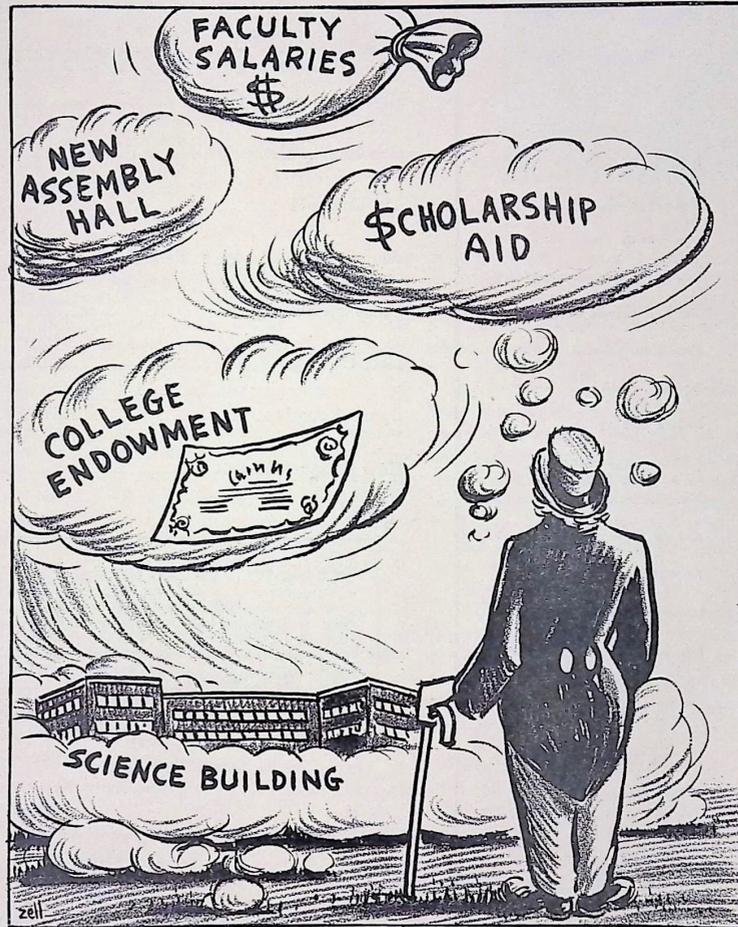


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**ON THE COVER** — The sketch for this issue of the Alumnus expresses the desires and aspirations of all of us I'm sure. Some of it has been completed or is in the process of completion. The Science Hall is soon to be a reality and the current drive for scholarship funds looks like a certain success. Faculty salaries have been aided by fine gifts and will eventually be adjusted.

In the future, as the drawing shows, are the new assembly hall — a much-needed building; and increased endowment. Let's hope that they all come down to earth and reality like the Science Building real soon.

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\$558,000 MORE!

## Science At Work Serves Science At Study



W. S. Carpenter, Jr.

Receipt of another large gift — over half a million dollars — was announced recently by the College.

Gilbert S. McClintock, chairman of the board of trustees, announced that a gift of \$558,000 has been received for the creation of a "W. S. Carpenter Memorial Fund" to encourage the study of science and to support independent research at Wilkes.

The fund has been given to the college by W. S. Carpenter, Jr., chairman of the board of the DuPont de Nemours Company, Wilmington, Del., in memory of his father who was born in Wilkes-Barre and who lived in the community during his entire business career.

The establishment of the memorial fund, following a gift of \$900,000 from an anonymous foundation, provides Wilkes College with new and modern resources for the teaching of science.

In speaking for the faculty, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Wilkes president, commented that the two gifts for the support of the science departments complete one phase of the 25th Anniversary Development Program which will be culminated in 1958.

Dr. Farley also noted that the series of substantial gifts and pledges amounting to \$1,827,000 made to Wilkes within the past three months was a promising prelude to the major phase of the development campaign which will start in 1957.

The senior Mr. Carpenter, born in Wilkes-Barre on April 5, 1853, was a man of varied talents and interests. His firm was associated with the development of the first electric railway in Wilkes-Barre in 1887. He developed a system of springs which, with refinements is still used in modern trolleys and electric buses.

In creating this memorial for his

father, Mr. Carpenter has outlined very liberal conditions which he hoped would guide the board of trustees and the administration of the college in their use of the fund.

It was his hope that the income from this memorial fund would be used to encourage research, to assist students of unusual promise in the field of science, and to enable the science faculties to initiate programs which they feel would strengthen the work of their departments.

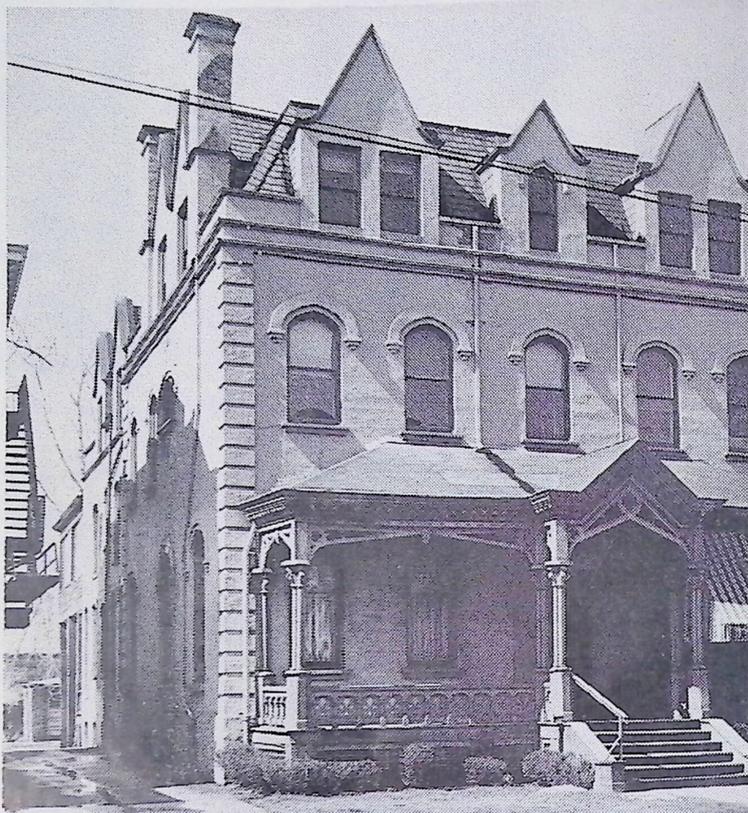
At the end of his letter suggesting the creation of this living memorial, Mr. Carpenter added a single sentence which referred indirectly to the relationship between this grant and his own life's work.

He wrote:

"Perhaps there is a measure of fitness in science at work serving science at study."



ANOTHER NEW BUILDING



LATEST ADDITION TO CAMPUS

Photo by Dan Gawlas

*College Buys Contessa De Sylva Home*

Another building was added to the Wilkes College campus recently when the Contessa Elena De Sylva residence was purchased by the College. The property is located at 159 South Franklin Street. This makes the seventh building that Wilkes now owns on South Franklin Street.

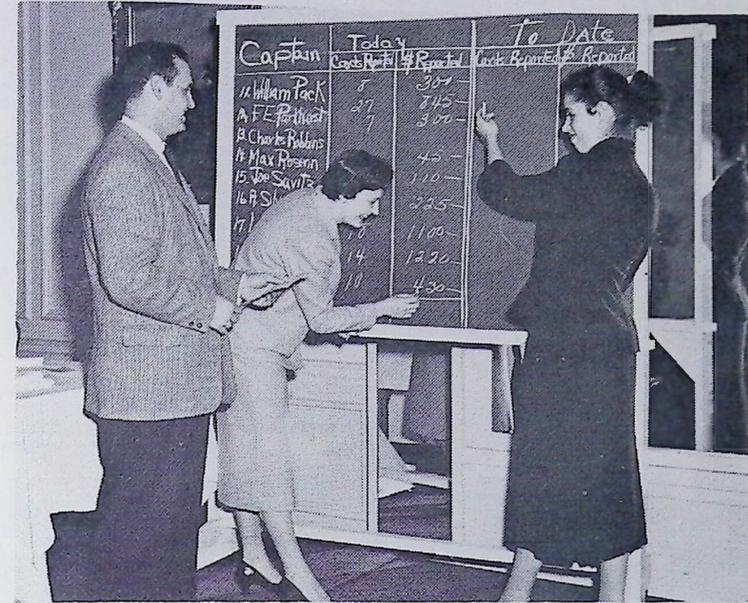
The newly purchased building will be remodeled this summer so that the first floor can be used for classrooms. With both Butler and Ashley Annexes scheduled to be torn down

for the erection of the Science Building which is to be started this summer, the need for additional classroom space is of primary importance to the College. The purchase of the De Sylva residence fits nicely into the picture and will ease the situation tremendously. Upon completion of the Science Building, the new property will help fulfill another step in the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Development Program — additional dormitory facilities.

If the building is used for that purpose, it will be the seventh dormitory building on the campus. The new residence will be the twenty-third building now used by the College.

Construction of the Science Building has been delayed temporarily due to material shortages and the ground-breaking ceremonies are now scheduled to take place on June 4th in conjunction with the graduation ceremonies.

FOR WORTHY STUDENTS



Miss Denah Fleisher, a '53 grad, now serving as a secretary to the Executive Alumni Secretary, and Miss Marie Opsitos, Director of Development secretary, are shown totaling contributions to the Scholarship Drive at a recent report meeting in the Hotel Sterling.

*College Fund Drive Nears Goal of \$50,000*

At this writing, another step in the 25th Anniversary Development Program of Wilkes College is near completion. The scholarship campaign for \$50,000 reached 55% of its goal at the second report meeting at the Hotel Sterling.

One hundred and thirty-five friends of the College are now calling on prospects in the community to ask their financial support of the College in this worthwhile project. The contact of the people in the community is to serve two purposes: (1) to ask for their financial support, (2) to see how they feel about Wilkes College and its service to the community. This latter question is to aid the College in finding out how the people of the community feel about its de-

velopment program and if they feel that they would like to aid in the growth of the College during the next few years by additional financial support.

The drive is scheduled to end May 16 when the final report meeting will be held at Hotel Sterling. The drive has a natural appeal to the community because so many of its young people have the ability to attend college, but not the means. Scholarship aids places it within their grasp and with part-time employment they can attain their goal. Last year 227 young men and women received aid from the College. This figure amounted to 25 per cent of the student body. Most colleges supply 30 to 40 per cent of their student body

with scholarship aid. Wilkes College hopes to match or overcome that figure in the near future.

*Ol' Colonels*

The first annual meeting of the Ol' Colonels will be held prior to the Alumni vs. Varsity baseball game on Saturday, May 12, 1956. The meeting will be held at 9:30 A.M. in the new cafeteria.

Plans for the coming year will be discussed at the general business meeting and it is hoped that all the Ol' Colonels will plan to attend.

# Alumni Drive Shoots For 100% Participation

NEARLY \$2,000 RAISED TO DATE;  
HOPE TO HIT \$5,000 MARK IN DRIVE

One hundred and twenty graduates of Wilkes College are now acting as Class Managers for the first annual Alumni Fund Campaign. As you know they have been writing to their classmates asking them to support the campaign. It has been successful thus far in the campaign and it will be interesting to see the final result.

With one-third of the time elapsed in the Alumni Fund Drive, the total

subscribed now stands at \$1,715.00, a fine increase over last year's mark of \$800. Nine per cent of the alumni have contributed thus far and it is hoped that within the next two months both scores will increase substantially.

There has been extensive contact of you by alumni serving as class managers. We are certain that they have expressed the problems to you quite satisfactorily. All we need

now is your participation.

The campaign ends June 30, 1956. The July issue of the "Alumnus" will list the contributors by classes, the amount each class has given and the percentage of each class that gave. We hope that your name will be there.

We would enjoy hearing from any of you concerning your sentiments about the Alumni Fund and your impression of the organization.

## Chapter Interest Reaches New High

A reorganizational meeting of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter will be held on Friday, May 18, at the Hotel Sylvania in Philadelphia. This chapter, when reorganized, will make the fifth active chapter in the Association with three more in the planning stage.

Two new chapters have had their first meeting — one in New York - Long Island area; the other in Wilmington, Delaware, with two other new groups scheduled to meet in the near future. The Allentown-Bethlehem Chapter is still in the planning stage while the Washington, D.C. group has been working toward scheduling a meeting soon.

When all the chapters are completely organized, the Alumni Association will have eight chapters throughout the East in major cities.

They are New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware, Washington, D.C.; Allentown-Bethlehem, Binghamton, and the home chapter, Wilkes-Barre.

John Chwalek, Guidance Director; John Whitby, Registrar; and George Elliott, Acting Dean of Men, have traveled with your Alumni Secretary to the New York, Wilmington, and Binghamton chapter meetings to visit and explain all the new de-

## Classes Establish Memorial Fund

One of the most promising plans for the future of Wilkes College has recently been adopted by all four classes now attending Wilkes. The plan, called the Class Memorial Fund, was adopted by all classes by overwhelming vote.

As all of you know, each class that has graduated from the College has tried to give a class gift that would be of some use to the College and serve as a memorial to the class. Usually the graduating class finds itself in dire financial straits at the end of the senior year and the class has to scrape to give the traditional gift — and even then the gift was not always what the class had wanted it to be.

Now with the new plan installed, every member of a class, beginning in the Freshman year, will be assessed \$1.00 a semester during his entire four years. These funds can be used for a class gift or they can be left in the fund for a number of years and used then as the class trustees of the fund are instructed by their classmates as a result of polling by mail.

Developments taking place at the College. This activity is planned to create a better understanding of the present and future plans of the College in which the alumni must play an active part.

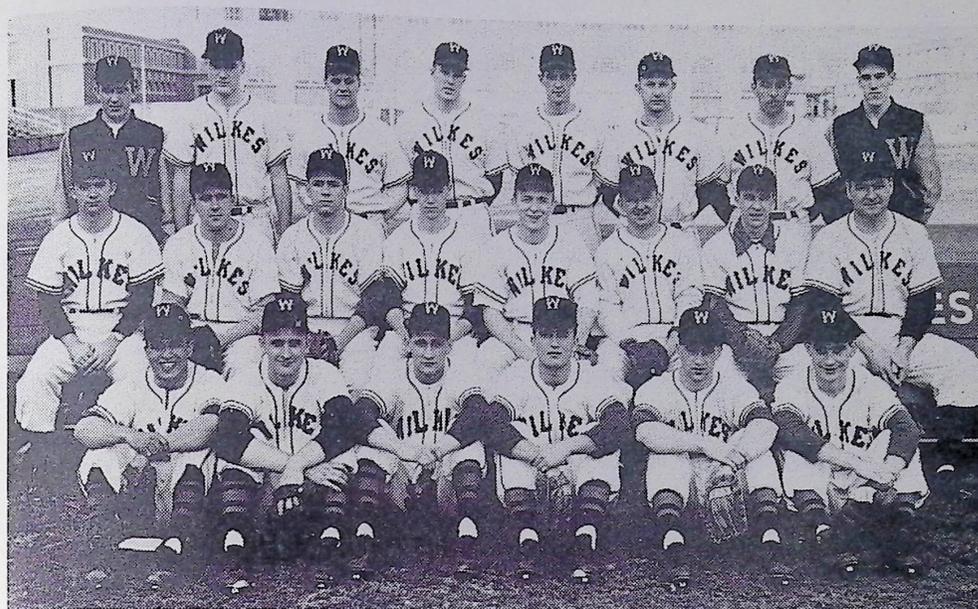
The class fund will be entitled "Class Fund of 1957, 1958, 1959, etc.," or whatever it might be. As graduates they will continue to contribute to the fund through the alumni fund.

Each year after graduation, the amount they give as alumni will be added to their total. It will continue in this way until the last class member has deceased. As a result, the class of \*\*\*\* will know how much it has given the college at any given year.

Another important feature of the fund is that the class trustees, elected and instructed by their classmates, can designate for what purpose the class funds can be used. Therefore each memorial fund will have two listings: (1) the total amount the class has given; (2) the purposes for which they have given the money through the years (i.e., Science Hall, Engineering Building, Scholarships).

It is easy to see the advantages of such a plan to the students as well as the College. The Class Memorial Fund will mean a great deal financially to the future of Wilkes College once the tradition has become established. Every independent college must seek funds to aid its growth. This new concept, a Class Memorial Fund, can be the answer for Wilkes College and other institutions like Wilkes.

## 1956 WC BASEBALL SQUAD



## Sports Roundup By JONNI FALK

Eddie Davis' young basketball team wound up with a respectable 10-15 record in a schedule which saw them meeting the best small college clubs in the East. However, more earth-shattering than the cagers showing was the record-breaking performance of John Reese's wrestlers.

The grapplers smashed every mark in the College's history by winning nine and losing only one, a protested loss to Bloomsburg. Bob Masonis, heavyweight, Don Reynolds, 137, and Dave Thomas, 157, all went through the season with only one loss. Top wins recorded by the Colonels were over Hofstra, Lafayette, Muhlenberg and Ithaca.

The baseball team ran into rough weather and a tough schedule during the first half of the season, but had a 4-5 record heading down the home-stretch.

John Milliman, big righthander who recently returned from the service, held three of the victories, including a shutout over Cortland STC, and a one-hit job over Rider. Eddie Birbaum sneaked in for the fourth win when the Colonels routed Lycoming, 23-3.

Behind Milliman, the Colonels have Mel McNew, George Batterson, Al Broody and Birbaum, to form one of the best mound staffs in years. Bad weather seemed to have hurt the hitters early in the campaign, but they have started to find their eyes in recent tilts. Coach Reese has been using McNew quite a bit in the outfield with Bob Sokol, last year's catcher, playing third, and freshman John Harvey doing the receiving. Rookie Mike Dydo has been holding down first base, while veterans Joe Parsnik and Ronnie Rescigno round out the infield. Al Manarski, Jim Ferris and rookie Al Balcomb have been in the outfield. Ferris and McNew are co-captains of this year's squad.

The College honored its top athletes at the Sports Banquet last month. Carl Van Dyke, senior, was named Outstanding Athlete, and Glenn Carey, who captained last year's grid squad, received the Joseph Gallagher Memorial Plaque. Jim Ferris was named top basketball player; Dave Thomas, a sophomore, was pronounced top wrestler; Younsu Koo, a senior, received the Reggie Burr soccer award for the second straight year; Ronnie Rescigno, a sophomore, was named outstanding back of the year; and Bill Farish, a junior, received the outstanding lineman's award; Mel McNew was named outstanding baseball player. Rescigno and Farish were also elected to be co-captains of next year's grid squad.

The first bowling tournament in the history of the College was recently completed with Bill Tremayne walking away with the All-Events award. Thirty-five college keglers participated.



## *Golf, Tennis Teams Make Debuts*

### Swimming Team In Planning Stage

The College boosted its total of varsity sports to seven during the past month by adding tennis and golf to its intercollegiate schedules. Both squads were slated for full activity during the 1957 seasons, but are being indoctrinated this year.

The golf team has been playing Wyoming Seminary and the University of Scranton in home and home matches. Jack Curtis, director of public relations and a 1955 graduate, has been appointed coach. Felix Serafin, Jr., Neil Dadurka, Bernie Danchek, Mickey Perlmuth, Irv Kaye

and Dave Polley formed the Wilkes sextet in its first outing.

The tennis team also has home and home matches scheduled with Wyoming Seminary and the University of Scranton. The court squad is being directed by Fred Boote, a senior at the College and a well-known local player. The team is currently working out on Kirby Park's courts.

The golf team, which plays its home matches on Irem Temple Country Club's spacious links, also plans to take a trip to the Middle Atlantic

Conference's Tournament at Mt. Union, Pa., this month.

Complete schedules for both squads will be made at the fall meeting of the Middle Atlantic Conference. In addition to the tennis and golf teams, the College also plans to add a swimming team to the varsity slate. Older alumni will remember that swimming was once a varsity sport on the campus, but disappeared from the schedule several years ago. Groundwork is now being laid for a renewal of the tank squad.