

Wilkes, Bucknell Mark 50-Year Affiliation: Special Events Scheduled For Anniversary

by Sharon Mayernick

The 1982-83 academic year will mark a golden milestone in the history of Wilkes College. During the upcoming year, Wilkes College will note its 50th Anniversary as a private college. Wilkes College was originally founded by Bucknell University in 1933 as Bucknell University Junior College.

As a gesture of gratitude to the public and the Wilkes College community, year-long special events which will be open to the public free of charge have been scheduled by Carey Evans, Chairman of the 50-year Event, John Chwalek, Coordinator, and Alfred Groh, Director of Cultural Activities for Wilkes College.

Initiating the celebration on Friday, September 24, will be an Academic Convocation to be delivered by Robert S. Capin, President of Wilkes College, and George D. O'Brien, President of Bucknell University. A special letter of congratulations written by Homer P. Rainey, President of Bucknell University in 1933, will be read by Joseph Salsburg, a professor of mathematics and computer science at Wilkes.

Following the academic convocation will be a musical program presented by the Wilkes College Chorus, under the direction of Terrance Anderson, Wilkes College Music Department Chairman, and the Bucknell Chorus, under the direction of S. Jackson Hill, Bucknell University Music Department Chairman.

An Ecumenical Service is planned at the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre. Leading the service will be the local clergymen Rev. Jule Ayers, Rabbi Barras and Msgr. Madison.

On Saturday, September 25, Wilkes College will host the internationally heralded Fitzwilliam String Quartet, which has gained world-wide acclaim for its quintessential interpretation of the string quartets of Dmitri Shostakovich. The Quartet has merited recognition both for its recordings and for its unique live performances of the Quartet cycle in England and in North America. The performance will be held at 8 o'clock p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts.

The Sordoni Art Gallery, as part of the celebration, will feature the art works of 4 nationally acclaimed alumni of Wilkes College. The art of Mark Cohen, Jon Carsmen, Joe Stallone and Steve Poleskie will be displayed throughout the month of September at the Gallery. Special attention to Wilkes and Bucknell will be given

by the Sordoni Art Gallery throughout the celebration year. Special features will include "Stage Design," a joint display created by the Wilkes College Theatre Department in conjunction with the Bucknell Theatre Department; art exhibits of the Wilkes College Art faculty and Bucknell College Art faculty; and exhibits by alumni of both colleges.

Festivities for October will be highlighted by the dedication of the new residence hall, which, according to members of the administration, is a symbol of continued physical and academic

growth of Wilkes. The weekend of October 9 has been scheduled for the Homecoming Weekend, and will feature a Homecoming Parade.

Additional events to be held throughout the year include an expanded Concert and Lecture Series Program and day-long symposia in business, economics, health sciences, law, and ethics. A symposium in sociology will be given by Dr. Natzke, Wilkes' Sociology Dept. Chairman, on "The Myth of the Mafia." The economics symposium will discuss "Theory Z" and will be given by

Dr. Thomas Kelly, Chairman, Economics Dept., Wilkes College.

A number of other events are already well into the planning stages: The Rose Bowl of Wrestling, Lettermen's Ball and Kosciuszko Ball are slated for December; an invitational high school debate tournament and workshop will be held in January, 1983; an All-Sports Weekend will be held in April, 1983; an Anniversary Ball and Fine Arts Fiesta are planned for May, 1983.

Both Capin and Chwalek stated the anniversary provides an opportunity to convey gratitude to the

public, the Wilkes College faculty, administration, alumni and students and Bucknell University for helping Wilkes College realize its accomplishments. The celebration will also help the College to reaffirm its academic ties with Bucknell University.

Chwalek further stated the 50th Year Event committee is seeking active involvement of the Wilkes College community. Anyone wishing to assist or participate in any of the events is asked to call him at Ext. 330.

ROTC Announces New Scholarship Program

by Thomas Jordan

The Air Force ROTC has a new scholarship program, called the 'Hip Pocket' scholarship.

The scholarships are called 'hip pocket' because Colonel Burke, Commander of the detachment, is in charge of handing them out. With the other scholarships, it has to go before an Air Force board. Burke stated, "With this program I can give them (scholarships) to the person right away."

There are four scholarships to be given away: two three-year scholarships and two two-year scholarships. There are three requirements for the scholarships. A student must have a grade point average of 2.5, pass an Air Force officers test, and pass a physical

exam that the Air Force will pay for. Burke added, "If I can give out all four, I can go back and get more. And I would like to give out as many as I can at Wilkes."

Two of the scholarships, a two year and three-year scholarship, are designed for current Sophomore and Freshman electrical engineering major. The other two scholarships are for current freshman or sophomore technical majors, such as chemistry or physics. The people with a technical major will be sent to navigator school.

After being commissioned, an engineering major can go on to receive his Masters degree at the Air Force Institute of Technology

at Wright/Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. According to Burke, "Over the past couple of years a few of our cadets have gone to the Institute of Technology. In fact, one cadet is waiting for word now. And I think he'll be accepted."

Burke feels that "this is one of the best things that can happen for the Air Force." He also hopes that this program will increase the number of cadets in the ROTC. This provides a different opportunity for some people to finance their own education. The scholarship includes everything except room and board. Also, students do not have to worry about the cost of college going up because the Air Force will pay for

it. "Financing your own education can be very rewarding for an individual," according to Burke. Burke used a four-year scholarship to pay for college himself. This is a positive alternative for people who want to finance their own education.

The 'hip pocket' scholarship program is brand new. Colonel Burke received the letter explaining the program just two weeks ago. Burke restated, "The sooner I can get people qualified, the sooner I can get more scholarships. And I'd like to give out as many as I can."

Anyone interested in the 'hip pocket' scholarship program should talk to Colonel Burke or Major Fox at the ROTC building.

'Kinney's Kids' Win 12 Trophies

Speakers Compete In Tournament

Another milestone was set this past week when the Wilkes College Public Speaking unit participated in the second Henry Rutgers Speech Tournament, sponsored by Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N.J. At this tournament, which drew fifteen colleges and universities, the Wilkes Public Speakers won 12 trophies for the College.

Each speaker on the team won at least one trophy. This was the first time that every member of the team was victorious.

Dr. Bradford L. Kinney, Coach and Director of the Communication Team, sent into competition six students, three freshman and three upper classmen to the two-day competition. Freshman Donna O'Toole won a fifth-place finalists award in Impromptu Speaking and a first-place award in Informative Speaking. Annette Winski, another freshman, making

only her second appearance as an intercollegiate public speaker, secured a fourth-place award in the complicated Persuasive Discourse competition.

The last novice speaker was freshman James Lehet, who won two trophies. His first was in Improvisational Pairs (a dramatic interpretation event) where he and his partner won a fifth-place finalist award. His second was a fifth place trophy in Communication Analysis, or Rhetorical Criticism.

Senior Debate Captain Fred Deets also placed in the Rhetorical Communication competition with a strong third-place finish. Darrell Lewis won his first trophy in his collegiate career in the Impromptu Sales Division. Darlene Schaffer also showed her speaking skills by winning a third-place trophy in After-Dinner Speaking, a fourth-

place victory in Rhetorical Communication Analysis and a fourth-place win in Improvisational Pairs of Dramatic Interpretation of Drama. In addition the members of "Kinney's Kids" were awarded the third-place overall team award. For the second time in less than a month Wilkes was awarded the Spirit Award.

The Rutgers Univ. Spirit Award called the "Scarlet Herring" trophy was given to the Wilkes team at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Previously at the York College Tournament Wilkes was recognized as the number one spirited team.

With the conclusion of this tournament Wilkes has now qualified more than eleven students for membership in the National Honorary Forensic Society — Pi Kappa Delta. Membership in this National Society is

available only after participation in Intercollegiate Forensics/Debate competition. Wilkes is one of the most active chapters in this organization.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 12 p.m. in SLC 101 for the Freshmen and Sophomore classes concerning the Dinner Dance. All interested students are encouraged to attend. The Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 3 at the Woodlands with music by Original Museum. Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 22 at \$15 a couple.

Women Engineers, Circle K, And E&E S Club Submit Requests To Student Government

Fund requests highlighted the SG meeting Monday night. Sue Montgomery, President of the Society of Women Engineers, gave the first reading for a \$179 fund request for five members of the society to attend a conference at M.I.T. At this conference, seniors will be able to meet with and interview representatives of companies who may be prospective employers.

Circle K Club President Martha Sherman gave the second reading for a fund request for \$175. The funding will enable several members of the club to attend a conference. The request was passed almost unanimously.

Also under fund requests, Joann Magers of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Club requested \$175 for members to attend the New England Environmental

Conference later this month. The second reading of this request will be given next week, when it will be voted on.

Newly-elected student government representatives were introduced. Stacy Keely, Dan Talenti, and Terry Shemo, newly-elected reps, will join Elaine Kerchusky, Keith Sands and Joann Magers as representatives for the class of 1983.

Melissa Monahan, Debbie Vogt, Cindy Bonham and Ralph Pringle were re-elected as reps for the class of 1984, while Dave and Don Talenti were newly-elected to their position on SG.

Ellen McDermott, Karen Anderson, Cherie Burke, Shelly Urban and Bill Butchcavitz will again serve as reps for the class of 1985, and Alan Melusen is the newly-elected rep from that class.

All members of SG, including those reps serving for the 1981-82 year, and those who were recently elected for the 1982-83 school year are required to attend SG meetings on Monday nights.

Also under election and nomination news, Ralph Pringle reminded reps that nominations for all class officers would be held on Thursday, March 18 at noon. It was also noted that nominations for SG president would take place on March 29. Anyone who has served as an elected rep to SG for one full year may run for the office of president.

The Winter Weekend Committee reported that the weekend went over very well. Chris Fellin pointed out that the participation and help of all the SG reps was greatly appreciated.

Under new business, SG President Ana Nunez discussed the cuts in the leadership scholarships that have recently been proposed by the administration. President

Capin originally stated that the leadership scholarships of the presidents of SG, CC and IRHC, who now receive a full scholarship each, would be cut by one half next year, and would be entirely phased out by the 1983-84 school year.

However, the student leaders have made a counter-proposal, that the scholarships be cut by one quarter for the next three years.

NOTICE

Friday, March 19, is the final day that Wilkes College senior art major Noreen Seward will be exhibiting her works at the Conyngham Art Gallery, South River Street, on the Wilkes campus. The exhibit, open to the public free of charge, will consist of watercolors, ceramics, and sculpture.

Ms. Seward, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Seward of Pittston, has distinguished herself academically by maintaining Dean's List status while at Wilkes. She is listed in "Who's Who in Foreign Languages," and in "The National Honor Society."

Snow Bunnies Thank Sponsors Of Ski Trips

To The Editor:

We would like, at this time, to express our thanks to the following six organizations who sponsored a bus for the Elk Mountain ski trips that were offered during the past two months. The trips were enjoyed by all who participated.

We say "thank you" to: The Housing Office, the Junior and Senior class, IRHC, CC, SG, and the Student Center Board. We would like to extend special thanks

to Jay Tucker (Uncle Jay), for without him these trips would not have been possible.

From the experts, to novices, to all you beginner bunnies, the Pocono Snow bunny looks forward to seeing you all again on the slopes next year!

Thanks again,
Love,
The Pocono Snow Bunny and
The Spanish Snow Bunny

Commuter Council Delays Road Rally

by John Finn

The Commuter Council Road Rally, scheduled for this Saturday, March 20, has been postponed until Sunday, April 4, according to Bev Rothery, Special Events Committee Chairperson. Rothery said that all other details concerning the event will remain unchanged. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to first, second, and third, place finishers respectively. There is a \$5 registration fee for all cars. Following the rally, the Council is planning a party in the Student Center for participants and those who helped organize and conduct the event.

Rothery also announced at Monday evening's Council meeting that the Roller skating party planned for Tuesday, March 16, was tentatively rescheduled for April 1.

The possibility of a new on-campus parking lot is being investigated by Thor Foss, the Chairman of the Parking Committee. The lot is located on the corner of River and Ross Streets and according to Foss was donated to the college by Annette Evans, although a section belongs to the city of Wilkes-Barre. He said the total capacity would be approximately

25 cars.

Since the Council's decision two weeks ago not to pursue construction of the multi-level, multi-million dollar parking lot project, several alternative proposals have been made for alleviating commuter parking problems.

The proposal now being given most consideration would establish a semester fee for commuters parking on campus, and the funds raised would be used to subsidize low-cost off-campus parking. Joe Knox, CC President, said Monday night that a \$20 per semester fee "might be the most favorable" amount to charge.

Thor Foss proposed a higher fee. He told the Council that even a charge of \$40.00 per semester would be substantially cheaper than the lowest cost of off-campus parking for an equivalent period of time. The fees, if approved, would not be charged until next semester.

Two nominations of candidates for next year's Commuter Council Presidency were approved unanimously by representatives Monday. Mary Ellen Judge will campaign against Ed Stachowiak for the leadership of the 1982-83 Council.

NOTICE

The courses will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each Saturday morning. Hopefully, Kaska noted, this will make it easier for part-time students and people within the community to attend. This is the first time the Department of Language and Literature has offered weekend courses.

The courses being offered are English 101, Composition, English 151, (World Literature), and English 325, Shakespeare.

The Wilkes College Department of Language and Literature will be offering several courses on Saturday mornings next fall to allow for more flexibility in course scheduling.

According to Department Head Dr. Thomas Kaska, the plan is geared for the non-traditional student, but the courses will be offered to full-time students on a limited basis.

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Welcome to the World



Class President, Bruce Williams, Discusses Senior Week Activities & Graduation Plans

by Lisa Cobb

senioritis is an emotional and psychological disorder common to members of a graduating class, occurring during their last semester and marked by impulsive, zany actions, desire for wild activity, a touch of nostalgia, uncontrollable daydreaming, and procrastination.

Now that spring break is over and the members of the graduating class find themselves in the "home stretch" headed toward that big day, a wave of senioritis is sweeping through the Class of '82.

With all the familiar symptoms of senioritis a constant part of their daily existence, seniors are becoming more and more curious about what is going to be happening to them and for them for the rest of the semester. They are especially curious about that last week known as "Senior Week." One man has all the answers to these questions, and that man is senior class president Bruce Williams.

Williams has been busy working with the administration to plan the activities for Senior Week and also to plan Graduation. He commented that many of his efforts are centered on creating a lot of events that won't cost anything during Senior Week so that all seniors can participate. The week will be used, of course, as it has been traditionally, for Graduation practice.

Other traditions will be observed throughout the week. These traditions include the annual Presi-

dent's Dinner, Senior Class Picnic, and Senior Class Party. Williams revealed some of the plans for these events. He explained that no events are planned for the weekend before Senior Week because that is a very chaotic weekend. Underclassmen are moving out of the dorms, seniors are moving around in the dorms, and parents often come to visit during that weekend.

The Senior Party will take place early in the week, probably Monday or Tuesday night, at Mickey Finn's. Members of the class are invited out for an evening of fun and celebration.

The President's Dinner honoring the Class of '82 will be held on Wednesday night. The location is still being negotiated. On Friday of that week will be the last event that the Class of '82 will share together before Graduation: the Senior Picnic. This traditional day of fun and games is held annually at Farley's Farm which is located in Beaumont, ten minutes north of Dallas toward Tunkhannock. There will be plenty of food and beverages as well as activities such as volleyball and frisbee games.

Williams mentioned that there is a possibility that the Wilkes Jazz Band will entertain the class during this day. Saturday is free of any planned activities so that all graduates can accomplish whatever they need to get done and prepare for the following day.

Sunday, May 23, 1982, the Wilkes College Class of 1982 will graduate. This will mark the thirty-fifth annual commencement. There are approximately 380 members of the Class of '82. There will be approximately 400 graduates including those receiving Masters Degrees. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and will last about 2½ hours. The pressure to make the ceremony shorter was resisted by Williams because he felt that everyone deserves to walk across the stage to receive his diploma. The commencement is

planned for Ralston Field, but in the case of inclement weather it will take place in the Kingston Armory.

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, the President of Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., has been chosen to speak at commencement. The Class speaker, a representative of the class, and the Faculty Speaker, a representative of the faculty, have not been selected yet.

The selection of the Class Speaker is done through a process where by members of the class are nominated through a letter of recommendation sent to Williams. All the nominations will be considered by a committee very carefully. The Faculty Speaker is also selected through nominations.

The class will be seated according to major for graduation. Those receiving honors for a Bachelor of Arts will be first followed by all others receiving a Bachelor of Arts and then those receiving honors for a Bachelor of Science followed by all others receiving the degree.

A very important meeting for the Class of '82 will be held on March 25. All questions will be answered during this meeting and it is very important that members of the class are present to receive information that will be given at that time.

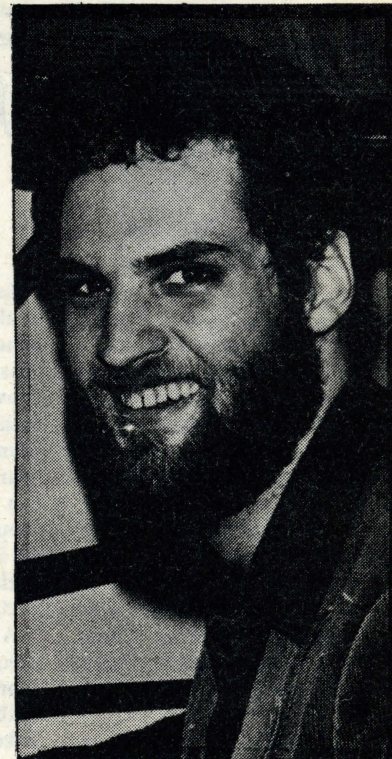
Williams said that he ran for the office of president of the class not because he wanted to build up a resume but because he wanted to be involved with the class. He had planned to run for vice-president assuming that the then-vice-president would run for the presidency. When his assumption proved false, Williams decided to run for the vacated presidency.

He commented that the job is not as hard as he made it for himself. He gave himself extra work because he wanted everything to work for the best. He noted that there is a great deal of difference between the duties of

the junior class president and the senior class president. Williams said that as senior class president he had much more responsibility than he had had the year before.

He had to make important decisions in which he had to remind himself to put aside his personal feelings. He commented that the presidency is an exhausting job but he has no regrets that he assumed the responsibility. He enjoyed everything, especially the contact he had with so many students and the number of good friends he made.

He mentioned that he does plan to run for the Permanent Class President because now that he has worked so hard for the class, he wants to continue to work for the Class of '82. "I'm excited about graduation, but I want to hang on," he admitted. "There's too much I want to do yet. I want to spend time with as many people as often as possible." But even with all the responsibility he has now as Graduation approaches, the class president has senioritis.



Ticker Tape

The Manuscript Society will present the film, *The Big Sleep*, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 19 in Room 1 of Stark Learning Center. Admission is free.

The big band sound of Tommy Dorsey will be offered to the public by the Irem Temple of Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m.

There will be a special service in honor of Martin Luther King on Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. in the CPA.

An evening of good food, fine wine, and a sampling of award-winning playwright J. R. R. Schneider's original material will be offered on Tuesday, March 23. The affair will be held at the Dresden Restaurant, 269 S. Washington St. in Wilkes-Barre. For more information concerning this event, call 822-7616.

The 12th Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Sports Boat, Camping and Outdoor Show will be held on March 24-28 at the Armory in Kingston. The show will be open on weekdays, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, 12-10 p.m.; Sunday, 12-6 p.m.

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from the bench by Ellen Van Riper

Back on March 3 there was a challenge met at the gym at 6 p.m. The field hockey team had challenged the volleyball team to a game of basketball. The bragging rights to athletic superiority were at stake. The game was competitive, yet fun, as everybody had a good time. The volleyball team ended up on top at the end of four grueling eight-minute quarters 40-24. However, the final score is irrelevant, for in reality both Lady Colonel squads had won. Their victory was the mere fact that they had played the game in the first place.

The Letterwomen's Club is a self-sufficient organization. The majority of the Club's revenue is earned by the athletes. By operating the concession stand during home football games, selling raffle tickets, and selling boosters, the women collect a tidy sum of money. These funds are then used to help sponsor the Letterwomen's Basketball Tourney, to help to partially finance the teams, and to set up the Letterwomen's Club scholarship. All in all the organization is very worthwhile.

The Club is, however, self-sufficient in another area as well. Unfortunately, there is both a pro and a con to this situation. The Letterwomen are the most unified of all of the clubs on this campus, and this fact is finely illustrated by the mutual support which all of the athletes provide for one another. Game attendance and games such as the one played recently at the gym are exemplary of such support. This is admirable, but the fact that hardly anybody else supports the teams dampens the spirit a bit.

Each home contest during each of the three seasons presents the same faces practically all of the time. After a while the fans get to know one another on a personal basis. There are always close friends, family members, and, of course, fellow female athletes who can be counted on to give some support. Every Lady Colonel joins me in thanking each and every one of these devoted fans for their support, but sadly it is not enough.

A lack of fans is not a problem unique to women's athletics. The shortage of vocal support plagues both men's and women's teams alike. However, the men do get a significantly larger number of fans at each event, for male sports are obviously more popular. Regardless, the situation is an extremely sad one, and I personally am sick of beating my head against the wall in futility.

As if a lack of fan support were not bad enough, the Lady Colonels have to constantly put up with people questioning their credibility. Sometimes it seems as if nobody takes them seriously as athletes. However, nobody can be convinced to the contrary if they do not see the action for themselves. Yes, action, for the Lady Colonels are athletes in every sense of the word. They are competitive, they hustle, and they fight with determination in each contest. They admittedly do lose their fair share of games, but then again nobody is perfect. If they were, there would be no reason to compete at all. When life is devoid of a challenge, it becomes boring. Even in a losing effort, the Lady Colonels never lose their spirit, and more importantly they never lose

their unity.

The successes which the team have had so far this year and some fine individual performances are among the best-kept secrets on this campus. How many people know or even care that the volleyball team had the winningest record during the fall or that both the spikers and the field hockey team made the MAC playoffs? How many know or can comprehend the achievements of the basketball team? Sure, they lost, but they never let go of that competitive spirit.

Individually, Diane Hall and Helen Gorgas from the hockey team, and Cathy Dudick from the volleyball team were honored as first team All-MAC selections. There were many other fine individual performers, and it is a shame that so few know about them. Every female athlete on this campus should be commended for competing in such obscurity. Granted competition is rooted in a love for the game, but that love can carry one only so far.

All of this brings us back to THE GAME which was played at the gym. The idea was a novel one, but it is popular among the athletes. Proof of this is the fact that this "Challenge Series" will continue tonight when the field hockey team meets the basketball team in a game of volleyball. Only unity such as that displayed by the Letterwomen could manifest itself in competitive, yet fun, games like these. On paper the cagers look like an easy winner due to an obvious height advantage, but there is one thing for sure, one never knows about those Lady Colonel teams.

Nelson Places Eighth In National Tourney

by Mark James

For the first time since 1969, Wilkes College has a wrestling All-American.

In the NCAA tournament held at Iowa State last week, Lenny Nelson defeated Eastern Champion Bill Sweezy of William & Mary to place eighth in the nation in the 142 pound class.

Mark Popple just missed All American honors at 150 after losing to Missouri's Wes Roper by a slim 2-1 margin. Kris Rowlette was eliminated from the competition after losing in his first bout to Tim Schultz of Northern Michigan in the 118 pound class.

In the EIWA tournament, Nelson had lost the championship to Sweezy by a 5-2 score. In the national tournament, he avenged that loss by pinning his opponent in 1:26.

In earlier competition, Nelson defeated ACC champ Buddy Kerr of Virginia 4-1 in his first bout. Next, he defeated 6th seeded Mick Langlier of North Dakota 8-2. Langlier had a 40-4 overall record.

After defeating Langlier, Nelson went up against third seeded Johnny Selmon of Nebraska. He had been defeated by Selmon earlier this year and the same held true in the national competition. Selmon dominated the bout, 23-5. Nelson came back after this match to defeat Sweezy.

In his final confrontation,

Nelson lost to Randy Conrad of Iowa State, 6-2. "Lenny wrestled very well," coach Reese said. "He went up against some very outstanding competition."

Mark Popple scored one of the three fastest victories in the tournament when he pinned Rick Rindfuss of Kentucky in 55 seconds in his opening bout.

The win was Popple's 28th of the year, which ties a school record for overall victories in a season. Popple also holds the records for most dual decisions and most dual meet victories.

In his second bout, Popple was pinned by Roger Frisell of Oklahoma State in 4:30. Afterward he lost to Roper, who was the champion at 158 one year ago in the Wilkes Open. "Mark Popple had a very difficult draw," Reese explained.

Kris Rowlette was ahead in the first period against Schultz, Reese noted, but "he got caught on two throws and that was the end of the match."

"The biggest thing that comes out of it is getting there and competing. Just getting there is quite an achievement," Reese said. "They came out of it with the attitude that they're going to work very hard to get there next year."

If this season is any indication, the future picture looks bright. Nelson, Popple, and Rowlette are all juniors.

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