, we can't bend over to look at the keys.

The entire squad will report on Monday for what Coach Partridge hopes will be outside drills. If the weather breaks, the team will move to the Kirby Park greensward.

SCARE 'EM TO DEATH

All pitchers were warned to be ready to go three innings by next Wednesday by Partridge, himself a veteran of college baseball as the shortstop of the University of Pennsylvania nine, Partridge's warning brought this comment from one aspiring hurler: "They'll (batters) never touch what I'll throw. When I pitch, they're scared to death to get within five feet of the plate."

With baseball season come stories of the diamond and one as one of the groups huddled together last week to shoot the bull over the dying embers of the hot stove, we were reminded of an interesting item concerning two Wilkes coaches.

Not many people know it, but Director of Athletics George Ralston and Diamond Coach Partridge once faced each other in baseball. Ralston was a south-(sho 'nuff)-paw finger for the University of North Carolina while Partridge was, as we said, the U. of P. shortstop. As we heard it, Partridge got to Ralston for a hit in a game that was hotly contested. The perfect ending, to keep all sides happy, would be a tie game, unusual in baseball. Oddly, that's just what happened. The game had to be called—snow!

THIS IS SPORTSMANSHIP?

It certainly is too bad that someone had to stoop so low as to make a wholesale job out of lifting athletic equipment. Very few athletes on campus would do so much as to raise an eyebrow if one of the boys permanently borrowed a sweat shirt, and it is done. But we're sure that the great majority of the sports participants wouldn't approve of plain robbery as that which took place at the gym recently.

Sportmanship and fair play don't start and end on the playing field. Athletics are supposed to be good training for later life—all phases of life. If it was one of the athletes who made off with a dozen bats and as many balls, he'd better take a good look at himself to see if he really doesn't need a few changes personality-wise.

We for one hope, that if the disappearance of the baseball equipment is solved, it will not be a Wilkes athlete involved. It would be hard to take, for we've always looked to Colonels on all fields as top fellows. So has every team they have encountered, and the public, too. It's not too late for the equipment to be returned.

Loss May Cancel Athletic Banquet

Over 60 dollars worth of baseball equipment has been stolen from the equipment room in the Wilkes gymnasium, it was learned yesterday in a joint announcement from Athletics Director George Ralston and Baseball Coach Bob Partridge.

The theft, the second of serious proportions this year, netted someone a dozen brand new baseballs in an unopened carton and 12 Louisville "Slugger" baseball bats.

Ralston and Partridge also stated that the loss of the equipment, which was to be used in the coming diamond season, may set back the athletic budget so severely that it may be necessary to cancel the annual athletic banquet entirely.

The director of athletics said yesterday "We here at Wilkes generally operate on a shoe string as far as the athletic budget is concerned, and we generally stay within the budget." But he added, "This is a terrible setback. If we're going to have an athletic banquet, I'd like to know where we're going to get the money."

The equipment was not missed until early this week shortly before indoor baseball drills were scheduled to get underway at the gym.

"Worse than the loss of the equipment," Coach Partridge commented, "is the realization that someone here at Wilkes would commit such a wholesale robbery." There is every indication that the bats and balls were stolen by an "insider", a student at Wilkes, although there have been no clues found that would lead to any suspects.

Another theft was perpetrated at the gym during basketball season—right after the first game with Ithaca College. The game basketball, valued at about \$25, was taken from in front of the equipment room. The basketball thievery was also thought to have been done by some Wilkes student, but in that case, too, college officials drew a blank.

"The thing that makes me mad," Ralston stated, "is the fact that every Wilkes athlete may suffer over the greediness of one person."

"At most schools, such a loss could be taken lightly from a monetary standpoint, although not morally, but here, where we have so little money for athletics, it really hurts."

The BEACON makes this appeal to the person or persons who removed the sorely needed diamond equipment from the gym — an appeal to return it. The BEACON office, at the side of Barre Hall, will be left unlocked for the next week, day and night. The balls and bats can be left there or in any building on campus, with no questions asked.

A wrong has been done, but it is not too late to correct it. Let's stay within the bounds of good sportsmanship. Why make everyone suffer?



READY EDDIE — Eddie Davis, who broke his leg last season, will be back with the throng reporting for drills Monday at Kirby Park.

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National 'Y' Mat Tourney Here Over Week-end

The 14th National YMCA Wrestling Championships will be held at Wilkes over the week-end. The preliminary rounds are slated for tonight at the WC gym and the semi-finals are tomorrow afternoon, with the finals tomorrow evening.

The championships, the highest in YMCA competition, are expected to draw entries from all 48 states and possibly several of the territories.

Frank W. Walp, Supervising Principal of the Forty Fort Schools and an active mat enthusiast, is handling arrangements for the meet. Walp handles pairing each

year for the Open Wrestling Championships here.

Wilkes Director of Athletics George F. Ralston is an honorary chairman of the tournament. The officials will be the well-known Billy Lee, former assistant mat coach at Wilkes, and Gail Phillips, brother of Wilkes' Jim Phillips.

There will be trophies awarded in classes ranging from 115 to 191 pounds, with additional trophies for the outstanding wrestler, winner of the quickest fall, first and second teams and to the winning coach. Four prizes will be awarded in each weight class.

BEACON'S GRAB-BAG

"Why does your grandma sit and read the Bible all day?"

"She's crammin' for the finals."

A business man, phoning an associate at home, was answered by a child. "Tell him that Mr. Brown called," he said.

"Wait 'til I get a pencil and paper," the child replied, then, "How do you spell Brown?"

"B-R-O," the man began. Then there was a labored silence. Finally the difficulty was explained.

"How," asked the child, "do you make a 'B'?"

I met my wife at a travel agency. She was looking for a vacation. I was the last resort.

Bachelor: "Do you believe in clubs for women?"

Husband: "Yes, but only if kindness fails."

"I want to know how long girls should be courted."

"The same as short girls."

"I didn't want to marry him for his money. It's just that there was no other way to get it."

There was a sad incident one day in the heart of the Ozarks. A farmer's mule kicked his mother-in-law to death. A tremendous crowd turned out for the funeral, but it was made up almost entirely of men. The minister commented, "This old lady must have been mighty popular for so many people to leave their work to come to her funeral."

"They're not here for the funeral," explained a farmer. "They're here to buy the mule."

No one knows what the short skirts will be up to next.

Two tourists were driving thru the maple syrup district of Vermont. Noticing the shiny buckets hung low on the trunks of the trees, one exclaimed in astonishment, "They certainly have a sanitary bunch of dogs around here."

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(continued from page 3) last words "I'll never let myself get out of shape like this again." Scribes Falter

At this writing we are still trying to get confirmation on a vicious rumor that two aging and grey sports scribblers by the name of Curtis and Jeter dropped "stone cold dead in the locker room."

The first day set a pattern for the rest of the week's workouts with conditioning the main theme. By the end of next week, though, Coach Partridge hopes to be holding some intra-squad games from which to get an idea of what to expect from the vets as well as the rookies.

Tuesday's "sweat session" saw a remarkable improvement in several squad members as they managed to outrun two of the younger set, (age 5, at least), who gather at the gym to watch the proceedings, and who evidently feel it their duty to run along with the team. Several guesses have been offered as to whether the small fry are trying to pace the pack or show it up.

Partridge again announced that he hoped for a large turnout next week when the rest of the team swings into work, and repeated that all positions are open.

Pitchers who have reported to date include Mel McNew and Joe Sikora, mainstay holdovers from last year. Newcomers are Charles Warkomski, John Bresnahan, Hank Keller, Frank Kopicki, Albert Broody, Bob Spray, Jack Curtis, and Al Jeter.

Prospective catchers in the fold are Norm Chanosky, Mickey Perlmut, Jerry Elias, Joe Stralka, Neil Turtel, and Reese Jones.

Some of the rest of last year's squad have been working out with the battery men. The early birds include Joe Trosko, John Aquilino, Jim Ferris and Walt Chapko.

Faculty Wins Again By Close Score 40-39

The faculty men nipped the Senior boys by one point 40-39, and the faculty women overpowered the Senior girls 16-13, in their respective basketball games at the fourth annual Senior Spectacle on March 13 in the Wilkes College Gymnasium.

A crowd that completely filled one side of the bleachers witnessed the unusual strength of the faculty men who won their third straight basketball game. The power of the strong bench team of Kersteen, Groh, and Mailey dominated this

contest and many experts consider this strength the decisive factor in the game.

John Reese, Russ Picton, John Whitby, George Ralston, paced the victors while Charles Zezza and Jim Moss were high men for the losers.

Al Wallace, coach of the Seniors, commenting upon the overpowering obstacle at the basketball game said, "In tribute to the meticulous calling of 'Honest' John Chwalek, the Senior boys carried him out of the gym," while Bob Partridge, faculty men's coach, said, "I don't know why the Seniors are going to buy him a pair of glasses for next year. His decisions were called with adroitness, accuracy, and malice

forethought."

The Senior girls, aided by cheerleaders, Len Batrone, Joe Sikora, Bob Heltzel, and Jim Atherton, outplayed the faculty women by using fancy team plays, but the faculty women were victorious as mid-semester examination improved their accuracy in putting the ball through the hoop.

The proceeds of the Senior Spectacle will be used for a Senior Class gift. A commendable job was done by those who participated and planned this Senior Spectacle.

Dr. Vujica: The more I study, the more I agree with Socrates that we learn nothing — but don't give me that in an exam.

Dr. Rosenberg: This text is a cure for insomnia.

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