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Bob Mason

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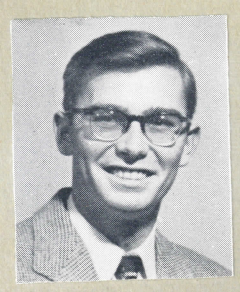

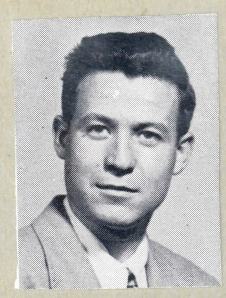

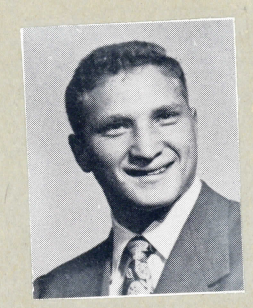

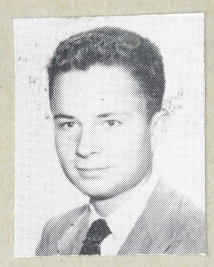

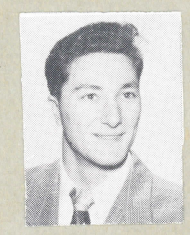

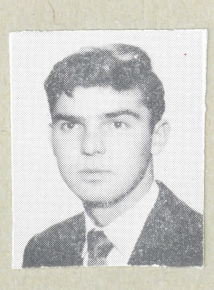

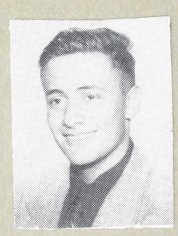

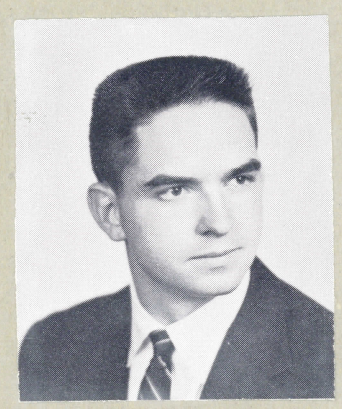

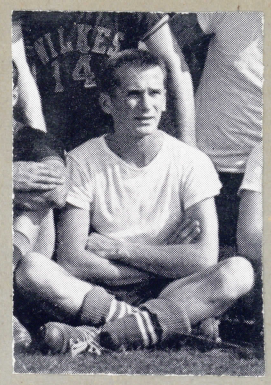

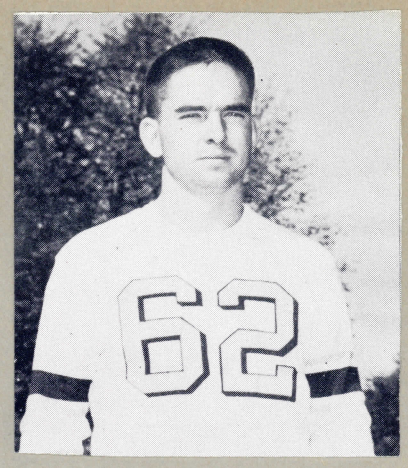

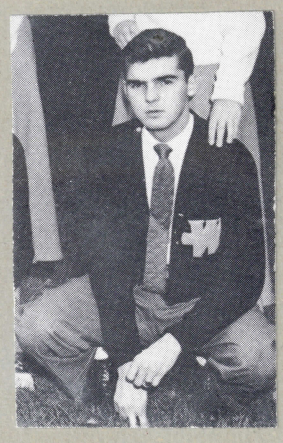

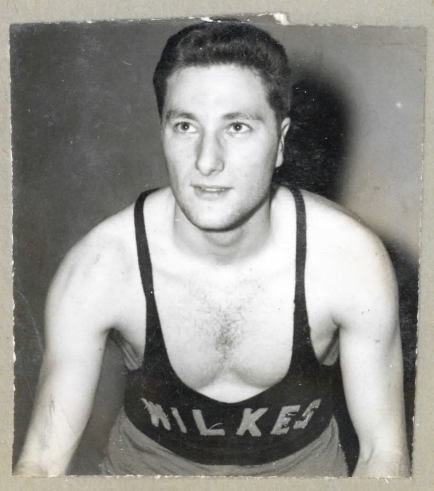

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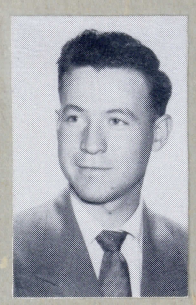

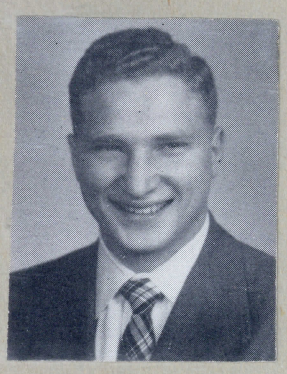

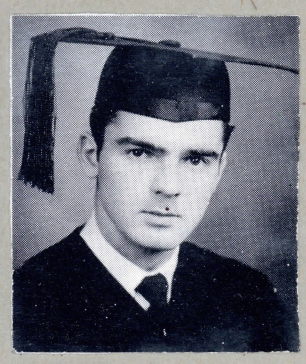

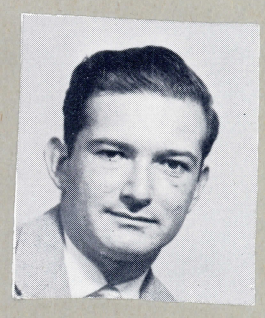

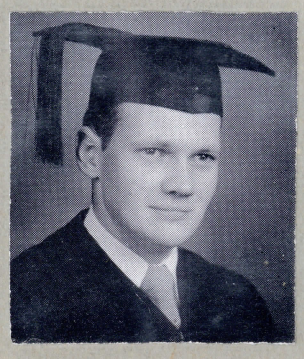

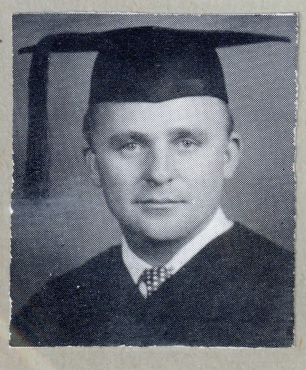

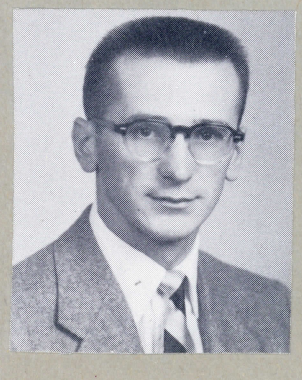

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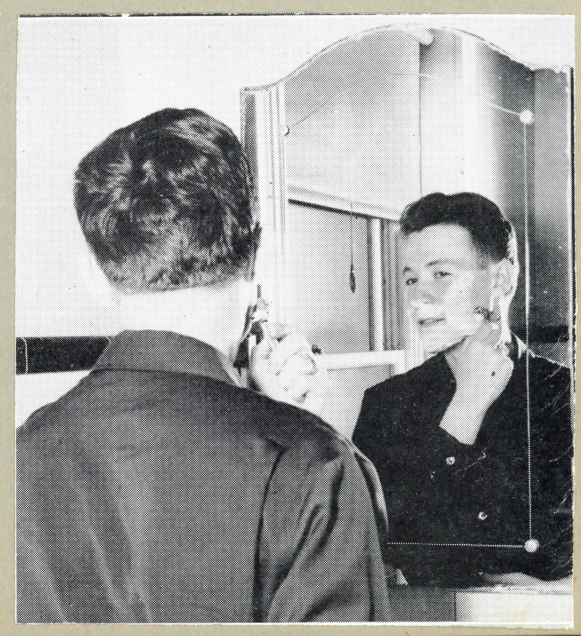

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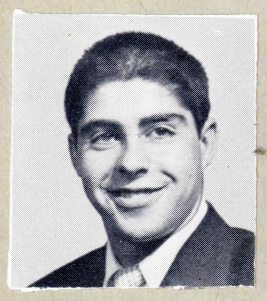

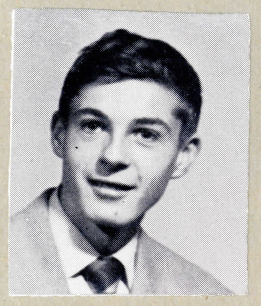

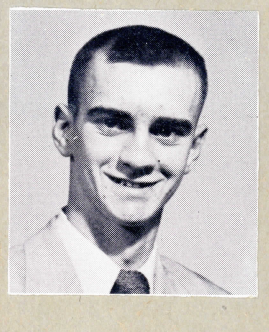

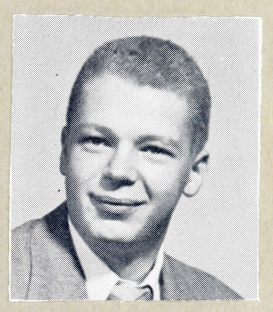

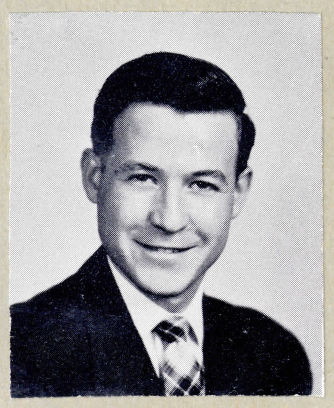

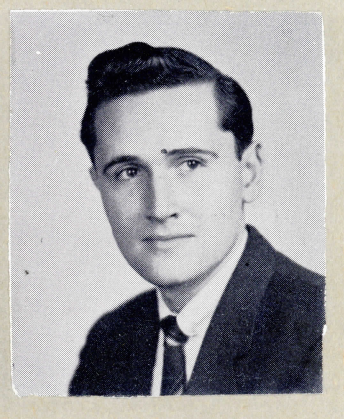

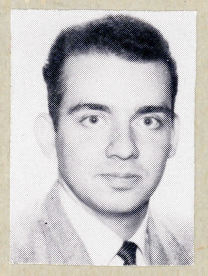

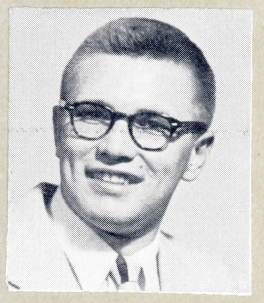

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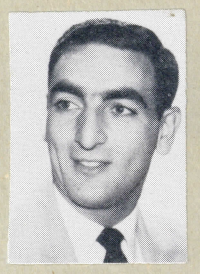

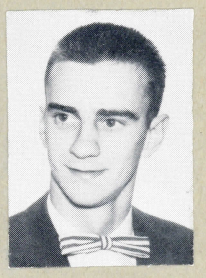

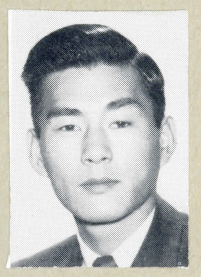

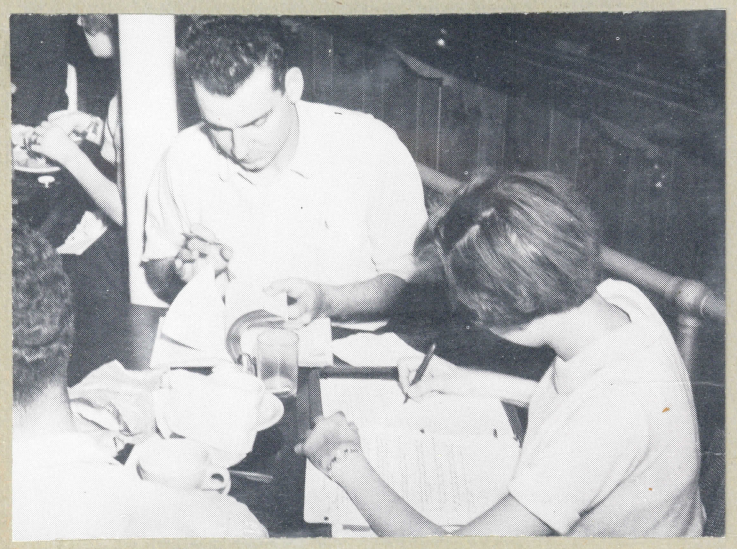

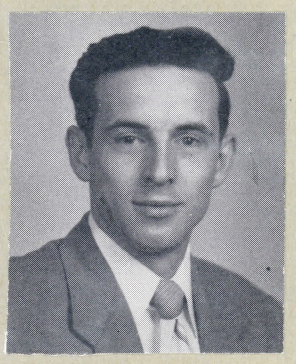

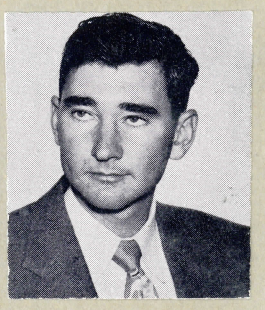

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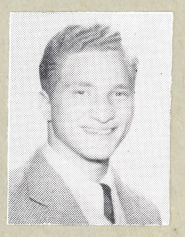

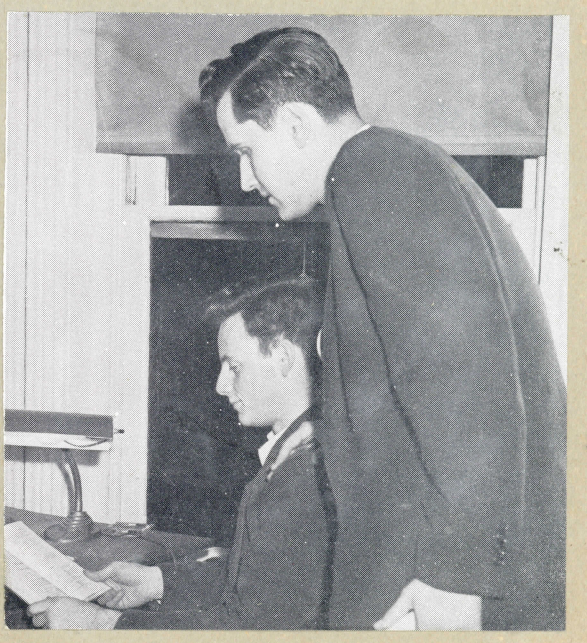

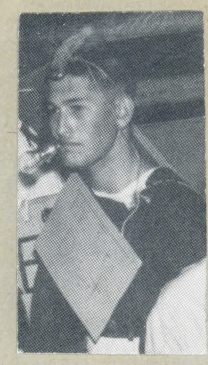

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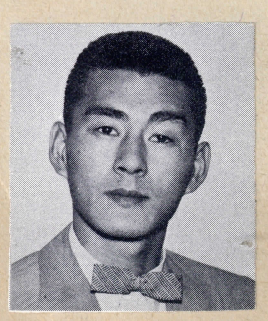

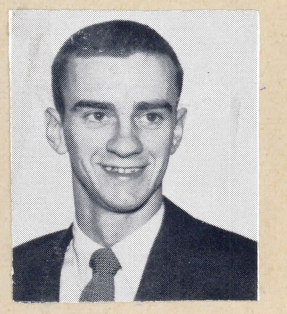

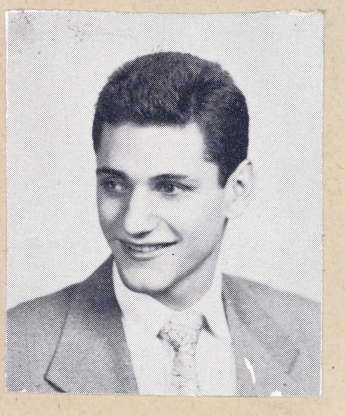

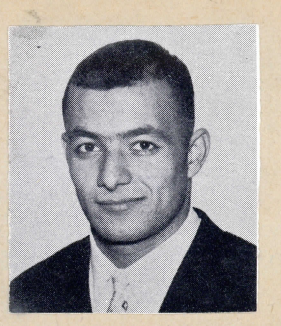

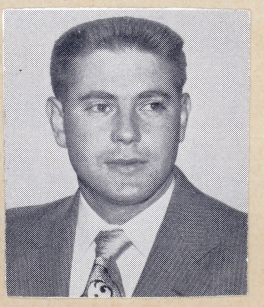

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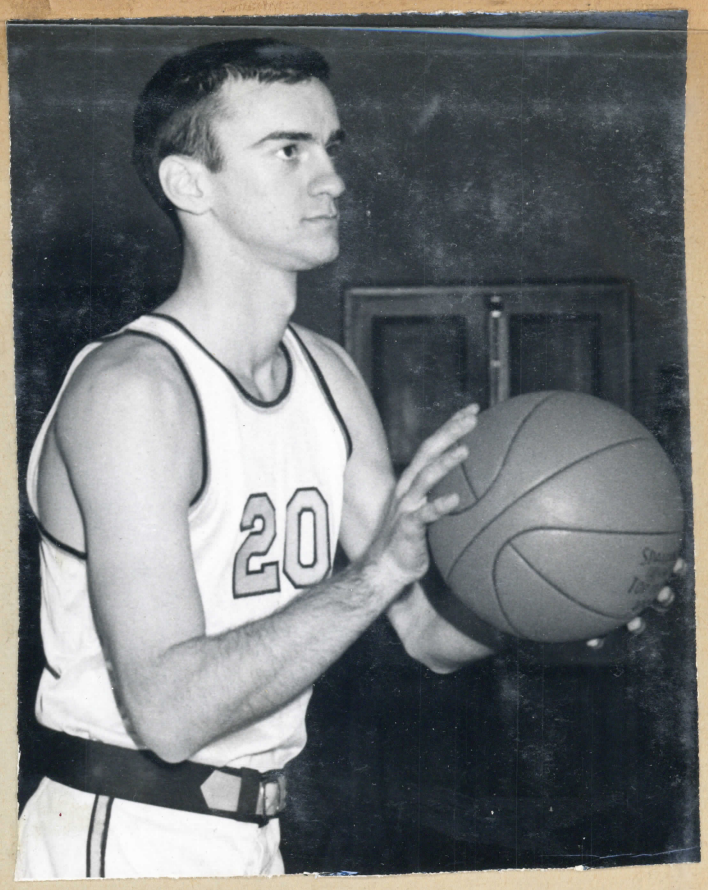
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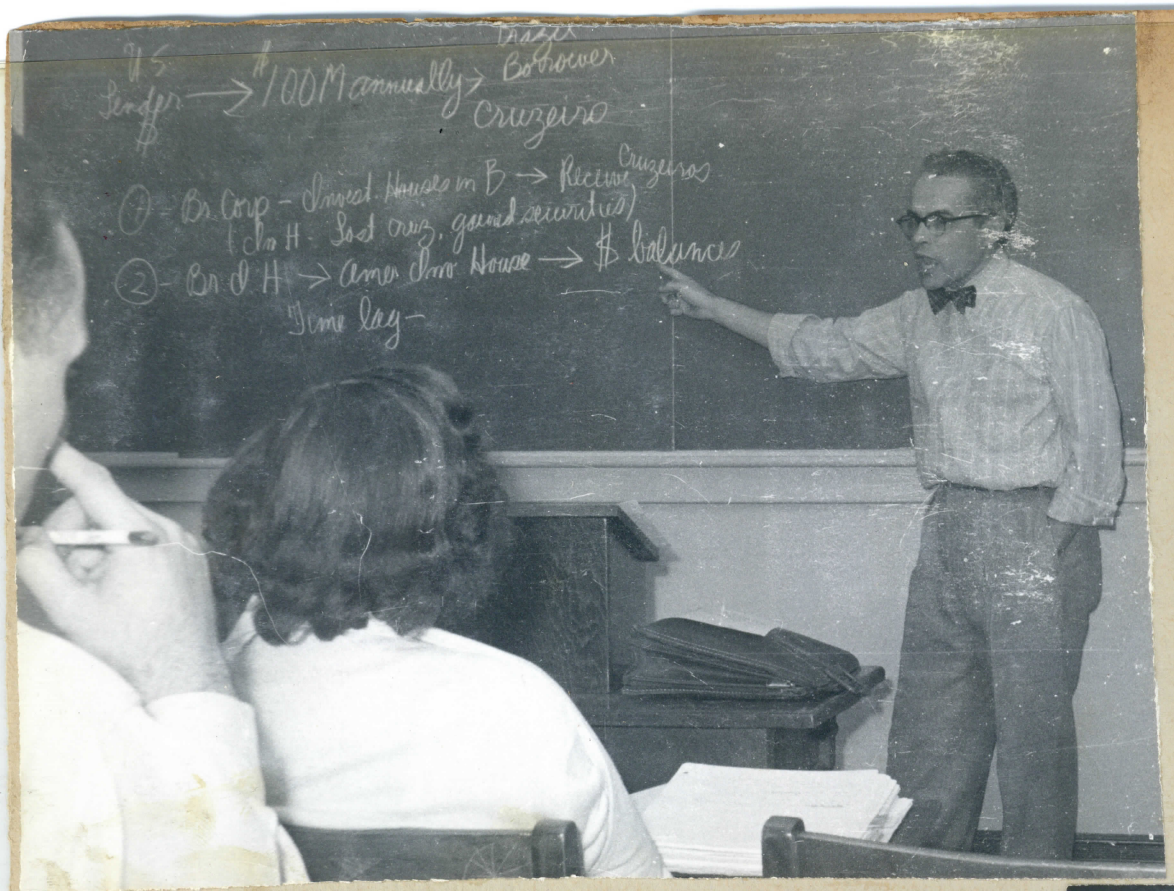
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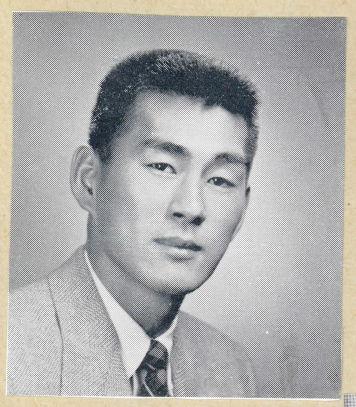

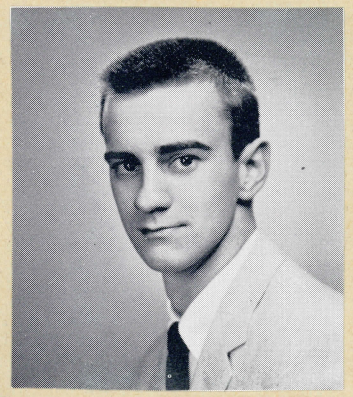

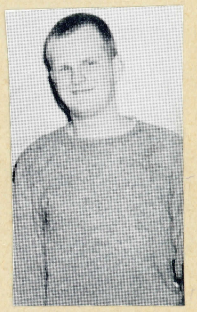

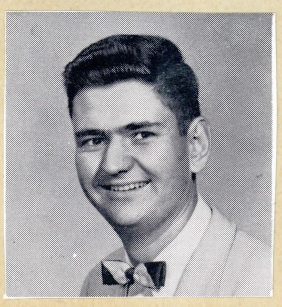

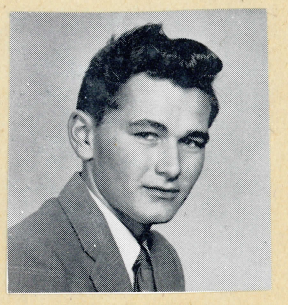

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VAN DYKE 'ATHLETE'

Punxsutawney Player Places First In Sportswriters' Votes; Edges 11 Others To Take Title

By JONNI FALK, Sports Editor

Carl Van Dyke, outstanding Colonel soccer and basketball performer for the past four years, has been named Athlete of the Year for the 1955-56 seasons by a poll of the Beacon sports staff.

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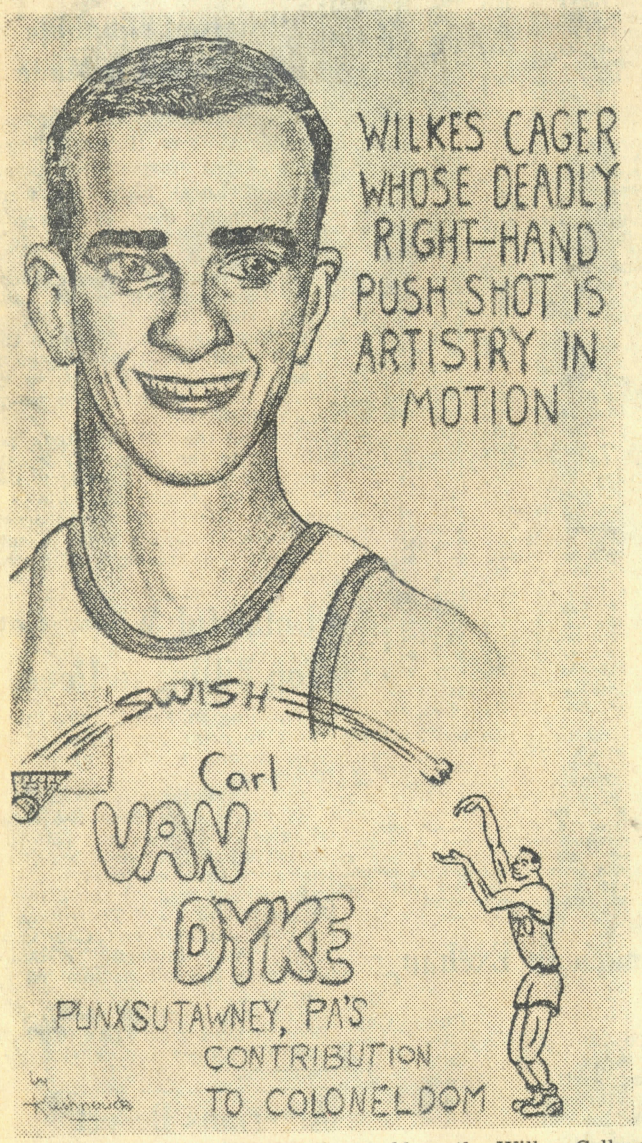

Carl Van Dyke placed a firm hold on the Wilkes College "Athlete of the Year" title this week by copping player honors for the second time in a poll conducted by the college paper. He was named "Player of the Week" by the college sports scribes and coaches on a wide margin to add to the total points he accumulated during the soccer season.

The slim senior from Punxsutawney has been a steady performer on the basketball team in recent weeks and has placed high in balloting throughout the season. He was the top scorer on the successful Wilkes soccer team and is now averaging 13 points per game for the cage squad. Van Dyke is known for his one-hand push shots from any angle. In the recent Lafayette tilt, he dropped five straight shots. He won all-scholastic honors while playing for Punxsutawney High and has a good chance for All-State mention this season.

Carl Van Dyke

In his long tour of duty for the Wilkes booter and cage squads, he has been a steady and often spectacular competitor who would be an asset to any team in any sport. Van Dyke gained the honor despite support given to 11 other outstanding Wilkes athletes.

Given honorable mention were: Jim Ferris, last year's top athlete; Glenn Carey, Bill Farish, Ronnie Rescigno, Younsu Koo, John Bresnahan, Dave Thomas, Don Reynolds, Bob Masonis, John Milliman and Mel McNew.

The selection of the Punxsutawney senior was made early this week at a meeting of the Beacon sports staff who acted on recommendations made by the various coaches and the point system used this year in the Athlete of the Week selections. Still, it was no easy task as all 12 men nominated had received points throughout the season and had good backing.

The presentation of the Athlete of the Year trophy, which will be

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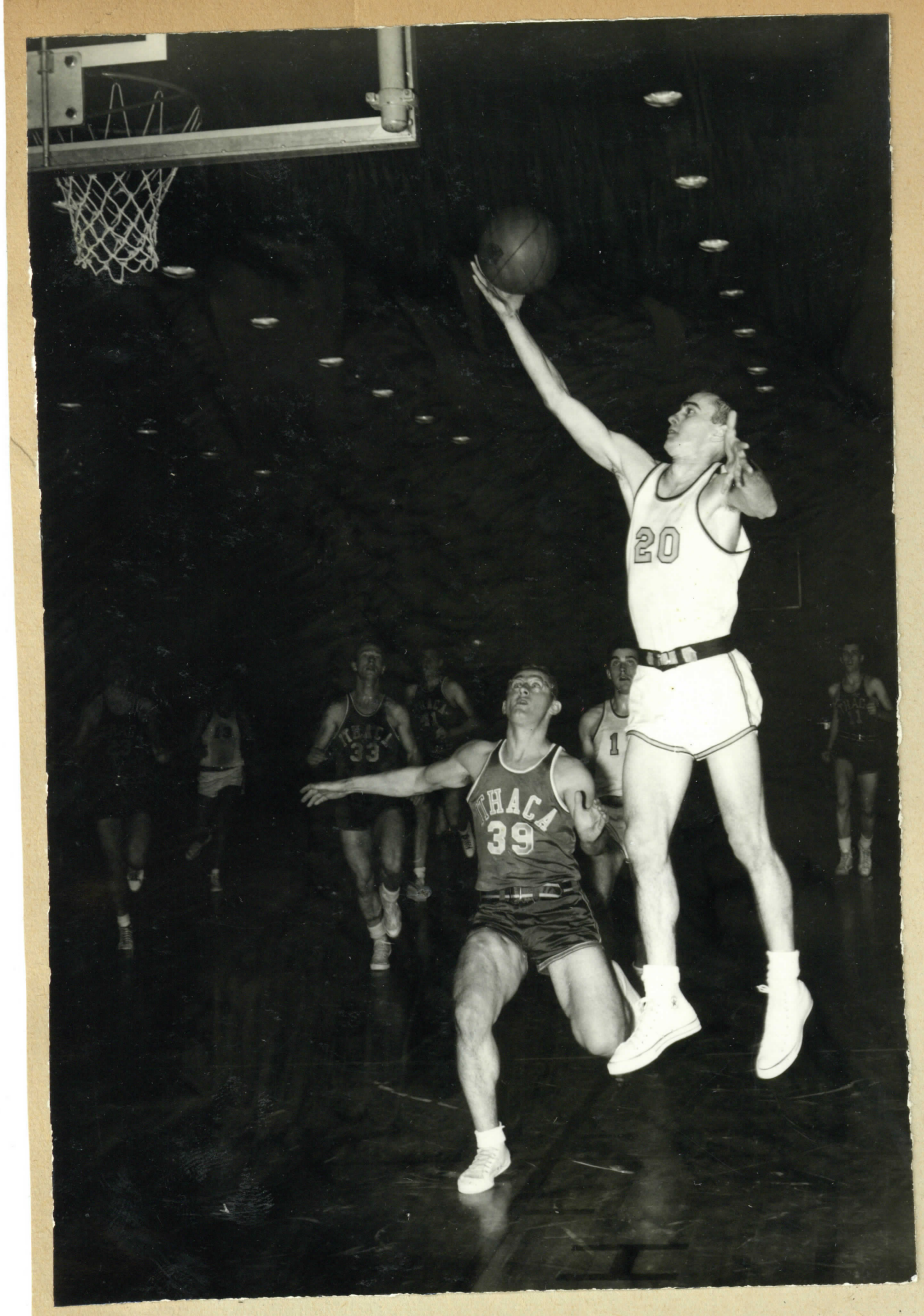
YOUNSU KOO

Koo was awarded the Reggie Burr Award for outstanding soccer player on the Colonel booter squad for the second straight year. His fine play and excellent teamwork were cited by his teammates as one reason for the Weckesser resident's selection.

Van Dyke Leads Hoopmen to Victory Dumps 29 Points in Second Half Drive; Ferris High Man in First Period

The Colonels snapped out of a two-game losing streak last night as Carl Van Dyke bombarded the nets for 29 points, a new season high, to lead his mates to an 82-76 win over the University of Bridgeport at the College gym.

Van Dyke had the hottest night of his college career as he pulled the Colonels through a few bad moments in the second half and left near the end to the tune of a standing ovation from the few spectators on hand.



KAZIMI, BRESNAHAN SOCCER CO-CAPTAINS

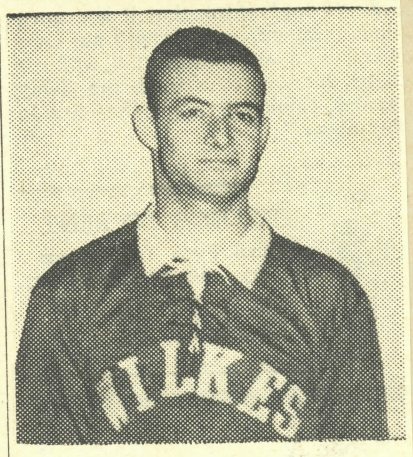
KAZIMI LOST FOR SEASON; OPERATED UPON AT NESBITT

Colonel hopes for a winning soccer season received a severe setback this week with the loss of Ahmed Kazimi. Kazimi, stellar halfback from Trans Jordan, was suddenly stricken ill before the Rider game and doctors at Nesbitt Hospital in Kingston found it necessary to perform surgery Monday.

At press time, it was learned that Kazimi was resting fairly comfortably, but would be lost to the booters for the entire season. The doctors seem to think that his soccer career may be permanently finished.

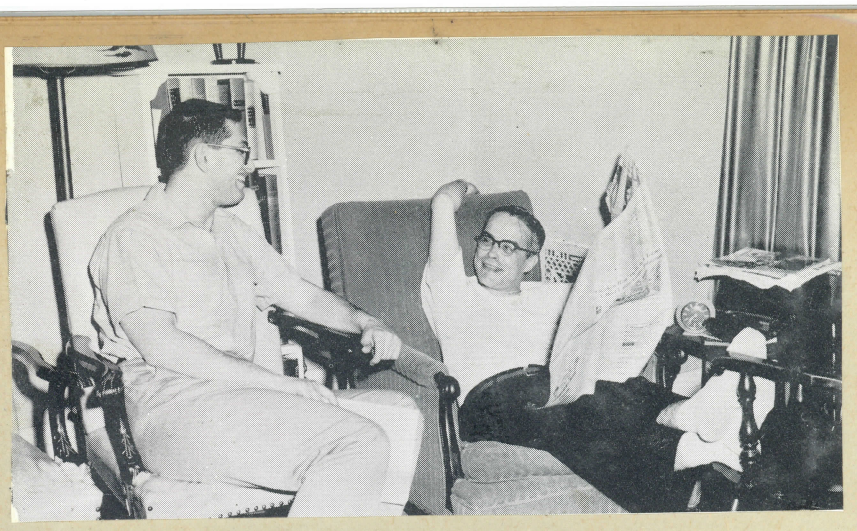
Ahmed had been a stalwart of the Colonel booters for two seasons, the only two winning seasons in Wilkes history. He played in the front line but was shifted to halfback this year to make better use of his versatile talents. It was hoped that his speed would help the defense more in the backfield and his strong kicking foot and splendid ball-control would give added impetus to the attack.

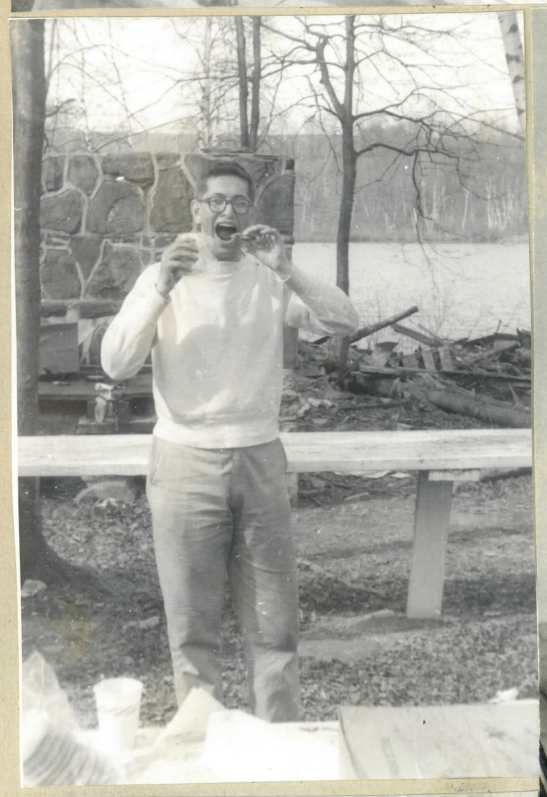
He received recognition as "Athlete of the Week" last year at just about this time. He had also been spoken of as a candidate for All-American soccer mention this year. He was definitely missed in the 3-2 loss to Rider.

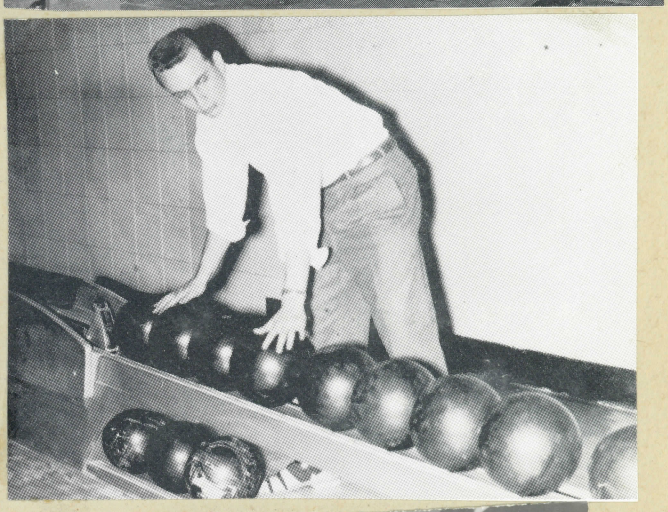


Ahmed Kazimi

The loss of Kazimi and a leg injury to Seth Ansah brings the booters foreign delegation down to two in number. They are Nick Giordano and Younsu Koo.







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The Dean's Corner

(This is the first of a series of articles to be written for the BEACON by Wilkes' Acting Dean of Men, George Elliot. The series will endeavor to clarify and implement the administration's relations with the student —Ed. note.)

DECLARATION OF POLICY

This year I am assuming a position that would challenge the capacities of men far greater and far stronger than I. I am asked to be all in one: an observant shepherd of students, a wise counselor, a sympathetic father-confessor, an encourager of the discouraged and a moderator of the overly-ambitious. In addition I must be an informed interpreter of college policies, a referee of disputes, an enthusiastic supporter of college activities, a liaison man between students and faculty, an honest administrator, and a sincere friend of all.

I will strive to be always humble and dedicated in my day-to-day activities. I will avoid rigidities of policy and practice. I will sincerely try to correct the mistakes I must inevitably make. I will always welcome the criticisms and suggestions of students and faculty alike. I will always consider their interests my interests.

I will never seek popularity for its own sake. I would rather be known as a dean who "calls the plays as he sees them" honestly and above-board than as one who surrenders to popular whims. There will be times when I will have to support the individual against the group; at other times it will be my duty to support the group against the individual.

I will try to be forthright and realistic in all my dealings with the students, and I will dispense equal justice to all. I will never gloss over a situation nor try to portray it in anything but honest terms. I will always give adequate warning to each student before actions are taken concerning him. As much as possible I will try to avoid making one-sided decisions which affect a student's activities or actions; I would rather have him make his own decisions and plan his own future.

I will always strive to look upon each student as an individual human personality rather than as a mere name on the college rolls. I will be patient and sympathetic to him and his problems. I will support him when I feel he needs support; I will oppose him when I feel he is ill-informed or in error.

These are the ideals with which I start this new adventure and this new job. I hope that I will manage to live up to most of them most of the time. I will strive to be the same person, to have the same philosophies I had during my years as a teacher. When I return to the Economics Department next year I trust that both you and I will feel that I did the job I was asked to do, sincerely and enthusiastically if not successfully.

The DEAN'S CORNER

A TRIBUTE

Druing the first two weeks of this semester greatness and courage walked our campus, personified in one individual among the many. This person was not unique, nor would he want to be considered so. He was not the first such example to appear at Wilkes College nor will he be the last. In fact, although a few of us had the rare privilege of meeting and knowing him, I imagine that many of you were not even aware of this particular freshman among the many newcomers who seemed to overrun the school.

Bob came to us with certain physical handicaps, but he came with one purpose — to be a college student in the full sense of the word. Bob wanted us to think of him as just another incoming student: a typical, normal freshman faced with a full schedule of new and challenging and, he hoped, interesting courses. He did not want our awe and certainly not our pity. He wanted no special privilege nor short-cuts. He was here for a college education, to live and to work among us in full participation.

During those first two weeks an unfortunate and unanticipated difficulty occurred that made it necesary for Bob to postpone his work temporarily. However, I am not now writing an obituary to a dream, nor am I reporting any defeat of the spirit. With a certain pride and trust I am reporting the fact that Bob will be back with us sometime in the future to begin once again his college education.

This is my humble tribute to Bob Hughes. But, in a larger sense, it is also my tribute to the men and women students of Wilkes College who came forward to volunteer their services to help Bob to help himself. They came with enthusiasm and with devotion from all departments and from all classes to act as readers, as tutors and, most importantly, as friends to a friendly person. They proved that this thing we call "school spirit" is not just a sports-writer's phrase but a living actuality.

I hope, and I do believe, that in his brief period at the college Bob gained something from us: a little affection, a little hope, a greater faith in his fellow man, a greater confiedence in himself and in the future. I do know that we received something from Bob, something that we will never be able to identify exactly or to measure statistically. I believe that those of us who knew him will hesitate in the future to indulge in self-pity, to alibi our mistakes, or to be satisfied with partial efforts. In this sense Bob gave to us at least equally as much as he acquired from us. This, then, is Robert Hughes, Wilkes College student, graduation date unimportant.

The Dean's Corner

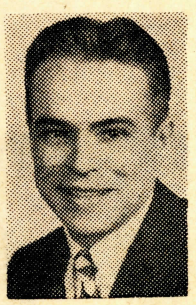
By George Elliot
Acting Dean of Men

OBITUARY

TO AN UNKNOWN TEACHER

Roy Winthrop Hatch died the other day. To you he is an unknown; just another name to be barely noted, to be easily forgotten. To me he was my teacher, a man who was not just a purveyor of subject-matter but an influence upon my life and upon my way of thinking.

Professor Hatch earned no doctorate during his lifetime. He was not noted for the books he produced nor for the learned testimony he presented to some congressional committee. He was in nobody's Who's Who. During the years I knew him he drove no fancy cars, he commanded no fabulous income, his home was no show-place mansion. His passing commanded but a few inches of space in the local newspaper, an item of strictly local interest. He was just a teacher.



Elliot

I must confess that there were times as a student when I totally failed to appreciate Professor Hatch. He often strayed from the subject, and he seemed to engage in long and unnecessary philosophizing. I cursed his lectures and his examinations. I could not share his passions for Bobby Burns or Abe Lincoln. To my adolescent mind he was just another teacher, to be casually accepted and to be critically judged. To my adult mind he represents a model whom I try always to emulate.

A fortunate few of you may someday discover the joys of teaching. The satisfactions which a true teacher derives from his work has never been more moving ly expressed than by that master-teacher, William Lyon Phelps: "I do not know that I could make entirely clear to an outsider the pleasure I have in teaching. I had rather earn my living by teaching than in any other way. In my mind, teaching is not merely a life work, a profession, an occupation; it is a passion. Teaching is an art — an art so great and so difficult to master thoroughly that a man can spend a long life at it without realizing much more than his limitations and mistakes, and his distance from the ideal."

Professor Hatch was one of that blessed minority who found in his own lifetime its own justification. He needed no artificial nor flashing symbols to prove to himself or to the world the success of his endeavors. You could find worse models than Roy Winthrop Hatch. He was just a teacher.

The DEAN'S CORNER

By GEORGE ELLIOT, Acting Dean of Men

THE CHALLENGE OF THE SEASON

What is Christmas? What is Hanukkah? To the cynic it is primarily an end-of-the-season sales push given a certain unique and profitable status by tinsel, by evergreens and by some incidental relationship to things religious. To the immature it is an opportunity to impress friends with one's generosity. The neurotic uses it to measure the amount of love and affection other people have for him. To the schoolboy it is vacation or term-paper time. To the party-goer, it is parties. To the salesman, it is influence peddling. It has elements of the good, but it is not exactly good. It has elements of the bad, but it is not exactly bad.

Along with its many religious overtones I have always felt that this season involves a deeper and more meaningful purpose. For a brief period man seems no longer afraid or embarrassed to display sentiment and gentleness and affection for others. He seems suddenly and finally to notice the basic good rather than the obvious faults in human personality. People who have long stressed their individual rights become conscious of their responsibilities. Man's mask of indifference and of self-dependence appears to slip away, and he expresses a real identity and kinship with his fellow human beings. The takers, the doubters, the egocentrics of yesterday become the givers, the believers, the belongers of today.

In this season it is as if man, in spite of all his past failures and mistakes, is being given one more chance to prove his basic worth and to reassocciate himself with humanity. It is his chance to try once again to reach toward the perfectability of which he is capable. In a sense there seems to be a stirring into life and into action of the philosophies which underlie all of man's religions. Behind the obvious symbolism and sham there appears to glow some faint spark of human decency, a spark that could perhaps someday light up the world.

Taylor Caldwell once expressed this clue to man's potential greatness when she wrote, "Who knows but that the day will come when that eternal and holy stirring which lies even in the basest soul will not burst into universal light? For the sake of that hope we must have pity, we must have mercy, we must have prayer and hope and faith. We must have the long patience of God." In this sense I wish you a happy and prosperous holiday season: happy in the opportunity to once again reconsider the universe and your place in it, prosperous in the wealth and treasure you may someday discover within yourself.

The DEAN'S CORNER

THE SPOILERS

Someone once said of liberty that it implied the freedom and responsibility to discipline ourselves so that we did not have to submit to the discipline of others. I have often thought of that quotation as I have witnessed here and there the crimes committed in the privileged environment of liberty by a small and callous minority. The faces and names of that minority may change from time to time and from place to place, but their destructive effects are fairly obvious and permanent. Too often I have experienced situations in which the freedom of the majority has eventually and inevitably been restricted because of the selfish actions of these few. Too often have I seen the majority labeled and libeled unjustly because of them.

On this campus we have had, and we now have, representatives of this specie. Perhaps you can identify them even though they may not be able to recognize themselves. You have seen them during exams boldly and brazenly making a farce out of personal honor and integrity. You have heard their raucous voices at various college affairs shouting out the obscenities they seem to feel will mark them as men of spirit and humor. You have been disgusted by their pathetic attempts to prove their manliness by overindulgence in alcohol. You have seen them destroy private property without reason or respect.

Elliot

You have witnessed their preoccupation with finding loopholes in democratic group rules so that they might gain special personal advantages. You have heard them brag about the term-papers they have copied or about the tricks they have managed to pull when no-one was watching. You have seen them do these things, and each of you has suffered.

There are certain characteristics I have noticed about this minority. They are ever protesting about their rights, but they have no concept of their responsibilities. They complain about the school and sneer about its limitations, but they do nothing to help improve it. Their law is the law of personal expediency; if they can see no immediate glory or advantage to themselves, they will not cooperate in any project. They attend many of the affairs at the school, but there is always a convenient excuse when it comes to planning or to clean-up time. They would like to believe that their's is the proper school spirit, but the reputation they give to all of us is damaging and degrading.

I have written this article this week not because of any particular incidents or events of the immediate past. I fevently believe in this school and in its students. In fact, the most rewarding thing for me about working at Wilkes College has been the quality and calibre of its young people. I feel a strong personal injury when I hear slanderous generalities applied to them. I wait anxiously for the day when the majority of you will work out the philosophies and the methods that will protect yourselves and your futures, as well as the future of the school, from the destruction wrought by "The Spoilers".

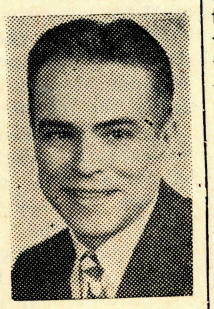
The DEAN'S CORNER

By George F. Elliot, Acting Dean of Men

The Educated Man

Every once in a while I worry whether you and I don't make the consistent mistake of becoming confused about ends and means. We build the finest buildings to house our educational plants, and we staff them with the best trained teachers available. Each year publishers spend thousands of dollars trying to improve the text-books students will use. And each September Young America ventures forth in search of that elusive generality we call, "education".

At this stage of the school year, I often wonder how many of us have any concept of what it's all about or of what education really means. How many of us delude ourselves into the false complacency that a mere piece of paper called a diploma has significant value? How many of us have confused education with a series of tests passed, with an impressive array of grades, or with an accumulation of facts and figures temporarily remembered? How many of us have forgotten that one of our primary functions in life is to live — with ourselves and with others like us?



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The other day I came across Socrates' concept of education. I give it to you for your thought and for your earnest consideration.

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"Whom, then, do I call educated? First, those who manage well the circumstances which they encounter day by day, and who possess a judgement which is accurate in meeting occasions as they arise; Next, those who are decent and honorable in their intercourse with all men, bearing easily and good naturedly what is unpleasant or offensive in others, and being themselves as agreeable and reasonable to their associates as it is humanly possible to be; Furthermore, those who hold their pleasures always under control, and are not unduly overcome by their misfortunes, bearing up under them bravely and in a manner worthy of our common nature; Finally, and most important of all, those who are not spoiled by their successes, and who do not desert their true selves, but hold their ground steadfastly as wise and sober-minded men, rejoicing no more in the good things which have come to them through chance than in those which through their nature and intelligence are theirs since birth. Those who have a character which is in accord, not with one of these things, but with all of them, these I maintain are educated and whole men possessed of all the virtues of a man."

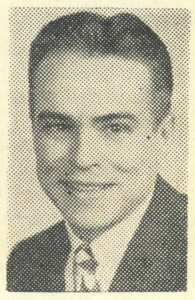
The DEAN'S CORNER

by George F. Elliot
Acting Dean of Men

BROTHERHOOD

We Americans are a very organization conscious and promotion minded people. Three of us can't gather together without having a written constitution, elected officers, and a treasurer's report. We can't sit down together for a meal without having an after-dinner speaker. We can't allow a day or a week to go by without giving it some special designation such as "Save Our Sewers Week" or "Don't Spit On The Sidewalks Day".

A few days ago Wilkes College received notices promoting Brotherhood Week, a nation-wide demonstration of tolerance and friendship among the diverse groups that make up our country. It was suggested that we sponsor a series of daily events such as essay contests, assembly programs, and discussion groups in order to stimulate brotherhood on campus. The promoters almost panted in their enthusiasm over the important benefits that would ensue. Brotherhood would reign supreme, . . . for one week, at least.



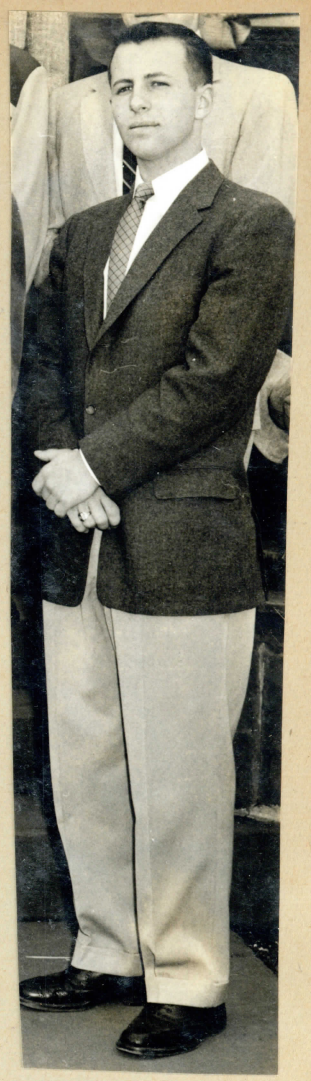
Elliot

Brotherhood Week does not make sense to me. Does brotherhood have to be given special promotion? Does a week have to be set aside to symbolize what has become a daily habit here at the college?

One of the most wonderful things I have experienced at Wilkes College is the complete lack of awareness or concern about group differences. Who ever questions, who even gives a moment's notice whether he might be Jewish or she might come from a Polish home? No-one is excluded from any organization on campus. None of us are set apart from the rest because of religion, or race, or financial condition, or veteran status. There are no closed shops. There are no special privilege groups. There are no snobs to lord it over the "unclean".

For many years there has been some agitation on campus to permit fraternities, veterans clubs, religious organizations, and similar groups. Granted that they would bring us certain advantages, they might also serve to destroy that precious oneness that has character precious oneness that has characterized the school. They would set us aside one from the other. They would serve to identify us religiously, economically, ar socially. "Joe is fraternity; Sam is not." "Oh, I never knew Bill was a Catholic." "Who wants that guy in OUR club." Compare this to what we have today.

Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Moslem; Negro, White, Oriental; city dweller, farm boy, suburbanite; American, Korean, Greek, Liberian; upper, middle, lower income bracket? Who cares? Why, they're just Glenn and Chet and Ahmad and Seth and Henriette and Jane; they go to Wilkes College. We don't talk about brotherhood; we practice it! How many other colleges can say the same?



The DEAN'S CORNER

By GEORGE ELLIOT
(Acting Dean of Men)

One of the encouraging signs of growth and progress here at the school has been the continuing talk about the possibilities of establishing an honor system. It is the sort of goal that any man of ideals and of faith in the perfectability of humanity can support. The successful operation of such a system would be the greatest tribute we could receive to the rightness of what we have been trying to accomplish here at Wilkes College.

One thing each of us has to consider, however, is the meaning of the word, "system". A system is something more than an organizational plan or a body of rules. We must not delude ourselves into confining our thoughts to a modus operandi or to the possible administration of such an idea. A system implies a coherent whole, some form of rational and regular interaction or interdependence among ideas, principles and facts. I underline the word, "principles", because I feel that the omission of this foundation-stone would defeat any system.

Group honor is dependent upon and is the result of collective individual honor. Each person involved must believe that his personal honor is many times more important than grades he might receive or success he migh achieve.

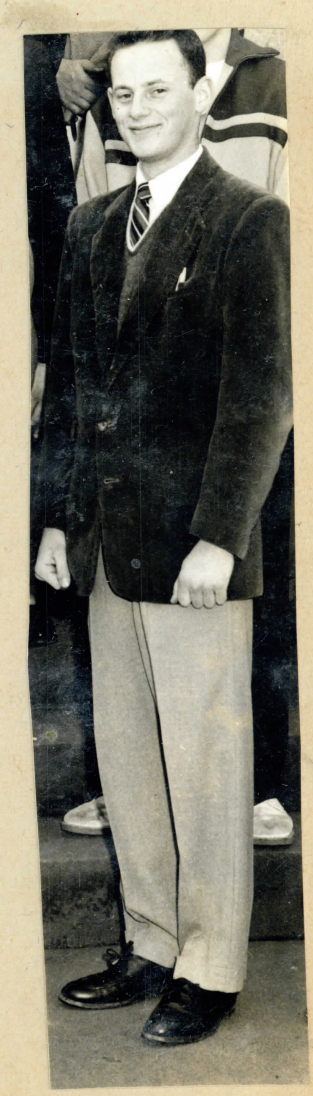
He must believe that the true measure of a man is his integrity; that a man without honor is an incomplete man, a man to be pitied.

He must believe that honesty is not like a cloak that can be donned at certain times and doffed at others.

He must not delude himself into the idea that there are degrees of dishonesty.

A man is trustworthy, or he is untrustworthy; he is honest, or he is dishonest. An honest man tries always to uphold a code of personal honor, and he needs no policeman or vigilante group to enforce it.

When and whether an honor system comes to Wilkes College depends upon you, the individual students. Certainly it cannot and will not be superimposed upon you by either the faculty or the administration. It can come only when **you** firmly and fully believe in the sanctity, in the utility, and in the dependability of **your** personal honor. At that time the establishment of such a system will be easy; its success will be assured. Are **you** ready for the challenge?



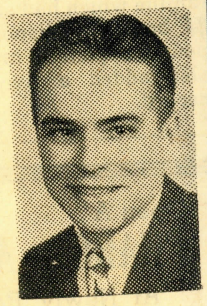
PRESS BOX

By GEORGE ELLIOT (Pinch-hitting for Jonni Falk)

A HORSE AND BUGGY PHILOSOPHY ON ATHLETICS

As my stomach expands, as my hairline recedes, and as I watch my bowling average sink lower each week I become sadly conscious of the facts of ld age. I notice that more and more my thoughts turn to proper diet and to plotting the regularity of bwel movements. This, they tell me, is a sure sign of a person tobogganing madly downward on the other side of the hill. I am also beginning to wonder whether I am not becoming just a little dated and old-fashioned in some of my ideas and philosophies. Has the world changed so much from the era of Frank Merriwell to that of Stilt Chamberlain?

Three weeks ago an athletic scandal erupted at one of the prominent Far Western universities. This was not just one of those expected day to day occurrences merely involving convertibles, doctored grade records, lavish expense accounts, or a high salaried campus job feeding migrating grosbeaks. This was an internal struggle for power. Players were being paid by one side to play and by the other side to lie down on the job. The backfield coach conveniently forgot to give the players certain instructions. The powerful alumni association applied monetary pressure in support of those dissident players who opposed the coach's disciplinary action. From the Big Ten to thePacific Coast League to the Southwest Conference the "amateur athletes" of America expressed their shocked dismay at such a breach of professional ethics. A man ought to at least know what he is being paid for and by whom!



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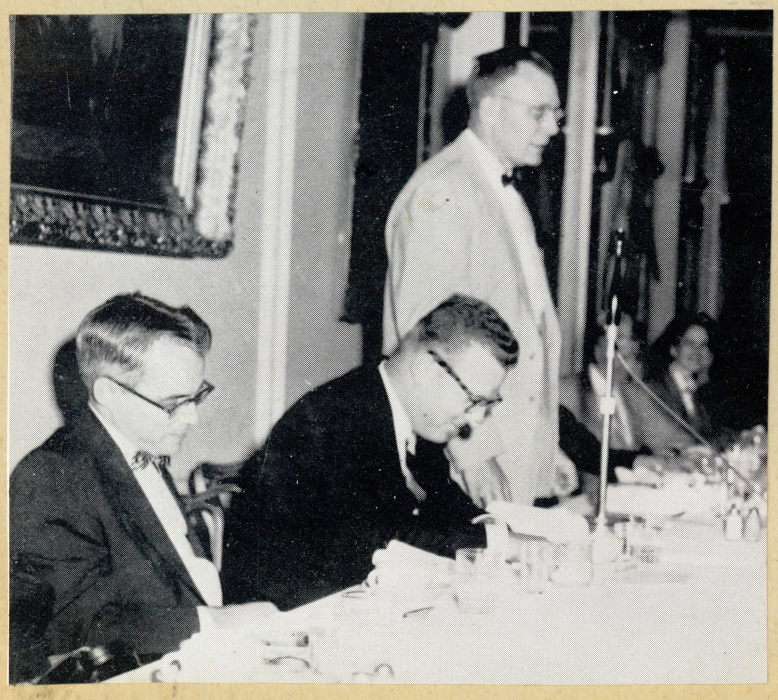
I am old fashioned enough to believe that there is something wonderful about late Autumn weekends and the traditional game between Unknown Tech and my alma mater. I am old fashioned enough to believe that there can be more real excitement and lasting memories in a game, however amateurish, played by fellows I recognize as my classmates than there could ever be in a coliseum extravaganza involving imported behemoths. I am old fashioned enough to believe that there should not be the relationship between scholarship assistance and athletic participation which seems to reduce a given football game to a sort of contractual business engagement between school and student.

ATHLETICS A PART OF EDUCATION

What really marks me as a remnant of horse and buggy philosophy is a feeling that athletic participation is a necessary and vitally important part of any person's general education. I am one who still believes that a student-athlete will be a more complete person of stronger character and potential than the non-athlete. I believe that the lessons of group cooperation and of self-sacrifice that one learns on the athletic field can be of much greater importance than mere textbook learning. In fact, I feel sorry for the individual who foregoes sports activity, because I think that he has missed something of lasting importance. In summary, I believe that the time and energy that a true amateur athlete puts into his sports activity will pay him back several times over in making of him a stronger, more adaptable, and more dependable human personality.

I never think of athletics at Wilkes College without thinking of such people as Glenn Carey, Jim Ferris, Sam Shugar, or Carl Van Dyke. These four are, I think, representative of what I have tried to express in the above paragraph. Each of them possesses a natural attractiveness to others, and there is such a basic sincerity in everything they do that one feels both comfortable in and inspired by their presence. The one common quality that most impresses me about all of them is their easy adaptability to situations and to people without obvious display or false mannerisms. You can depend upon them and have faith in them because they, themselves, have so much respect for and faith in other people. You can have your national championships and your big-time sports. I'll take our own Wilkes College type of student-athlete every time!



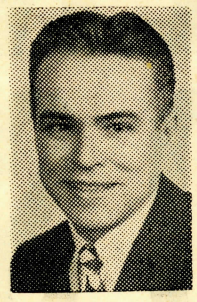
The Dean's Corner

By GEORGE F. ELLIOT
Acting Dean of Men

The Faith That Moves Mountains

Astigmatism is a defect of the eye which results in imperfect images and indistinctiveness of vision. It is a physical disability, and yet I can't help but think how certain personalities and characters might also be classified as astigmatic.

People who stand very close to an object usually get only a hazy and a partial view. Often, however, they are much more critical of what they see than the person, standing off, who can view the entire picture with greater objectivity and detachment. Parents are often hyper-critical of their offspring, wives of their husbands, husbands of their wives, students of their school.



Elliot

Many of us complain about the lack of tradition or school spirit here at the college. Many of us dream of the college-that-might-be with its ivy-draped buildings, its sweeping campus, its athletic fields, and its alumni reunions. At times a few seem slightly ashamed and embarrassed that they were fated to attend a college that doesn't even look like a college.

In this I am often reminded of the teen-age boys and girls who are hoping impatiently to achieve maturity and sophistication. What they want will come naturally with time. What you and I want Wilkes College to be will also come naturally with time.

Meanwhile here we have in Wilkes-Barre a college that is unique in many respects. Here is a college which has a living purpose and which meets a genuine need. Here we have opportunity that would not otherwise exist. Here we have hope and optimism for the future. Here we have a school where the Horatio Alger idea is in many respects an actual reality rather than a discredited myth. Here are the sons and daughters of coal miners who will be tomorrow's doctors and lawyers.

At Wilkes College we work for the future rather than live in the past. At Wilkes College we measure a man by what he is rather than by what prep school he attended or to what fraternity he belongs. We have experienced growth and we sense greater growth. Our college is but the lengthened shadow of all the people who have come here and who have worked here. Its future lies in the people yet to come.

Over the years many outsiders have indicated their faith in Wilkes College. Every building represents a testimonial to the purpose and to the proven success of the school. Every monetary gift, large and small, came to us because some person believed in us and in what we are trying to do. If someday the students and alumni of Wilkes College have a similar faith in their college and in themselves there will be no limit to which the college can grow, no success which it cannot achieve.

On ~~Education~~

What is it you seek? Why is it that you plan to spend the last precious years of your youth away from the arena of life, with its pleasures, its challenges, and its opportunities? Why is it that you not only sacrifice earnings now but even pay out money in order to have this experience? There is no legal compulsion that keeps you here; there is no disgrace in not having accepted this challenge.

To get an education, you say. And what is this education? Is it a mark of social status, of mental accumulation, a vacation from life, a gift from doting parents, a key to open future doors? Do you believe that having attended college and having received a degree will be ample justification, will make you an educated man? If you have come to college with these ideas, your diploma will someday be akin to the Brooklyn Bridge or a gold brick. It will be an everlasting symbol to your having been one of life's prize suckers. You will have been, in effect, educated beyond the limits of your intelligence.

Plato once said of education, "The fire must be alight in a man's soul. All that one man can do for another is to convey the spark that kindles it, and that only in the intimacy of a shared daily life and pursuit." To be expedient, to take on the protective coloring of the crowd, to get by, to accept the challenge of college life in terms of the least common denominators is the great emptation. Survival for four years may be posible, but the intellectual and spiritual dividends will never be paid.

Probably education cannot be easily defined nor can the value of a college experience be reduced to a few simple terms. Our likely lot is to become in our lifetime what we are today as students, thorough or slipshod, outgoing or selfish, dependable or untrustworthy, setting our own pattern now for the years that are ahead. To build a framework big enough, sturdy enough, and symmetrical enough to make for continuing growth is the challenge which I leave with you.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE

This is unfortunately an age of both labels and generalizations. In controversies, political and otherwise, there is a tendency for people to apply all-inclusive descriptive symbols to define a person or a group.

I pose as no authority on athletics, although I am a firm believer in them and an enthusiastic supporter of them. I am also the first to concede that in certain respects and in some schools athletic policies seem to be entirely out-of-kilter. In some colleges athletes are dupes, cheap labor used by publicity-directed coaches or administrations to bring national recognition or a large gate. Sometimes such recognition comes at the cost of permanent injury or at the sacrifice of a young person's educational opportunity.

For the most part I believe that our athletic policies here at Wilkes College are sound and just. We are far from perfect, but I believe that we are operating with moderation and with common-sense. I believe that our policies will grow and improve as the school grows and improves.

Even here, however, I have experienced a tendency among individuals to label and to generalize. Here too one hears from certain lips about those "dumb athletes" almost as automatically as one hears in the South about those "damned Yankees". This is something I think that deserves investigation.

I have never thought of our athletes as being special, or privileged or set-apart in any respect. I have merely though of them as Wilkes College students, who engage in sports activity for the same reasons that induce others to seek office, to write for The Beacon, or to engage in club activities. To them it is an integral and an important part of those total experiences which make up a college education. I am sorry for the person who, for one reason or another, has to sacrifice the worth-while experiences which come from such group participation.

Not all of our athletes have been perfect; not all of our non-athletes have been perfect either. However, I think of such people as George McMahon, Eddie Davis, Russ Picton, Ronnie Fitzgerald, Harry Ennis and many others who have gone

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James Barilar--North Penn St.---Punxsutawney Pa.
Carl Van Dyke --RD*1 Box 220---Punxsutawney Pa.

We enjoyed very much the association with your school Please consider us when you are choosing your varsity Basket-Ball Officials for next season. We feel confident that you would be satisfied with our efforts!!

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DEAN'S CORNER

before. Among our present student body I point out such individuals as Jim Ferris, Sam Shugar, Glenn Carey, and Younsu Koo as illustrations. I could mention many others. These boys are not "athletes"; they are students who have engaged in athletics. They represent in their charactr, in their personalities, and in their achievements a telling answer to those who question the value of sports activity. I would cite any one of them as a model to the young person who is trying to get the most out of his college education.

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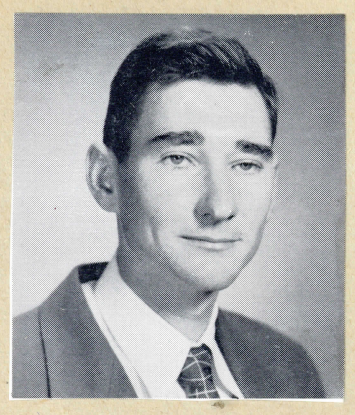

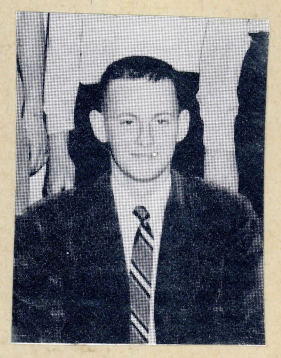

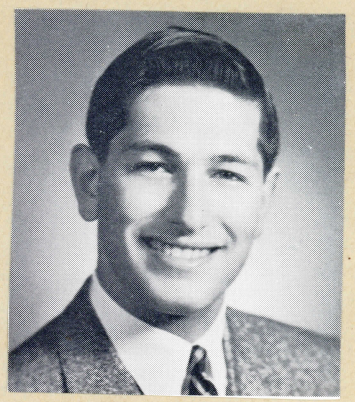

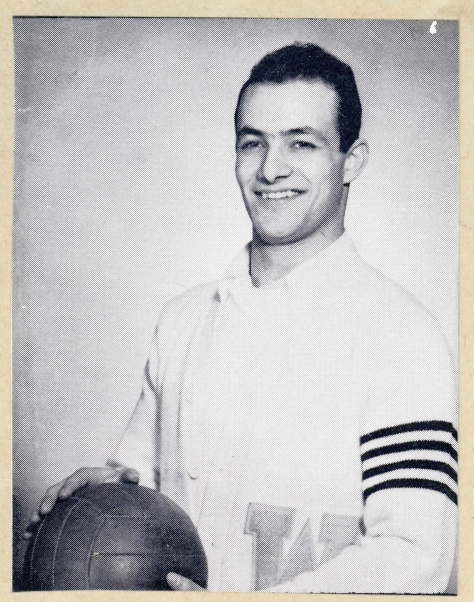

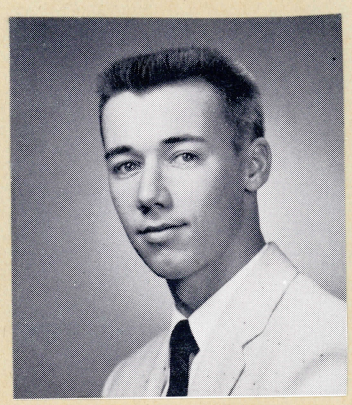

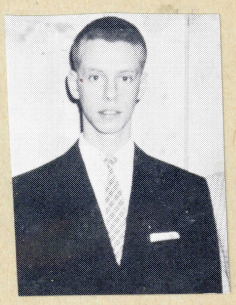

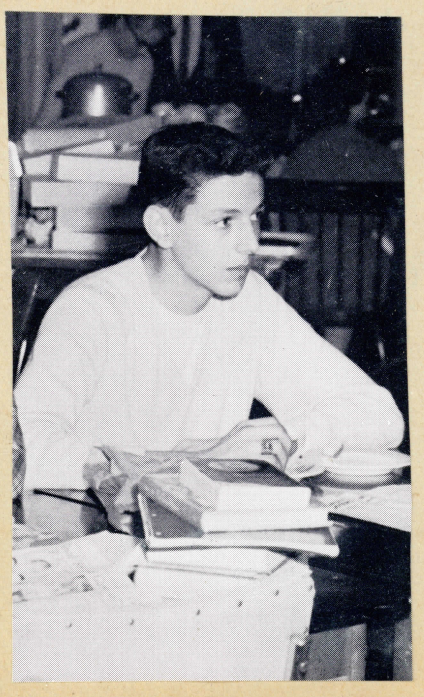

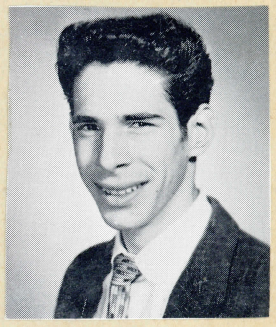

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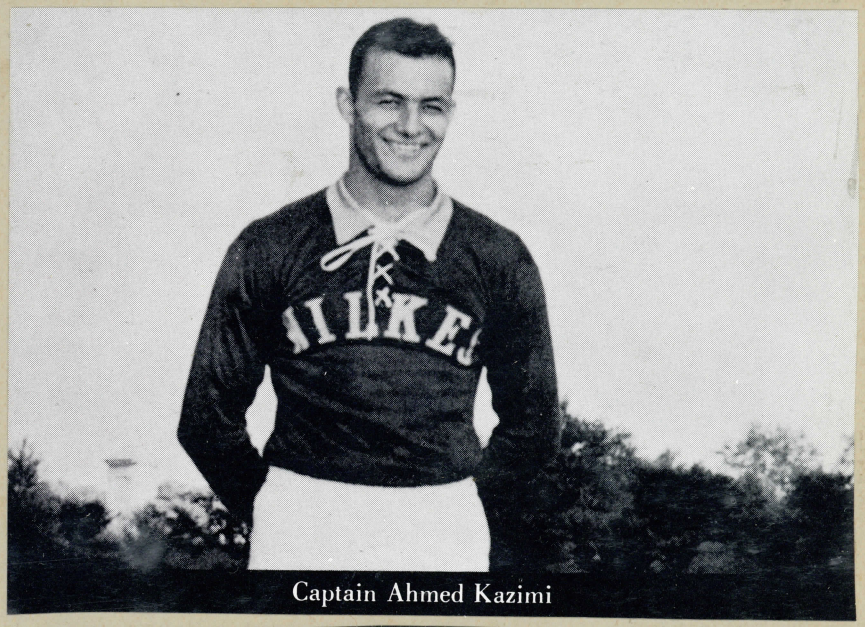
Captain Ahmed Kazimi

Wilkes Graduate Going to Boston U.

One of Wilkes College's most recent graduates has been accepted for graduate study at the Boston University School of Law.

He is Richard Murray, Brooklyn, who was graduated here last February with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

To begin his law studies in September, h eis now teaching at the Brooklyn Academy in his home town. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray, 1358 46th St., he was graduated from New Utrecht High School, where he was a member of the track team.

While an undergraduate, Murray, who resided in Weckesser Hall, was active in the campus political science organization, the International Relations Club. President of that group in his Junior year, he was also vice president of the History Club and a member of the Inter-Dormitory Council.

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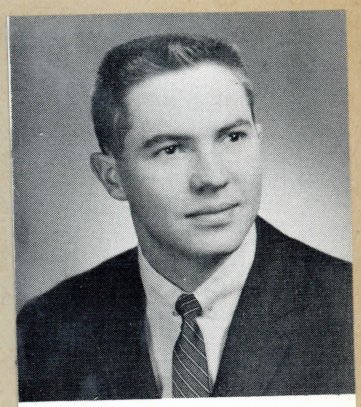
GORE HALL

KENNETH N. EVANS
Electrical Engineering

First row: D. Kline, W. Lloyd—Pres., G. Elliot—Proctor, S. W. Gore, R. Amey—Treas., C. Kobland. *Second row:* E. Ansah, A. Rogovin, E. Piccoli, W. Duffy, L. Pugh, D. Walton, C. Loesch, D. Murray, L. Denitsky, M. Armstrong. *Third row:* R. Christman, C. Keast, B. Yocum, K. Evans.



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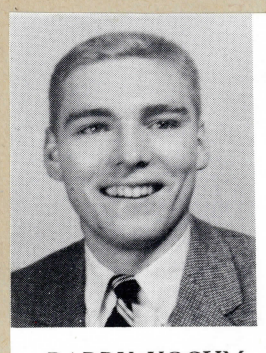

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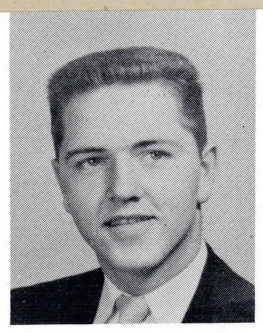
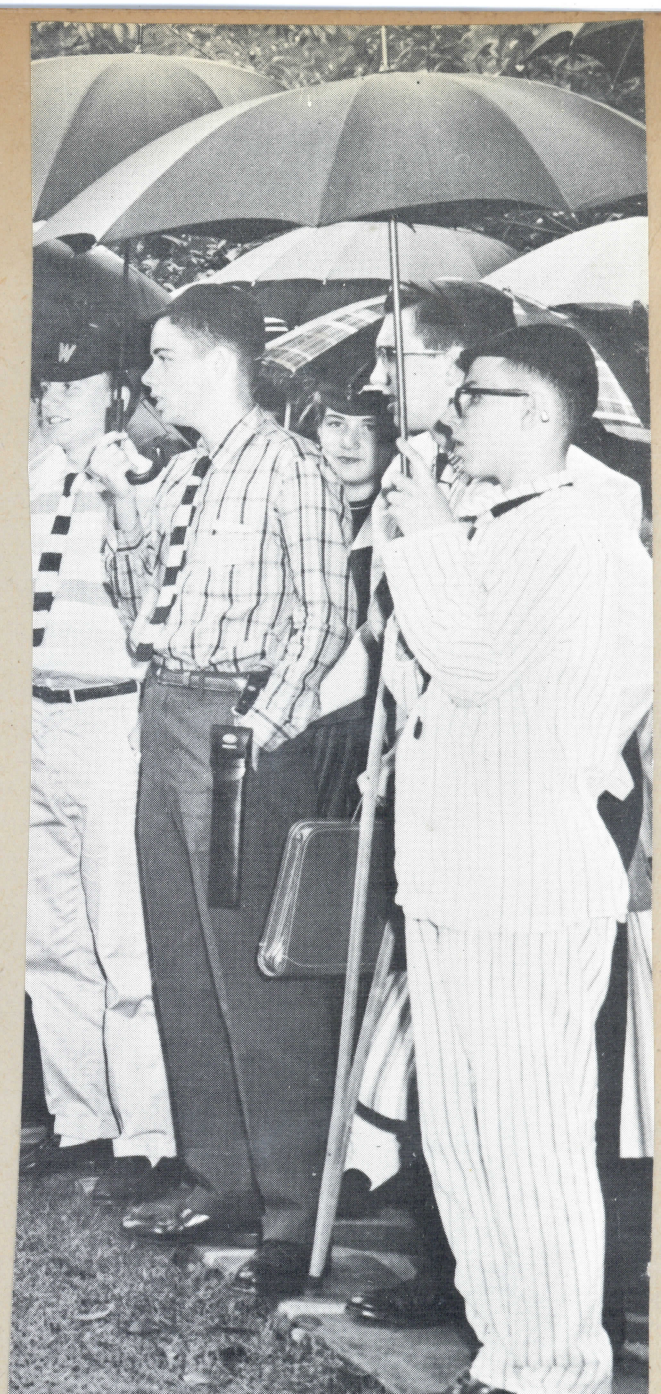


RONALD CHRISTMAN
Vice President

Ghana Represented By Wilkes Delegation At Model UN Assembly

Donald Murray, head of the Wilkes delegation, addressed the Model United Nations General Assembly last night in the Wilkes College gymnasium. As a delegate of Ghana, newly admitted to the U. N., the Wilkes sophomore from Brooklyn, N. Y., gave a brief but dramatic presentation of Ghana's freedom and social progress that aroused his audience of some 500 students to vigorous applause.

The Wilkes delegation provided a humorous and authentic sidelight for the entire business session of the assembly, enacting their role as a new and agreeable new delegation by lightning fast motions or seconding motions whenever in order. When the business of the meeting was concluded, it was again the Ghana delegate who stood waving his banner high in the air to motion for adjournment.



Ham Operator Makes Contact

by Bill Zdancewicz

"CQ, CQ, this is K21PA, this is King 2, 1, Peter Adam, CQ, CQ, CQ..." Then, after many attempts, there came "K21PA, K21PA, this is W3TBT." Contact was made, proving everything was working fine.

The above paragraph pertains to the first HAM radio contact made by Ken Evans, a sophomore at Wilkes. To Ken, the contact meant the culmination of many months of preparation and anticipation.

Ken's interest in being a HAM operator extends into the past, but, it was during last summer that his knowledge of its mechanics had reached the point of applying for a license. Ken passed the test and received his license from the Federal Communications Commission.

Within a short time, he began to receive the equipment necessary to set up a portable station in the attic of Gore Hall. During the months that followed, Ken assembled the equipment with the aid of his roommate, Larry Pugh. He then designed and built an antennae switching device which allowed for better clarity and control with his contacts.

Then the big day arrived. It was on February 13, at 2:35 p.m., that Ken made his first HAM contact. After repeatedly calling, Ken heard the following, "K21PA, this is W3TBT, standing by." This meant that contact was made. After following set procedures, it was acknowledged that Ken had contacted a HAM station in Wilkes-Barre. This contact to Ken meant that all his long hours of work had resulted in success. Everything was working fine.

Satisfied with the workings of his equipment, Ken proceeded to make other contacts. His Big Contact came February 13, at 5:27 p.m., when he heard from a girl HAM operator (named Margaret), who lived in Mt. Everest, above New York City; call letters W2RPJ. Several other contacts have been made since his big contact with W2RPJ, but that one will remain his Big One.

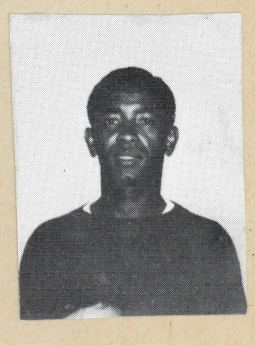
A former local resident of West Pittston, Ken lives with his parents in New York. He is a sophomore at Wilkes majoring in Electrical Engineering. Ken mentioned that his hobby as a HAM operator is of great help to him in his area of education and his career — that of electronics.

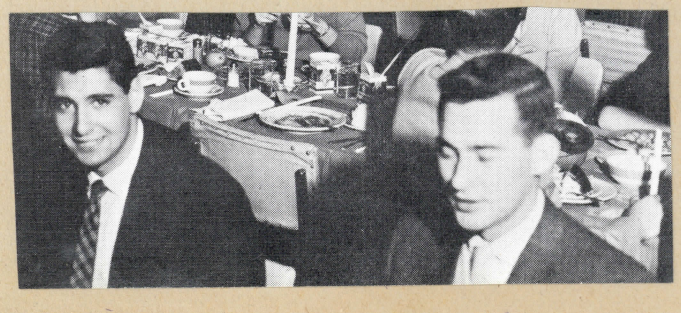
Ken's roommate in Gore, Larry Pugh of Hunlocks Creek, has been of great help to Ken with his work, helping with the making of blueprints and the building of the equipment. It was Larry and Ken who designed and built the intercom system now being used in Gore Hall.

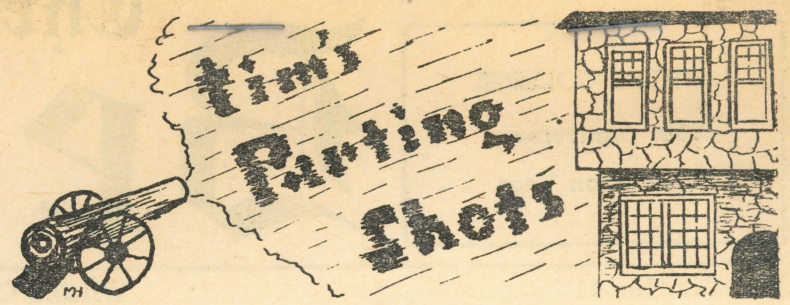
While this reporter interviewed Ken on Tuesday, February 18, Ken made a contact with Norman Kopiak of Kingston, call letters W3WYE. Ken and Norman discussed the mechanics of their equipment and eventually, they talked about the standby topic of the weather.

Ken's plans now include the arranging of a radio contact with a relative of Larry's, who lives in Georgia. He hopes to make contact sometime in March. We wish Ken the best of luck in his hobby and... should you make contact with the Moon, Ken, let the **Beacon** have the scoop! Till then, this is the **Beacon** standing by.

Sam W. Gore







Another Mystery Solved

After an absence of several days, Sam Weckesser-Gore (or Gore-Weckesser) turned up at the Bookstore early Monday morning. It seems that Sam, in display of independence, had gone off on a tear. Perhaps he bit off a little more than he could chew, for he came back a little chewed up himself.

Millie Gittins, Dave Vann and George Elliot (Sam's mouthpiece") befriended the wayward waif and provided him with the services of a physician.

New Diet

Said physician confirmed the suspicion that Sam's ear had been host to a canine's choppers and provided the necessary medicants. The doctor also cleared up another mystery — Sam does **not have worms!**

Since Sam is an independent cuss, he pays the price for his independence. His eating habits are irregular and when he eats, he overloads. Sam's stomach is like anyone else's, when he overloads it, it rebels.

Therefore, the doctor recommended an occasional milk of magnesia, to make him **"feel good again".**

Who Won?

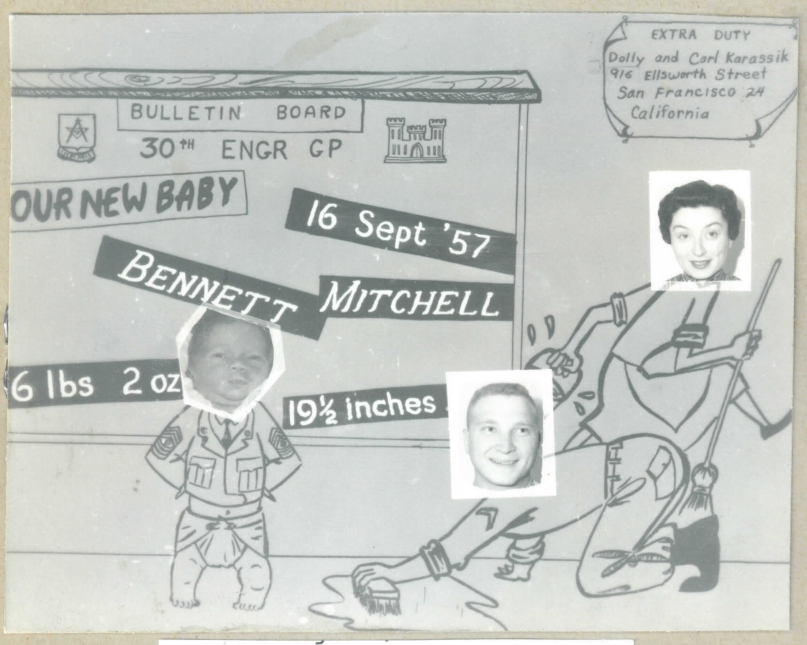
Sam had no comment when asked about the particulars of his altercation; he simply shambled off with a disdainful look that said: "You should see the other guy!"

Dorm Plans Feast

Thanks to the prowess of a couple of Gore Hall's woodsmen, the men of Gore Hall are going to have a Venison Party in the Dining Commons before the Christmas vacation.

The two Nimrods are Larry Pugh, senior C & F major from Hunlocks Creek, and his roommate Ken Evans, sophomore Electrical Engineering student from West Pittston. Each shot a four-point buck on opening day.

The scene of the kill was Arnold's Notch, near Red Rock. Larry got his at 7:15 a.m. and Ken downed his about 1 p.m. Each buck weighed about 140 pounds.



Carl Karassik and his wife, Dolly, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Bennett, on September 16, 1957. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 ozs at birth and was 19½ inches long. For further particulars, write to the proud parents. Carl is residing at 916 Ellsworth Street, San Francisco 24, Cal.

EARL D. JOHNSON, '55

Earl Douglas Johnson, who received his B.S. in Education from Wilkes in 1955, died on February 17 in Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, Pa., after a brief illness.

Born at Lake Ariel, he lived in Moscow, Pa., most of his life. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Moscow Methodist Church. He was on the faculty of the John Hill School, Boontown, New Jersey.

While at Wilkes, Earl was a member of the Economics Club, Education Club, History Club, and participated in Intramural Basketball.

Surviving are his parents, Clare and Ethel I. Hunt Johnson, Moscow; a sister, Mrs. Robert Lyon, Mission, Kansas; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Frederick Vernon, Paterson, New Jersey; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Earl M. Killiam, Lake Ariel.

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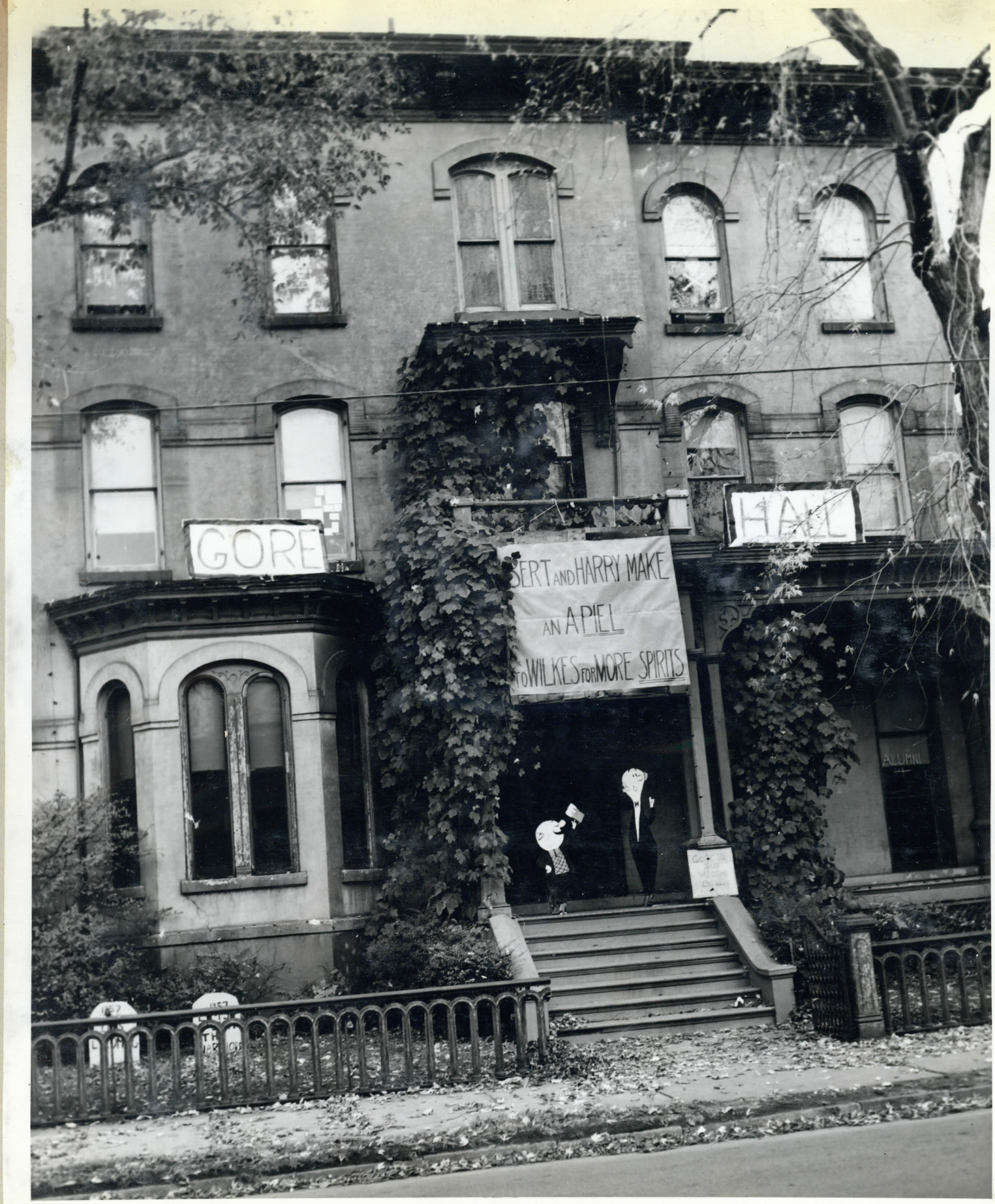

DR. SAMUEL M. MELINE is a First Lieutenant in the Dental Corps stationed in Munich, Germany. Samuel received a B.S. Degree from Tufts College in June of 1954, and a D.M.D. from Tufts Dental School in June of 1958. He and his wife, Audrey, were just married on May 31st of this year.

Betsy Bretz, of the secretarial staff, and William Lloyd were married in Kingston July 19. Lloyd is now enrolled in the Air Officers' Candidate Program of the Marine Corps.

YOUNSU KOO is a research assistant at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. He is presently working for his Ph. D. in Structural Engineering. As a research assistant, his duties include working on a project, "Thermal Stresses in Rotationally Symmetrical Shell" (with relation to rocket re-entry problems).

JOSHUA J. KAUFMAN received his L.L.B. Degree from New York University at their 126th Commencement on June 4, 1958.

THOMAS A. NEMCHICK is the manager of the Household Finance Corporation of Athens, Georgia. He started as a Branch Representative in Hazleton, Pa. He was then transferred to Columbus, Georgia, as assistant manager in 1956. He became manager in 1958 and was then transferred to manage the Athens Branch in Athens, Georgia. Tom is married to the former Eleanor Kanuck.

JOHN R. ZACHMAN is teaching eighth-grade arithmetic and ninth and tenth-grade algebra at Bethel High School. John owns his own trailer, and next summer he plans to buy an acre of ground near the Blue Mountains and later begin building a home.

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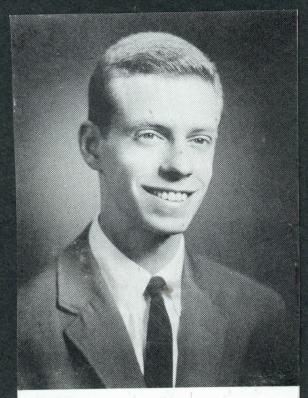

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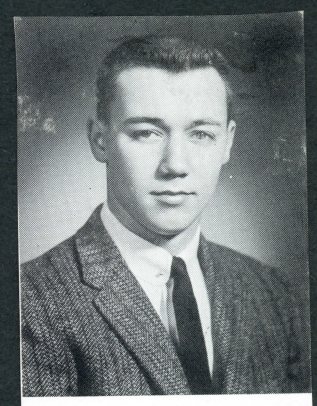

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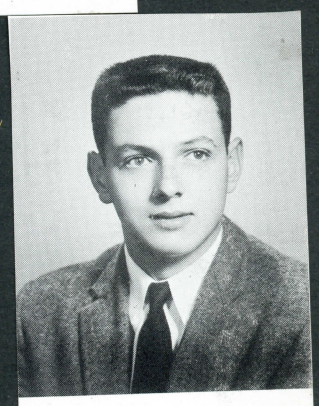

Clifford E. Kobland

Obadiah Gore Hall

Ansah Given Assistantship In Math at Michigan State

GORE HALL RESIDENT WILL TEACH, STUDY

by David Kline

Edward (Seth) Ansah, a mathematics major, has been notified of his acceptance to Michigan State University.

Ansah received a one-year Assistantship to the Mathematics Department of Michigan State University where he will work for his Masters Degree.

The Assistantship was given by the Mathematics Department of that school in recognition of his outstanding scholastic achievements at Wilkes. The appointment also requires that he teach mathematics subjects in addition to his regular studies in the mathematics field.

Now a resident of Gore Hall, Ansah was a resident of Weckesser Hall for two years until it became a girls' dormitory. He is a native of Ghana and will return there after he has completed his work for his Masters Degree.

Ansah is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre and has sung in their choir for the past three years.

At Wilkes, his activities have included the soccer team, the Lettermen's Club, and a member of Weckesser and Gore Halls. He works in the Wilkes College Library. He has also been placed on the Dean's List.

During the past summer, Ansah worked at the Mount Airy Lodge, Mount Pocono, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Mary Immaculata

to

Mr. Larry George Pugh

on Saturday, the seventh of February

Nineteen hundred and fifty-nine

at eleven o'clock in the morning

Muhlenberg Methodist Church

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'PLAYBOY' IS THEME OF GORE HALL PARTY

by Cliff Kobland

Last Saturday night Gore Hall held its first annual party with 40 people in attendance. The theme of the affair was "Playboy". The magazine supplied the hall with an abundance of free decorations such as streamers, cartoons, napkins, pin-ups, and different posters bringing about the theme.

The party, which was well received, lasted from about 8 p.m. to 12:30. The residents of Gore Hall served a buffet supper besides beverages. George Elliot, proctor of Gore, and Arthur Hoover attended along with Sam Weckesser Gore, the dorm's dog mascot.

Any group interested in using decorations for a similar theme of their party should contact Cliff Kobland in care of Gore Hall.

Murray to Head CCUN; Others Appointed to Posts

At recent elections, members of Wilkes Chapter of the Collegiate Council of the United Nations elected the following persons to office for the 1959-60 term:

President, Donald Murray; Vice-President, Hugh Gladstone; Treasurer, Gary DeHope; Secretary, Nancy Moldauer; Head of the Delegation, Evelyn Godleski.

Appointed to office by the president were Allen Luster and Roman Borek, who will serve as historian and parliamentarian, respectively.

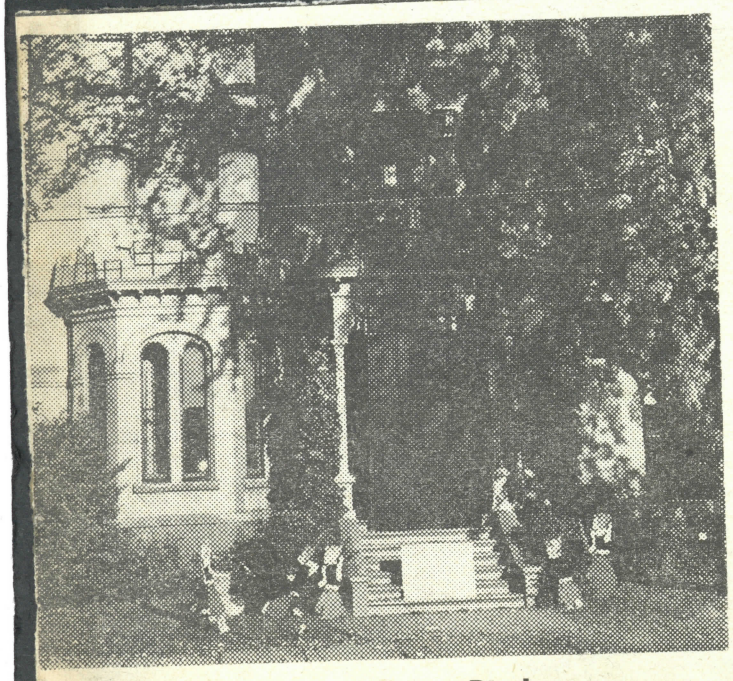
Gore Hall Defending

Gore Hall, winner of the display award for the past two years, is defending its creative genius this year. Having won the trophy twice in succession, the South Franklin Street men need only this year's accolades from the judges to retain permanent possession of the trophy.

The trophy was first given to the men when they resided in Weckesser Hall. Since they were evicted by coeds at the beginning of the 1957-58 year, they have two wins in decorating under two names.

The featured attraction at tonight's dance, "Salome", is pictured above as she emerges from the BEACON "Circular File" after lunch last Tuesday.

Assisting her are, left to right: Bob Amey, Dick Kniffen, and Walt Glogowski. "Salome" will be awarded to the lucky ticket holder at the Sophomore dance tonight.



Gore Hall's Winning Display

Gore Wins Again; Prizes Given by Grads, Lettermen

by Cynthia Hagley

The winners of the Homecoming events are finally out. The results have brought many smiles and sighs. As for the statistics, they run this way:

First prize for the Homecoming display went to Gore Hall for their production of "The Ursinus Massacre." Those who viewed this display had no doubt that the men of Gore would win.

Second prize in this section went to the Biology Club for their creation, "Bowl Them Over." A lot of hard work on the part of the members of the Biology Club went into this display.

Don Murray to Compete In Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest

by Jean Shofranko

Donald Murray, junior secondary education major, will represent Wilkes in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest which will be held October 8, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. This contest is sponsored annually by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania.

Besides receiving a monetary award, the winner of the state contest will be eligible to enter the national contest sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of America.

The title of Murray's speech is, "The Alcoholic and the American Conscience." It deals with the crime of throwing alcoholics in jail and emphasizes psychological help for such unfortunates.

Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray, Brooklyn, New York, is a resident of Gore Hall. His activities include membership in the debating society and the C.C.U.N. Last year Murray spoke to numerous local church and civic groups, headed the Wilkes delegation to the U.N. Model General Assembly, and represented Wilkes in the Pennsylvania State Oratorical Contest.

LOU DAVIS RUNS ROUGHSHOD TO GAIN 'ATHLETE' AWARD

Soccer Star Shines In Tilt Against Jays, Thwarts Many Threats

The soccer-fest with Elizabethtown last Saturday was the place to see Athlete of the Week Lou Davis in action. The Colonels, although edged out in a real squeaker, lived up to pre-season estimates of having a real powerhouse when they unleashed the pent-up furies exhibited by fullback Lou Davis.

Although the Wilkes booters did not rise to their full potentialities in the first half, they were kept in the game by the determination of this sturdy player who attempted almost single-handedly to stem the concerted attacks of the Blue Jays.

Lou's tremendous efforts weren't limited to the first half, where it was estimated that he halted at least eleven key goal tries by the opposition; he also formed the apex of the Wilkes wedge that smashed back in the second half.

Wilkes' own 'Lou the Toe' spearheaded the drives that culminated in goals by teammates Giordano and Havira. The loss of Carl Havira, All-Conference Honorable Mention last year, hurt the Colonels' chances in the second half, but 'the Toe' assumed Carl's responsibilities also with seemingly no extra effort.

Lou spent 17 months in France with the U.S. Army after graduating from William Penn Charter School in 1952. He lettered on the track team in high school and played baseball and basketball in the service.

He is a junior Commerce and Finance student and an active member of the Lettermen's Club and a native of New Hope, Pennsylvania.

CLASS OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

Junior Class

President: Mulhall
Vice-President: Mattey
Treasurer: Steck
Secretary: Miller
Stud. Gov.: Roberts, Salus, Washburn, Klein

Sophomore Class

President: G. Davis
Vice-President: James
Treasurer: Ford
Secretary: Gallia
Stud. Gov.: Davis, Armstrong, Menegus, Major

Freshman Class

President: Kishel
Vice-President: Toluba
Treasurer: Davis, Pepe (tie)
Secretary: Gatto
Stud. Gov.: Politis, Hosage, Butchko, Gould

Doane, Elliot Awards To Dormitory Students Are Instituted by IDC

Two awards will be presented to the outstanding male and female dorm student by the Inter-Dormitory Council.

These awards, first of their kind to be presented, have been named in honor of two people who have done much for the IDC and the college. The award for the male student has been named the George Elliot Award, because of Mr. Elliot's help as adviser to IDC since its founding, and the award for the female student is named in honor of the outstanding work of Mrs. Gertrude Doane, Dean of Women.

The students eligible are juniors, seniors, and second year terminal students. Participation in extra-curriculars and maintenance of a satisfactory academic average will be considered in the selection of award winners.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

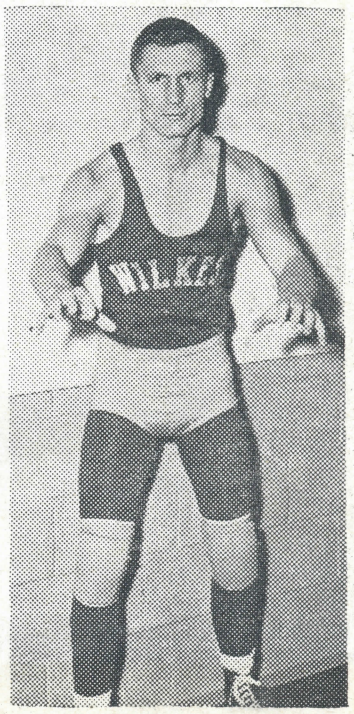
TOLUBA AIDS COLONELS' VICTORY; NOTCHES WIN AT CRUCIAL POINT

Powerful Frosh Stars, Records 3rd Pin Win; Has Won Five Straight

For the second time this season, Ted Toluba emerged with the "Athlete of the Week" award. Ted, the Colonels' scrappy 157-pound matman, continued his undefeated skein by pinning Don Steele, Lycoming's veteran wrestler, in 3:44.

The pin set Coach John Reese's charges on the path to victory after the Warriors had built up a 13-3 lead. The victory was number five for the freshman grappler who also registered his third pin of the season.

Although young in years, Ted is old in "wrestling know-how" as his



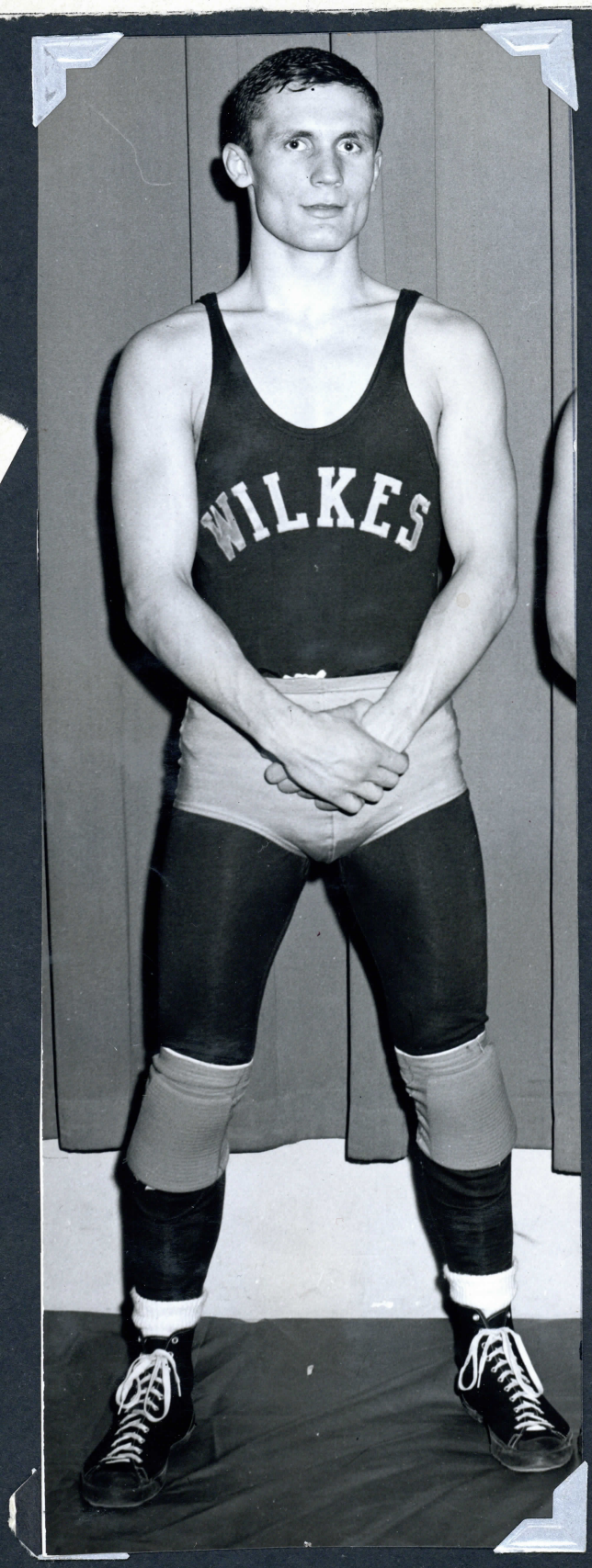
Ted Toluba

father has been coaching him since he was "knee-high." All this training proved itself when Ted got to the semi-finals of the Wilkes Open Wrestling Tourney before losing a close decision.

This result was significant to Colonel wrestling followers as Ted's great showing in his inter-collegiate tournament wrestling debut proved the middle weights of the Blue and Gold squad are in good hands for the next four years.

Ted is a graduate of Lehman-Jackson High School where he starred in football and wrestling. He remained undefeated in league meets while captaining the Lakers' wrestling squad to the Rural-Urban League title during his senior year. He also captured the District II 157-pound class championship and was runner-up in his class at the E.I.A.A. regional finals.

Now a resident of Gore Hall, the back mountain native is in his second semester at Wilkes, majoring in Secondary Education.



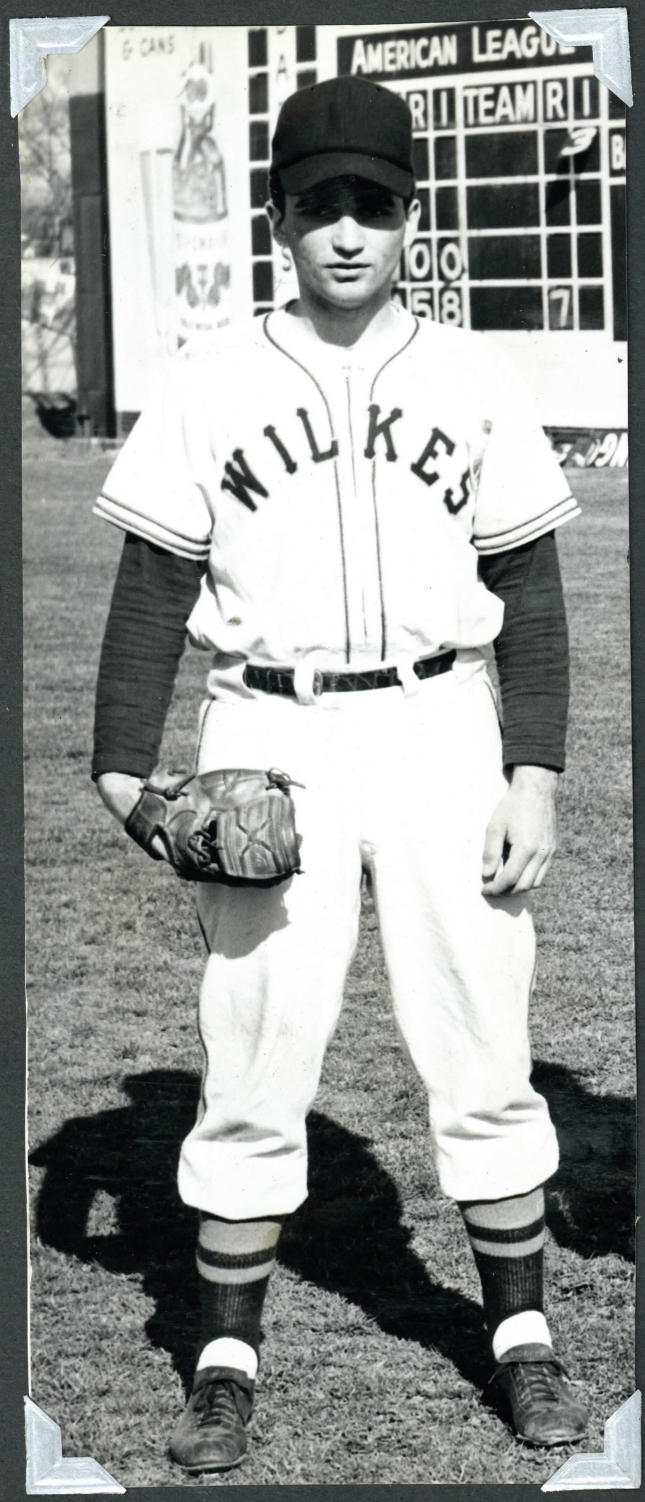
Ted Toluba Chalks Up Colonels' Only Fall; Meet CCNY This Friday

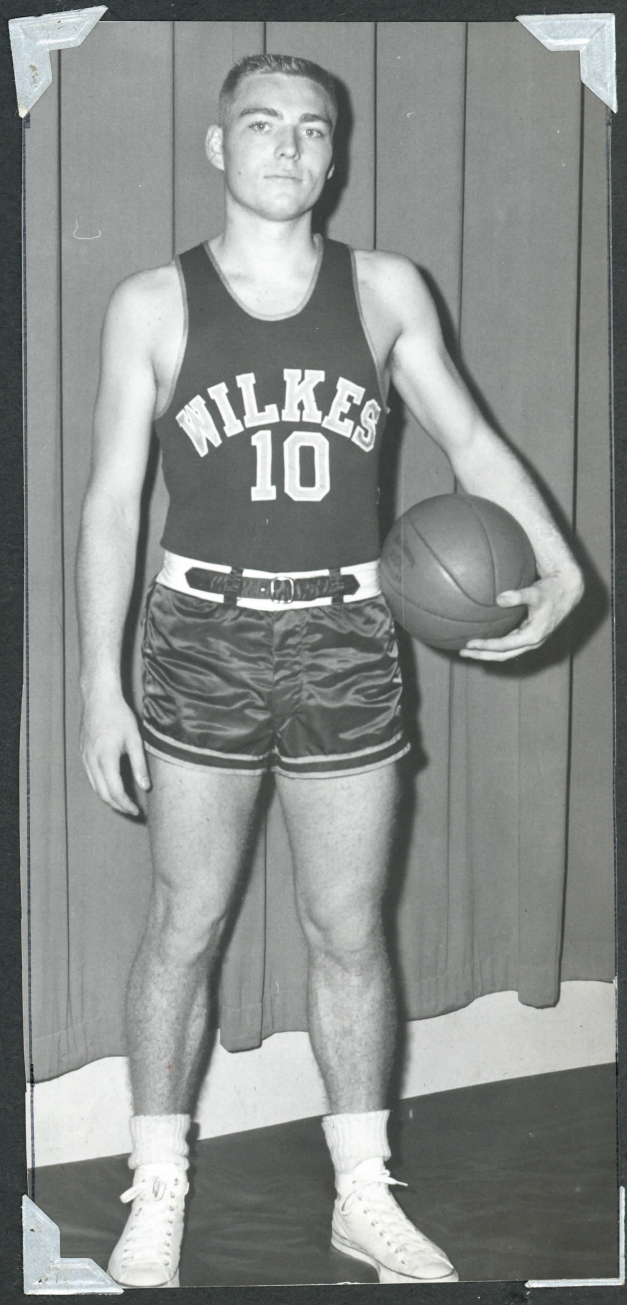
Toluba Chosen As Beacon Athlete; Freshman Matman Scores At Tourney

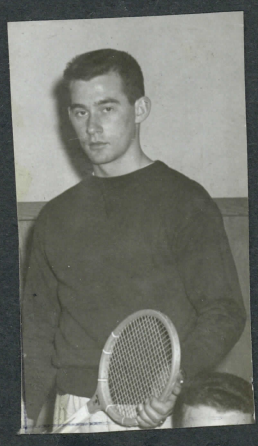
Wins in Hofstra Meet
To Earn Varsity Spot
In 157-Pound Class

Matmen Bring Home Third Title As Three Win Championships

Stauffer Secures Win; Antinnes and Toluba Also Earn Gold Medals

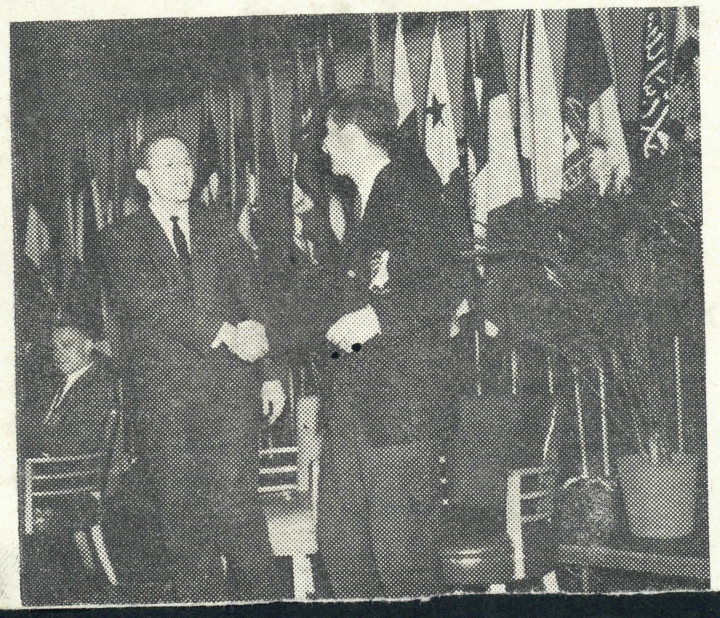
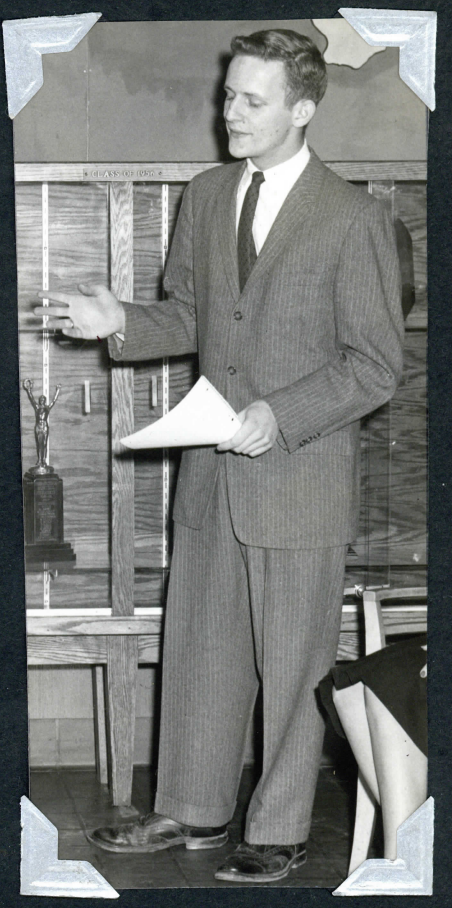






Paul Aquilino — Paul performed well during practice and impressed the Colonel coaching staff with his hustle and desire. A freshman, Paul comes from New York. His brother, John, played guard on squads of the early '50's.

DON MURRAY NEW PRESIDENT OF MODEL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

by Richard J. Myers

Donald Murray, junior political science major, was elected president at the final plenary session of last week's Model General Assembly. Elected to serve with Murray as vice-president was West Point Cadet Edwin Deagle. Murray succeeds Lance Lazzo, of C. W. Post College, as president.