

Fire Leaves Conyngham In Charred Ruins



CONYNGHAM DESTROYED. This was the scene early Saturday morning, December 28, as firemen fought a blaze in Conyngham Hall. The College building housed the entire math department and part of the engineering and art departments. The fire forced the College to use Miner Hall temporarily. More photos on page three.

Early Morning Blaze Forces Move To Miner

Fire early Saturday morning, December 28, caused extensive damage to Conyngham Hall, one of the College's original buildings believed to be more than 100 years old. The large and magnificently-adorned building was formerly the resident of the John N. Conyngham family and was first used for college-level classes in 1937 when Wilkes College was Bucknell Junior College.

It was later announced that the structure was a total loss and would have to be torn down. The building housed the mathematics department and part of the art and engineering departments. There were 10 classrooms and a number of offices located in the hall.

It is believed the fire broke out at approximately 3 a.m. Nine pieces of equipment and 75 firemen responded to the general alarm which was sounded at 3:44, approximately 10 minutes after the first alarm.

Firemen, directed by Assistant Chief Edward Jacobson and later by Chief Francis Ecker, strung 14 lines of hose and two master stream towers to battle the blaze. The balance of the 106-man department manned other stations on an emergency basis.

Firefighters were still on the scene late Sunday morning as flames continued to erupt in various sections of the third floor. Smoke billowed from the burning structure throughout the morning.

NO CAUSE GIVEN

Although fire officials were unable to give a cause of the blaze, it was believed that the fire may have begun in the basement and spread through partitions to the third floor where it mushroomed throughout that area. The entire third floor was burned while the lower two floors and basement were damaged by the large amount of water poured into the structure from the 16 hose lines. It might be noted, the exact cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

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It was reported that Wilkes-Barre City Police were contacted at 3:30 a.m. by a man who claimed he could smell smoke in the area of Northampton and South Main Streets. A cruiser car was dispatched to the scene, but police could not locate the fire. They toured the area and later discovered the blaze in the College building. Police Headquarters was notified and the fire department was contacted.

To aid firemen in battling the blaze, City police placed barricades at South and River Streets, West Market and South River Streets, and at West Northampton and South Franklin Streets. This prevented all traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles from entering the area of the fire scene.

Fire hoses were strung from all available hydrants in the immediate area and hundreds of thousands of gallons of water were poured on the flaming building.

FIREMAN INJURED

Edwin Krombel, of 401 South Sherman Street, was injured when he was struck by debris from a section of the floor which crumbled and fell inside of the building. He was struck on the left side of the face and the bridge of the nose. Krombel received treatment at Mercy Hospital.

At 10 a.m., Chief Ecker directed the firemen to begin removing hose lines and some equipment from the area. However, several men and two trucks remained until 1:35 when the first was tapped out.

Mr. Nelson Carle, superintendent of maintenance, announced earlier that Conyngham Hall was recently renovated during the past three weeks. He said the renovations included complete painting and a good deal of carpentry work.

DR. FARLEY AT FIRE

Dr. Eugene S. Farley was on the scene shortly after the fire was discovered and remained throughout the morning. He claimed the school faces a very serious problem regarding the classes which were normally held in the burned out structure. He said every available inch of space in the College complex is being utilized. It was later announced that the City Planning Commission granted permission to use the vacant Miner Hall in the face of the tragic disaster.

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Annual Winter Carnival Scheduled January 23

The annual Winter Carnival will be held on Thursday, January 23, at the Camelback Ski Area in Tannersville, Pennsylvania. All members of the student body are invited to join in this annual event, which will begin early Thursday morning and probably last until late that evening.

All nineteen trails and slopes are expected to be open and in excellent condition. All students presenting identification cards will receive a discount on the use of the skiing facilities.

The Ice-o-rama will be open for those wishing to ice skate and rental equipment will be available at the rink. Students who wish to go tobogganing in the area will find sleds available for rent while snow mobiles will be waiting for the less adventurous. Refreshments can be purchased at the lodge throughout the day.

Capping the day's activities will be a dance which will be held at The Hearth, a popular resort lodge located on Route 611, approximately four miles from Camelback. The El Caminos will provide the entertainment for the affair and all facilities of the lodge will be open to the students.

John Freund, co-chairman of the event, has emphasized the fact that the facilities will be available for exclusive use of Wilkes College students. Tickets will be sold until Wednesday, January 22, and are available at the College bookstore.

Transportation to Camelback will be provided for those leaving their name with Millie Gittins in the Bookstore. If the demand is great, bus service will be available.

The highlight of the outing will be the crowning of the Snowflake Queen and her two princesses. All junior girls are eligible for the honor and a list of nominees will be presented to the student body in a general election today. Wilkes students may vote at the old cafeteria this afternoon.

Co-chairmen of the event are John Freund and Bob Silvi. Bob Storchay, vice-president of the College Ski Club, and Freund have arranged the skiing activities for the day. All students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy winter sports during semester break.

MEMO SENT TO BOARD

The following are the main items included in a memorandum sent by Dr. Eugene S. Farley to the Board of Trustees concerning the College's loss of Conyngham Hall. The memorandum contained the president's suggestions and will merely serve as such for the Board. The permanent solution of the loss of Conyngham Hall will require:

1. An adequate site for the construction of a new classroom building.
2. Planning which will incorporate our needs for the replacement of the Conyngham facilities with our need for additional facilities; e.g., a team-teaching building, enlarged art, mathematics, and engineering facilities, and a more adequate bookstore.
3. Funds for construction of the building and for purchase of land upon which to erect the building. A guess-timate would place the cost of the building at \$2,500,000 and the following sources of support should be considered.
 - a. \$300,000 will probably be obtained from insurance.
 - b. The Federal Government has, for several years, provided 28 per cent of the cost of instructional buildings when approved by the State Commission on College facilities.
 - c. A special Appalachia fund has been made available to King's. With the cooperation of Dan Flood, we may possibly be able to gain some support from Appalachia.
 - d. Whatever balance is required can be gained only through personal gifts; another campaign may be necessary. This follows very closely our Library Campaign, but in this crisis I can now see no alternative.
4. A decision as to the advisability of seeking funds for a single building, or for seeking funds for the larger development that must take place by 1975 if we are not to lose the forward momentum of the last five years.

This is merely to advise you of the situation that confronts us and to suggest the possible solutions.

I hope you will give thought to this problem so that we may reach some sound decision within the next few weeks.

Of Cabbages and Kings

Why is such an antiquated system of registration still the most up-to-date one at Wilkes?

Is it true that SG has formed a committee entitled "The Committee Established for the Purpose of Finding Out What Happened to All Those Committees Established but Not Heard from Since the Beginning of the Semester?"

Why are students so apathetic at Wilkes? Could it be that they just do not care enough?

What happened to the IDC-sponsored concert that was so avidly discussed last year, and, like SG committees, never mentioned again?

Why aren't women students allowed to wear slacks to classes during the annual Valley ice-in?

Why do only a handful of students vote in elections held on Campus? Whose fault is it—the students' or those holding the elections?

Why does the cafeteria food continue to rot? Why are students served hamburger seven different times in one week under seven different names?

Why does the caf personnel continue to cough all over the food? It doesn't need any help.

Why aren't there any cigarette machines on Campus?

Why do so few students support our athletes?

Why are the dormitory women still subjected to sophomoric curfews?

What happened to the SG-sponsored Spring concert?

Why don't more dormitories follow the example of Bruch Hall (see story on page 6)?

What happened to SAC?

Why aren't 21-year-old students allowed to live off-Campus while attending classes?

What happened to the discussion of initiating pass-fail courses at Wilkes?

Did we, or did we not, find a place for a parkade?

Is it true that Zig Pines is alive and well in the shoe department of the Boston Store?

Hope Also Endures

Triumph and tragedy. Heartbreak and hope. Those words about sum up 1968, the year that now is past. One more word should be used — incredible.

War, violence in our nation's streets, assassinations, political turnabouts, heart transplants, the "normalization" of Czechoslovakia by Soviet Russia, riots, weddings, a journey around the moon, and a host of other unexpected, unexplained and sometimes unexplainable events, all went to make up the year 1968.

As the new years begins, intelligent men in Paris argue over the shape of a conference table, while soldier and peasant continue to die in war-ravaged Vietnam. In Nigeria, little children continue to starve while their fathers wage a bitter and bloody war. In the Middle East, Arabs and Jews continue to kill each other while in the UN diplomats grope for wordy explanations to preserve balancing conditions.

Throughout the world, disputations between individuals and between nations, hatred, strife, prejudice and fear ravage the human heart worse than any virus ravages the human body.

Sometimes it seems scarcely believable the misery and sorrow man inflicts upon himself. Possessed of the intellect and increasingly achieving the power to make of the world a paradise, he seemingly chooses to make it a place of squalor, ignorance, injustice, and oppression.

Were this the sum total of man, the future would be intolerable. Neither the New Year of 1969, nor any other, would be endurable. But man has another side, as much a part of his nature as his fascination with destruction. Love, a yearning for universal brotherhood, is there. His impulses to charity, altruism and selflessness are fully as strong as his penchants for suspicion, hatred, and killing.

Nobility is as much a human attribute as is smallness of soul, if less common. We could not recognize the ugliness we have created, had we no concept of the beauty that could be. We stand in the mud, and we reach to touch the stars.

Man's inhumanity to man continues as the new year begins. But hope also endures, and the undying vision of something better that someday will be.

C.D.L.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The lack of any substantive opposition to administrative policies at Wilkes, while looked on by some as an indication of complacency, and by others as an indication of the acceptability of such policies, is actually a manifestation of the anti-intellectual atmosphere that smothers the campus. Any college with an intellectual atmosphere, an atmosphere where ideas predominate, is bound to be impregnated with open and widespread discussion of both campus and non-campus issues, and the absence of such discussion, an absence evident at Wilkes, is a result of a primary desire on the part of the students to attain a means toward future employment rather than an education per se.

While such a desire is considered by most educators and students as being worthwhile, and while only a minority of those associated with Wilkes prefer the purely intellectual and aesthetic over the purely materialistic, the primary purpose of any educational institution should be to foster and encourage the activities, or rather the desire for activity, of the minority.

Unless the Wilkes administration not merely permits, but actually encourages opposition to both its own policies and those of non-campus institutions, such as governments and churches, the campus is destined to remain stagnated and incapable of producing creative, rather than merely productive, graduates.

The time-worn excuse that to encourage such opposition would damage both the reputation and overall effectiveness of the college, must be balanced against the intellectual freedom and individual responsibility such opposition encourages. One fallacy of the administration at Wilkes, a fallacy common to all desiring to preserve the status quo, is to associate responsibility with compliance. A responsible person, more accurately, is one who is responsible to his own conscience, and not one who is responsible to the conscience of someone else.

But since the administration has given no indication that it will encourage, or even permit beyond a token level, discussion of ideas that may affect the college's reputation as a "responsible" institution, it is the obligation of various student groups to assume the appropriate leadership in this area. Obviously, the two groups best suited for such a role are Student Government and the Beacon. But neither of these organizations has displayed a willingness, and usually not even a desire, to assume such a role. To those familiar with the operations of these and other student organizations, it is obvious that they are restricted from fulfilling their proper roles as opposition leaders by various restraints imposed, both explicitly and implicitly, by the administration, and that the officeholders in these organizations quite often are willing to acquiesce to the dictates of the administration.

It is therefore imperative that the small minority of students at Wilkes desiring to participate in open and widespread discussion of ideas form their own organization, without official college sanction in order to avoid restraints, that will fill the now existing leadership vacuum. Such an organization is, of course, not the best way to deal with the faults of the College, but it is the only avenue open to the minority, unless an existing organization fills the vacuum first. But such a move by either SG or the Beacon is unlikely, and the necessity of such action demands that others assume the responsibility.

Martin J. Napersteck

Thanks Expressed To Bruch Hall

Letter to the Editor:

We wish to thank the men of Bruch Hall for the very nice way they gave all of us a little extra Christmas spirit and the joy of seeing the way those children's eyes lit up when they were playing with the toys the men got for them.

If more people would only be a little more like the young people in college and a lot less the judge of them, they would see a happier world and right now that's what we need. From the bottom of our hearts we thank them.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Philip Geiger
(mother of Brenda)

Kennedy Questions Mat Fans' Behavior

To the Editor:

The audience conduct at the Springfield-Wilkes wrestling match was deplorable. Some of the students made every attempt to prove their ignorance; they succeeded. Forget the fact that the behavior showed a lack of sportsmanship; it was repulsive. Comments like "break it off," "kill him" or "say something in phys ed" showed how ignorant some of the Wilkes students really are. I wonder what makes you think Wilkes is so much better academically than Springfield. It seems by the conduct of a few we have proven how ignorant the Wilkes students really are. It appeared that the wrestling match became a shouting match among the Wilkes students, each one trying to make a "funnier" crack than the other. Except for the revolting conduct of a few, the majority of the students acted properly. For those of you who disgraced the rest of us, next time have a little heart and pride in your school.

Thank you,
Michael J. Kennedy

Library Hours Altered During Final Exams

The library has announced the following changes in hours during the final examination period:

FRIDAY, January 10, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
SATURDAY, January 11, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
SUNDAY, January 12, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
FRIDAY, January 17, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Menswear Fabrics On Decor Scene

by Kathy Kopetchne

The world of fashion is not confined to women alone, especially since men are becoming more and more fashion conscious. The fashions of men are interesting and amusing to watch, sometimes even more so than women's. It seems that a man's personality will definitely decide what style of clothes he will wear. But there is always an exception to the rule.

The American male's awareness of fashion style is quite obvious. The male considers his dress as a business asset as well as a source of personal satisfaction.

The male fashion interest is reflected in the success of shaped suits and sport coats. Men are accepting and enjoying lively colors and are adopting bold patterns in suits as well as in sportswear.

Men have developed a willingness to wear real fashions as seen in the rapidly growing Edwardian influence. The Edwardian influence is seen in men's suits, coats, and sport coats. The Edwardian clothes are shaped to fit the contours of the body and sport wide lapels and collars. The coats are cut longer and flare at the sides.

The most familiar models are the six-button, double-breasted cuts worn today by many young "revolutionaries." However, it is thought in fashion circles that the more mature business men will be adopting the same styles in the near future.

Of course, the 19th century style needs the rights accessories. The shirts are usually vibrantly colored with widespread and/or long-point collars. And to be really fashionable, why not wear a five-inch-wide tie? For sportswear, the Apache scarf often substitutes for appropriate neckwear. The boot look is favored and the boot-shoes are usually fashioned with straps and square toes.

Bell-bottoms, scarves, beards, mustaches, and long sideburns will be even more prominent in 1969. The "white shirt syndrome" is slowly being replaced with bright colors and wide stripes.

Perhaps the most "revolutionary" idea will be in the cloth footwear which has recently been introduced in New York City. The shoes are fashioned after the woman's shoe and many sport wild color combinations. They are especially sold in boutique shops—a place where women can exert much influence on their husbands.

Men have assumed a secondary role in fashions for a long time—now it's their turn to play the role of the leader.

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TO A GRAND AND DEAR OLD LADY

My dear,

It is sad to see that you have fallen
Into such a state of unsightly disrepair.
Even with some modern improvements
You have dwindled away before our eyes
Until you are almost nothing —
Nothing but a mass of charred woodwork
And countless broken windowpanes.

I suppose it was a glorious end
To be spitting fire into the cold winter night sky,
But I would have preferred
To see you gracefully descend piece by piece
Into a grave of rubble.

I have spent hours looking out your windows,
Climbing your stairs
(And wishing I could slide down the bannister)
And sitting in your bedrooms
And dining room
And servant quarters.

And there was a window — a special window —
Overlooking the river
That had a tiny airbubble near the center.
I often tried to imagine how old the air was
And how long it had been trapped there.
But now the bubble is broken,
Which is a tiny loss
In your massive rigor mortem.

There was no question of your demise.
I know, it would have come regardless.
But so suddenly to have you swept away
And all that is left is an eyeless stare
And ribs and tattered hair.

Sometimes it is very hard to let something go:
To accept that they are over once and forever.
But, my dear,
Even, if you had survived your ordeal by fire
It could never be the same
And sometimes the only way we can keep things
Is to simply let them go.

by Anne Aimetti

HUAC Hears Hayden Reply For New Left

WASHINGTON (CPS) — The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) subcommittee to investigate last August's Chicago disturbances met last week and provided a forum for leftist activists to fully explain their practical and theoretical ideas on revamping the American social and political systems.

The meetings were a continuation of the October hearings at which the "friendly" witnesses — Daley's henchmen — testified.

This time HUAC heard from Tom Hayden, Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger. All three are connected with the mobilization. A minimum of advance publicity — both by the committee and in the local movement media — kept the attendance low and disturbances at a minimum. Unlike the October hearings, anyone who appeared at the door was admitted (except Jerry Rubin, when he twice showed up in a seasonal costume — that of Santa Claus). The number of uniformed police was reduced daily from 14 the opening day, to six the final day.

The first witness this time called was Abbie Hoffman, but he could not appear due to a case of infectious hepatitis. Hayden, a founder of Students for a Democratic Society, was the first "hostile" witness to take the stand. Mixing attacks on the HUAC with explanations of his activities over the past few years, Hayden managed to use most of his time to explain to the committee the bankrupt U.S. policies in foreign and domestic affairs.

It was evident that the committee chairman, Richard Ichord (D-Mo.) and the other two members — John Ashbrook (R-Ohio) and Albert Watson (R-S.C.) — were quite unprepared for the type of testimony they got. Hayden, and later Davis and Dellinger, showed complete confidence to the committee, its questions and its guilt-by-association tactics. All three answered questions casually, fully and in such a matter-of-fact one, they might have been discussing the NFL game-of-the-week rather than the international conspiracy HUAC was so desperately trying to link them to.

All the witnesses had trouble getting the committee to understand what they meant by certain words. Throughout the week, "attack,"

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Fire

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The entire math department will be housed in Miner while the engineering will be moved to the basement of Stark Hall. The various faculty offices have been placed at all available places throughout the Campus.

Dr. Farley had the following comment to make concerning the loss of Conyngham Hall, "Of course, the College has suffered a great loss, but the building was also a landmark. We owe our gratitude to the Jewish Community Center, the YMCA, and the First Presbyterian Church for their offers to use their facilities for classrooms until we hurdle this difficult problem. The maintenance crew has done a splendid job renovating Miner Hall . . . that should alleviate some of our problems. I have already drafted a memorandum to the Board of Trustees." (Ed. Note: The memo is included on page one.)

What — Where — When

Friday, January 10

Semester classes end at 5 p.m.

Dance, sponsored by the Psychology Club, to be held in the College gymnasium from 9-12.

Faculty Seminar, Center for the Performing Arts, 7:45.

Speaker — Dr. Gerald H. Perkus

Topic — Love in Literature

Moderator — Dr. Benjamin Fiester

Saturday, January 11

Swimming meet — WILKES vs. East Stroudsburg State College, YMCA, 2 p.m.

Wrestling — WILKES vs. Elizabethtown College, College gym, 8:00 p.m.

One-act plays to be held in the CPA at 7:55. (Free admission).

Monday, January 13, through Saturday, January 18

Final examination period.

Wednesday, January 22, through Saturday, January 25

Evening college registration, Parrish Hall.

Thursday, January 23

Winter Carnival, Camelback Ski Area, 9:00 a.m.

Carnival Dance, The Hearth, evening hours.

Friday, January 24

All-College Registration

9:00 a.m. — Seniors

10:00 a.m. — Juniors

11:00 a.m. — Sophomores

12:30 p.m. — Freshmen

Dance, sponsored by the Accounting Club, to be held in the College gymnasium from 9-12.

Saturday, January 25

Basketball — WILKES vs. Delaware Valley at Doylestown

Wrestling — WILKES vs. Millersville State College at Millersville.

IDC Dorm Party.



REMAINS OF BURNED STRUCTURE. Beacon photographer catches the remains of Stanley Wasilewski's office, located on first floor rear of Conyngham Hall. The bottom photo pictures the damage done to the third floor where the fire mushroomed during the early morning hours.

Rainey's Strategy Pulls Cage Squad To Upset Victory

by Stan Pearlman

The Colonel cage squad surprised everyone, including Coach John Silan's Del Val Aggies, last Saturday when the team literally "stalled" its way to a 29-27 triumph. Confronted with the tremendous height of the Aggies' back line and the loss of center Bob Ockenfuss, Coach Ron Rainey did the most logical thing — kept the ball away from the opposing team. Rainey used four guards and one forward in his masterful plot to slow down the high-scoring Aggie machine.

The Colonels did just that as they took but 19 shots from the floor, connecting on six of them while their visitors hit on 11 of 28 attempts. The locals' big advantage was afforded because they hit on 17 of 19 tosses from the charity stripe.

The ball control antics of Bo Ryan, Billy Grick, and Jay Reimel captivated the 1,000 fans present and forced the Aggies into numerous mistakes. The lack of a ball handler definitely hampered the Del Val attack.

Don Sechler, the 6'9" center, who averages better than 18 points per game was held to five by the Wilkes zone press. The big man scored but one field goal during the game.

The Wilkesmen followed their mentor's instructions to the hilt as they opened the game, displaying a deliberate attack. Ryan was fouled at 16:37 of the first half and his conversion put the locals on top 1-0.

The two squads traded buckets and at the 9:58 juncture, Wilkes still held the edge, 6-5. The Aggies managed to overtake the upstart Colonels at 5:50 when Don Sechler connected on two foul attempts.

Sophomore forward Wally Umbach hit on a foul attempt with 0:15 seconds remaining to knot the score, 13-13, at half-time.

The Aggies spurred at the outset of the second half as they hit on three long stabs and built up an impressive 19-13 lead.

The Colonels never gave up and never once strayed from Rainey's game plan. With 8:18 left to play, the score read 20-15 with Del Val out in front.

Zone Press

At this point, the Colonels' zone press went into action and the tired Aggies were forced into four consecutive turnovers while committing three personal fouls.

Ryan, Kemp, and Grick then hit on six straight foul attempts and suddenly, the Colonels had taken command, 28-21.

Three quick buckets narrowed the margin to 28-27, but the ball-handling of the three flashy guards spelled defeat for John Silan's crew.

Reimel was fouled as the final gun sounded and he connected on one of two attempts as the final score read, 29-27.

Coach Comments

A jubilant, but exhausted Rainey had the following comment to offer after his team's big triumph, "We had to win it and the boys really did a job. We forced them into many errors, but unfortunately, we made too many ourselves. Fundamentals had a lot to do with this win. I realize the crowd didn't like this type of game plan but it's the only way we could have won it. This is surely a big one and I'm glad we pulled it out."

WILKES

Kemp
Ryan
Reimel
Grick
Umbach

Totals
Del Val
Guera
McEntee
Selferth
Shade
White
Eisel
Sechler

Totals

Halftime score:

WILKES 13, Del Val 13

G	F	T	Pt
1	2	3	4
0	6	6	6
3	4	6	10
1	4	4	6
1	1	2	3

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G	F	T	Pt
1	0	0	2
2	1	3	5
1	0	0	2
2	0	0	4
3	0	0	6
1	1	1	3
1	3	5	5

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The matmen of Coach John Reese inaugurated the 1969 portion of their schedule in fine style last Saturday evening as they swamped the Flying Dutchmen of Hofstra University, 29-10.

Joe Wiendl, captain of this year's team, reached another personal milestone during the meet by racking up his 41st career dual win. He has now tied a record set only last year by Dick Cook.

Andy Matviak and John Marfia, the victory twins from Easton, started the Colonels on the winning trail by gaining easy decisions over their Hofstra opponents. Ralph Tewksbury ran into one of the East's best wrestlers in the likes of Marty Willigan in the 137-pound class and fell to defeat. Willigan finished in the number four spot in the NCAA wrestling tournament at Penn State in 1968.

Wilkes, Ohio State Gridders Honored By Touchdown Club

(The following article appeared intact in the Washington Star, December 22, 1968.)

Ohio State's unbeaten, Rose Bowl-bound football team and Wilkes College of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, which owns the nation's longest winning streak of 29 games, will be honored by the Touchdown Club at its 34th annual awards banquet January 11 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

Coach Woody Hayes will not be here to accept Ohio State's trophy, having committed himself to a return visit with the armed forces in Vietnam. However, Richard Larkins, director of athletics, will attend.

Hayes, who has made several trips to Vietnam, promised to go back in January and tell the troops how things went in 1968. He didn't expect to have much to say.

Hayes guided the Buckeyes to nine consecutive regular-season victories, including a 13-4 triumph over Purdue and an eye-opening 50-14 slaughter of Michigan. It stretched the team's string to 13 games without a loss.

Ohio State won out over Southern Cal for the honor because of an unblemished record. USC was tied by Notre Dame in its last game of the season.

Wilkes already has been honored as the recipient of the Lambert Bowl, given to the East's outstanding small-college team.

Coached by Roland Schmidt, the Pennsylvanians ran up 224 points to their opponents' 44 in winning eight games this season. A 9-7 decision over Upsala and a 23-16 victory over Lebanon Valley were the only close ones. Its other victims were: Vermont, Moravian, Ithaca, Dickinson, Delaware Valley, and Penn Military Colleges.

Wilkes' top scorer was Joe Skvarla, senior end, with 14 touchdowns. Safety Joe Wiendl returned consecutive punts 82 and 68 yards for touchdowns against Delaware Valley, and six players were named on the Associated Press' all-state team.

Wilkes, which gives no athletic scholarships, ranks among the top 100 colleges in the country scholastically. The team's classroom average thus far this year is a lofty 2.41.

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Wrestlers Cop Seventh; Annihilate Dutchmen, 29-19

Steve Kaschenbach pushed the Wilkes' margin back to six points when he pinned Hofstra's Eric Frey early in the first period. Kaschenbach applied the clamps with only 45 seconds gone in the match. Hofstra's Bill Stauffer, an ex-Wilkes student, pinned Denny Verzera at 152 pounds to narrow the lead to one point, 11-10.

Stauffer saw a five-point first period lead evaporate as a tough Verzera rallied for four points in the second stanza, but experience prevailed when Stauffer put a third period reversal to good use by clamping down for the fall. Verzera was competing with a specially-prepared mask to afford his broken nose as much protection as possible.

Al Zelner then thrilled the 1,500 fans present when he fought back from a five-point deficit, tied the score, and then nailed Rick Coble with only eight seconds remaining in the second period. Coble had only suffered two defeats up until this match. The Zelner pin put the meet out of reach and paved the way for a Colonel barrage. Gary Willets, up from his usual 160

pounds, easily decisioned Mark Goldberg, 7-0. Wiendl then pinned Al Blair at the 3:23 mark of the 177-pound match to set the stage for the heavyweights. Ron Fritts spotted Tony Garay 40 pounds in the "heavy match," but proved his strength and determination by putting the big Dutchman away at 4:07.

The triumph brings the Colonel record to 7-0 for their final match before finals with Elizabethtown this Saturday. The match will be held at E-town.

123—Andy Matviak (W) decisioned Paul Strumsky, 8-0.

130—John Marfia (W), decisioned Bill Baker, 5-1.

137—Marty Willigan (H) pinned Ralph Tewksbury, 2:50.

145—Steve Kaschenbach (W) pinned Eric Frey, 0:45.

152—Bill Stauffer (H), pinned Dennis Verzera, 6:48.

160—Al Zelner (W), pinned Rick Coble, 4:52.

167—Gary Willets (W) decisioned Mark Goldberg, 7-0.

177—Joe Wiendl (W) pinned Al Blair, 3:23.

Hwt—Ron Fritts (W) pinned Tony Garay, 4:07.

Colonel Cagers Stymied By Lafayette; Kutztown

by Stan Pearlman

The Colonel cage team remained active over the Christmas vacation, playing two games in the Pocono Classic held at East Stroudsburg State College.

The Colonels took to the floor in the tourney's second scheduled encounter and were pitted against a very tall and talented Lafayette College squad led by George Lefkowsky and Mike Miller. The Leopards fielded the tallest team in the tournament and the decided height advantage played a big part in their win over the locals.

The half-time score read 34-26 with Herb Kemp and Jay Reimel keeping the Wilkes men in the game. Early in the second half Coach Ron Rainey's men were dealt a severe blow when Kemp suffered a cut under his right eye and Bob Ockenfuss left the game via the foul route. The Colonels' board game was definitely hampered from there on and the tide changed decidedly in favor of the Easton dribblers. Miller and Lefkowsky each netted 17 points in leading Lafayette to a 65-49 victory.

The locals then went back into action the very next day against Kutztown State College. Coach Win Evans' Bears rolled to a 93-78 tri-

umph. Even more costly to the Colonel efforts was the loss of Bob Ockenfuss. The 6'6" center suffered a broken ankle in the first half and will probably be lost for the remainder of the season. In the second half, Kemp fouled out of play and playmaker Jay Reimel injured his knee. The loss of three starters proved too much for the Colonels as they absorbed their second defeat in the three-day event.

Lafayette was the eventual winner of the classic, defeating King's College and later Muhlenberg College in the finals. The Leopards now stand 4-3 on the year.

Coach Rainey had the following comment in regard to his team's poor showing, "We didn't play well—there's no doubt about it, when we lost our big men we fell behind. The lack of any board strength and the many injuries definitely hurt us. No team can lose three starters in one game and expect to walk away with a win. We are certainly looking forward to having Richie Davis back with us next semester. (Ed. note: Davis was forced to withdraw from school in the first semester when he contracted mononucleosis.) And there is a chance that Ockenfuss will be able to play toward the end of the season."

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The basketball victory last Saturday night was a masterpiece by any and all standards. More importantly, the triumph displayed the ingenuity and daring strategy of one of the finest cage coaches in college circles today — Ron Rainey.

The Aggies possessed one of the best offenses and possibly the tallest team in the Middle Atlantic Conference. Del Val's towering center, Don Sechler, was mentioned on several all-state teams last year and was averaging better than 18 points per game. Bill Eisel, a 6'5" forward, joined Sechler on the back line, giving Coach John Silan's crew awesome board strength.

All Rainey had to do was field a quintet which would provide ample competition for the taller visitors from Doylestown. One more important factor — Rainey had just lost his only experienced center in a recent Christmas tourney. Center Bob Ockenfuss had suffered a broken ankle in the Pocono Classic, where the Colonels were defeated soundly by Lafayette and Kutztown State Colleges.

Digging into his bag of tricks, he decided to start four guards and one forward and then pray. Herb Kemp, at 6'3", was given the responsibility of jumping center with Sechler while Billy Grick, Wally Umbach, Bo Ryan, and Jay Reimel were instructed to play it tight and wait for the opening.

The impressive upset was definitely an example of superb teamwork and tremendous discipline. For a team which once depended entirely on a "go-go" offense, such a stall is very difficult.

Well, credit has now been heaped on the coach, and the team, but don't forget the officiating. The two officials did a commendable job and do not deserve criticism — neither team was actually given a distinct advantage.

No one individual Colonel cager can be singled out for his performance — all five played extremely well, but it is my feeling that one man should be given extra adulation. It is my firm opinion that Billy Grick played the "game of games."

This was Grick's first 1968-69 starting assignment, but his performance hardly reflects it. Quite naturally, the ex-Montrose star fit right in with the likes of Reimel, Umbach, and Ryan — both on offense and defense. It was Grick who took the first Wilkes shot from the floor. Interestingly enough, the ball ripped the cords and served as an impetus for the remainder of the game. The entire Colonel team managed but six field goals on 19 attempts.

To complete this story, hoop fans must know that Grick led the Colonels in assists and ball recoveries, plus being perfect at the charity stripe. Needless to say, Grick played one of his best games against Delaware Valley since donning a Wilkes College uniform — an example of spirit, pride, and ability.

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Led by Andy Matviak and Joe Wiendl, the Wilkes College grapplers finished a strong fourth in the 37th Annual Wilkes College Open Tournament. Both Matviak and Wiendl captured individual titles in the 115-pound and 167-pound divisions, respectively. The championships mark only the second and third ever won by a College wrestler. John Carr was the first Colonel to ever garner an individual crown back in 1965.

The Colonels failed to place another man in the top four in any other weight class and placed fourth with 28 points behind the New York Athletic Club (67 pts.), Bloomsburg State College (55 pts.), and Temple University (31 pts.). Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia, finished fifth with a total of 28 points.

Matviak locked horns with Temple's Jim Fiore in the championship bout.

After a take-down and a near-fall in the initial period of action, Matviak found himself on the short end of a 4-0 count. The classy Philadelphia veteran increased his lead to six points with a reversal before Matviak took charge. The Wilkes junior regained his composure and virtually dominated the final five minutes of action. Matviak's excellent physical condition played an important part in his come-back.

Wiendl's foes in the 167-pound title contest was Alex Steinbergh, the eventual winner of the Sorra-rain Trophy for the greatest number of falls. After a scoreless first period the 1968 Small College champ (160 pounds) put his famed talents to work. Wiendl took a 3-1 lead into the final period on the strength of a take-down and a penalty point (Steinbergh attempted to crawl off the mat).

The Colonel mat captain dominated the action as the Penn Grappler could only muster one more point. Wiendl displayed raw power as he compiled over six minutes of riding time for his convincing victory.

Wayne Heim of Bloomsburg State College won by default in the 123-pound category over Brooke Yeager, ex-Wilkes great. Yeager suffered a chest injury in the second period and was disqualified. Rich Sofman decisioned Bob Guzzo at 130 in an all-NYAC final. Sofman thus captured his second Open title in two years.

Lock Haven's Larry Rippey, who received the Blackburn Trophy as the tourney's most valuable wrestler, put on an impressive display of takedown maneuvers in his bout with Navy's Lloyd Keaser. Rippey applied the clamp to the Midshipman at 4:03.

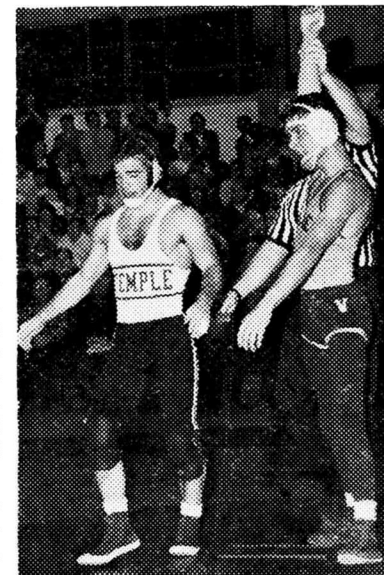
Sonny Greenhalgh, also representing the NYAC, decisioned Wayne Bright of Old Dominion College, 9-4, at 145. Gobel Kline collected the 152-pound championship when he decisioned Carl Ragland, also of Old Dominion, 9-4. Bloomsburg collected its second title in the 160-pound event as Ed Thompson edged Joe Gerst, 5-3.

Johnny Logan repeated as champ in the 177-pound class by decisioning Tom Vargo, 10-6. Oklahoma State's much-heralded sophomore, Geof Baum, then recaptured his crown in the 191-pound match. Baum pinned Temple's Marc Baretz at 6:49. Mark Kane, defending EIWA champ and one of the best heavyweights in the East, then blanked Bloomsburg's Jim McCue in the final encounter.

After the successful affair, Coach John Reese had the following comments, "We would have liked to place more men near the top of the classes, but I'm really thrilled over our two big wins. We've only had one champion and four runners-up in Brooke Yeager, Ned McGinley, Marv Antinnes, and Al Arnold prior to this year. Andy and Joe were simply fantastic. They really put on some show and I'm thrilled."

Disappointment seemed to reign for the Colonels in their efforts throughout the tourney. John Marfia lost a close decision in the opening round to Bob Rosenfeld of Edinboro State College. Dennis Verzera sustained a broken nose in his bout

with Mike Tharp of Buffalo and was forced to default the match. Tom Morris and Leo Roan entered the semi-finals but both suffered losses. Morris fell victim to Greenhalgh, the eventual winner, 5-1, while Roan defaulted to Mark Kane in the heavyweight category.



Referee George Murphy signals Andy Matviak the winner of his bout with Jim Fiore of Temple in the finals of the 115-pound weight class. Matviak staged a brilliant comeback and decisioned Fiore, 11-7.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

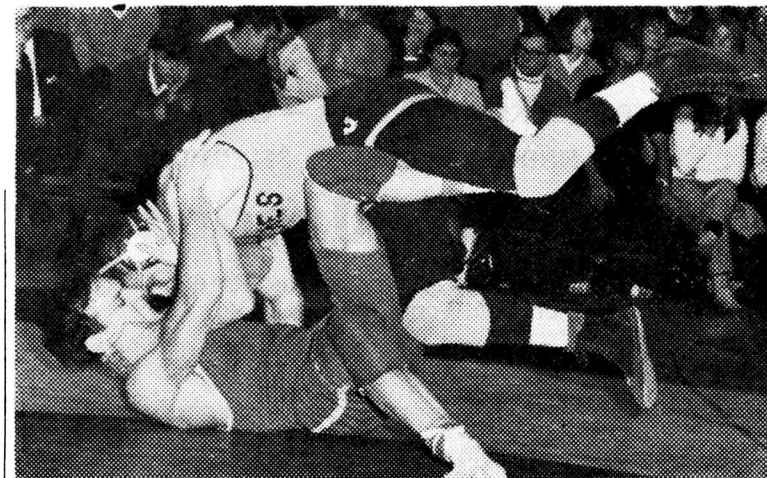
- 115—Andy Matviak (WILKES) decisioned Jim Fiore (Temple), 11-7.
- 123—Wayne Heim (Bloomsburg) won via default over Brooke Yeager (NYAC).
- 130—Rich Sofman (NYAC) decisioned Bob Guzzo (NYAC), 4-1.
- 137—Larry Rippey (Lock Haven State) pinned Lloyd Keaser (Navy), 4:03.
- 145—Sonny Greenhalgh (NYAC) decisioned Wayne Bright (Old Dominion), 9-4.
- 160—Ed Thompson (Bloomsburg) decisioned Joe Gerst (unattached), 5-3.
- 167—Joe Wiendl (WILKES) decisioned Al Steinbergh (Penn Grapplers), 11-2.
- 177—John Logan (Penn Grapplers) decisioned Tom Vargo (unattached), 10-6.
- 191—Geof Baum (Oklahoma State) pinned Marc Baretz (Temple), 6:49.
- Hwt—Mark Kane (Navy) decisioned Jim McCue (Bloomsburg), 5-0.

OUTSTANDING WRESTLER:

Larry Rippey, Lock Haven State College.

FINAL TEAM RESULTS Pts.

1. New York Athletic Club.....67
2. Bloomsburg State College....53
3. Temple University31
4. WILKES College29
5. Old Dominion College28
6. SUNY at Oswego22
7. Lock Haven State College...22
8. University of Buffalo.....21
9. Ashland College20
10. U.S. Naval Academy.....20



Joe Wiendl is caught during action in his finals bout with Al Steinbergh, representing the Penn Grapplers. Wiendl drubbed his opponent, 11-2 for the Wilkes Open crown at 167 pounds.

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HUAC Hears Hayden Reply

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"political guerrilla," "militant," "non-violence" and "force" were defined for the committee in the context of the left, but not to the satisfaction of the HUAC.

Because of his alleged racist background, Congressman Watson was singled out for most abuse by the witnesses. Hayden, bogged down in a trivial semantic argument with Watson on the word "violence," said he was basically not violent, "certainly not any more than you, probably less so, taking into account your South Carolina background." The discussion digressed further when Watson brought up the bags of urine and the spiked golf balls supposedly used by the demonstrators. Hayden countered with, "would you rather be hit by a bag of urine or some MACE?" Watson then blandly replied, "If I were subjected to that sort of violence, I would not stand idly by."

Political media was also discussed. Committee Counsel Frank Conley quoted from a New York paper called RAT, which he said was the house organ for SDS. "No," replied Hayden, "New Left Notes" is the SDS publication. He then proceeded to read into the record the names of the entire staff of RAT as it appeared in their special convention issue. HUAC asked Hayden about an interview he had with Granma, the official publication of the Cuban Communist Party. After a lengthy reply, Hayden concluded, "Maybe you should recognize Cuba and then ask them."

Going into Hayden's background, the committee asked if he participated in a Communist-controlled meeting in eastern Europe in 1962. Hayden asked that that question be repeated quite slowly again. After hearing it again, he grinned and said yes, he had been there, and he was glad that question was asked. It seems he was attending on behalf of the National Student Association as a CIA dupe, "promoting America, carrying 'old glory' right into the heart of Communism," as Hayden put it. The CIA paid for the entire trip, which HUAC had smugly accused him of taking.

The committee counsel's final question to Hayden was, "Don't you think young people who follow you should take a second look before putting their lives and responsibilities in your hands?" Amusingly irritated by this, Hayden rose to leave, and gave out with a short laugh.

Before letting Hayden go, Watson wanted to get into the obscenities quoted in the Walker report of Chicago activities. He said, "In one place it says someone said f-blank, you know what I mean?"

Hayden: What do you mean?
Hayden: No, what do you mean by f-blank?

Dave Dellinger, the final witness for the week, explained the financial set-up of the Mobe and other peace groups in the Beekman Street building in New York where his Liberation magazine has its headquarters.

Throughout his testimony Dellinger emphasized his personal pacifism, showing that on countless occasions he has opted for non-violence only, although "I have a great deal of sympathy with people who resort to violence to overthrow their government."

Ichord asked if Dellinger would ever recommend violence to anyone. Dellinger replied that he never offers advice to people, but instead gives his own point of view and lets the listener make up his own mind. For instance, he said, "I wouldn't recommend that Mr. Watson resign from HUAC—I'd rather see South Carolina turn into a democracy that would not elect people like him."



The men of Bruch Hall sponsored a Christmas party for seven children involved in the Wilkes-Barre "Upward Bound" program. The Christmas party was held in tribute to Howard Moreida, a close friend and member of the dormitory, whose untimely death left each member of Bruch Hall with a deep personal loss.

Larry McKeown served as chairman of the affair and worked closely with Matt Fliss, co-ordinator of the "Upward Bound" tutorial program at the local YMCA. All the male residents had an active hand in formulating the final plans.

The youngsters, whose ages range from 6 to 12, were greeted by the men of Bruch Hall who also presented them Christmas stockings filled with toys and candy. Later, refreshments were served and Christmas caroles were sung. The treat of the evening was provided by a visit from Santa Claus, portrayed by Dr. Alvan Bruch of the College Physics Department.

Drama Group Will Present Four One-Acts

On Saturday, January 11, the Wilkes College Theater plans to present four one-act plays. Two groups of high school students will perform the dramatic productions.

The first student group is from Marble-Newtown High School in Philadelphia. It will present "Upstairs Sleeping" by Harvey Perr. The director will be Jan Kubicki, a recent graduate of Wilkes.

The New Group Theater of Scranton will sponsor the other three plays which include "Hello, Out There" by William Saroyan. This will be directed by Carol Reynolds. Ellen Langan will direct "Once Upon a Playground" by Jack Farkes, and Edward Albee's "The Zoo Story" will be under the direction of Robert J. Dinner.

The performances will be in the Center for the Performing Arts. Curtain is at 7:55 and there is no admission fee.

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