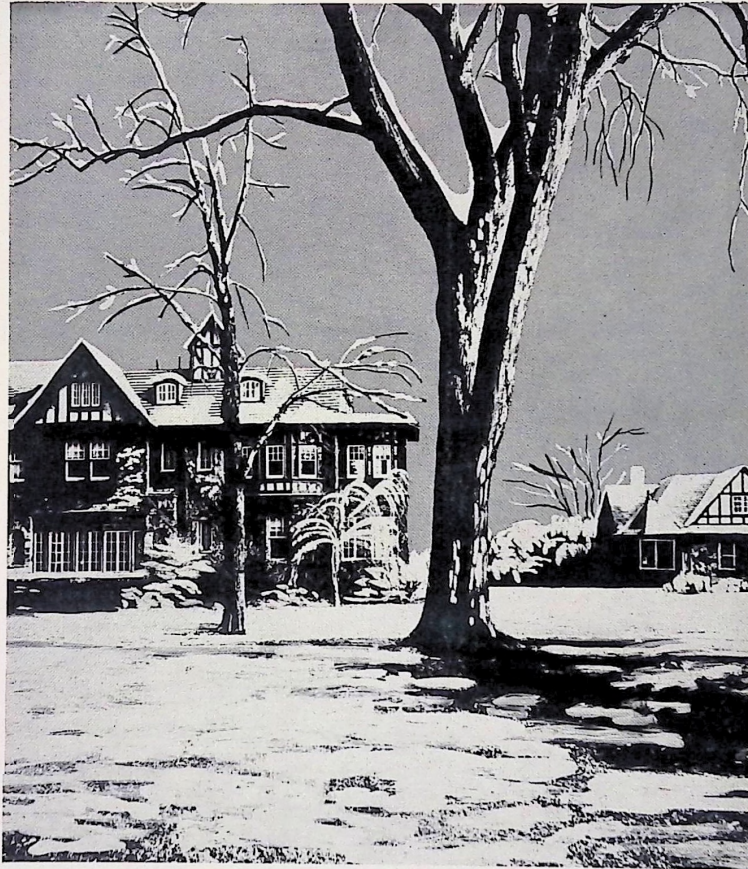


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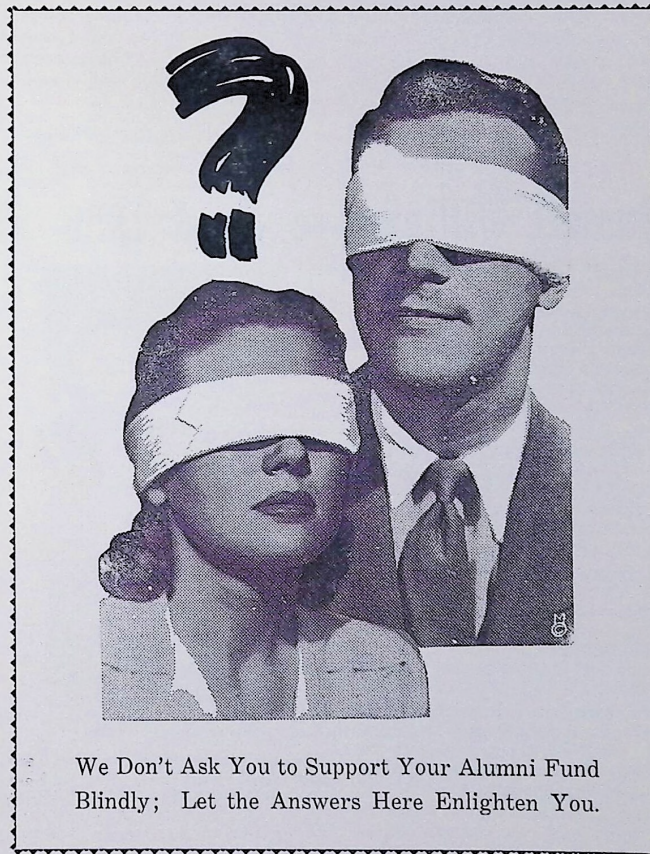
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Our Alumni Fund, Explained

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established well enough to give large amounts. Just remember, the amount that you give is important but even more important now is the fact that you do give.

The objectives of the fund are of course additional funds for the college to use for development and 100% participation from its members. The first is self-explanatory, the second is of the utmost importance to the future of the college. Although we are a young college and our graduates only number 2,000 since 1935, we are in a position now to establish a good foundation upon which a stronger college, alumni fund and alumni association can be built for the future. Although we can be only "seed money" now, in the future we will have enough graduates to play a more important role in the growth of the college. Now is the time to set

the precedents for future graduates to follow.

The mechanics of the fund are broken down into steps. First, there is the General Chairman who oversees the entire fund and is the driving force behind it. The second in the chain of command is the class chairman of which we now have need of twenty, one for each year, from 1935 to 1955. The third and most important to the success of the fund is the class manager. It is the goal of the fund to have one class manager for each ten members of his or her class. Each class manager will contact his or her ten assigned classmates. This means that in a class that graduated 200 people, there would be twenty class managers — each to contact ten of their classmates with materials supplied by this office.

It is a simple process yet without



Your Dollars Act as "Seed Money" — "It's not how much you give, but the fact that you DO give!"

your support and aid it will fail. I hope that if you are called upon to help you will give your fullest cooperation. Any volunteers???

Russell Williams to Head 1956 Alumni Fund Drive

Russell H. Williams, Jr., R.D. 3, Dallas, Pa., a member of the class of '50, has been named general chairman of the Wilkes College Alumni Association's 25th Anniversary Fund Raising Drive, it was announced this week by Russ Picton, executive secretary of the association.

Williams, a person who has been keenly interested in Wilkes since he graduated and who has been active in alumni activities, is a member of the staff of the Gutendorf Advertising Agency, Wilkes-Barre.

A native of Kingston, Russ received an A.B. degree in English from Wilkes, having entered the school when it was yet Bucknell University Junior College in August of 1946. He completed studies in February of 1950.

He was awarded the L. J. Van Laeys Journalism Award at graduation that year, the first time it was awarded by the editorial staff of the Wilkes-Barre Record.

Russ is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and also attended Kings-ton High School. An army veteran,



Russell H. Williams, Jr.

the new alumni fund chairman served nearly four years, having been discharged in 1946 less than a month before he entered Wilkes.

Russ is married to the former Peg-

gy Davies of Wilkes-Barre. They have two children, both boys, five and seven years of age.

New, Reactivated Chapters Planned

Plans for the reactivation of former Alumni regional chapter organizations and the beginning of several others are underway.

Key figures in each potential chapter area will soon be contacted, if they have not been contacted already, to lay the groundwork for organization of the various groups.

Tentative plans call for new chapters in Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Del., and the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area. Slated to be reactivated are those formerly existing in New Jersey and Philadelphia. Two chapters still active are in Wilkes-Barre and the Binghamton, N.Y., area.

Persons in any other area desiring to get a chapter started are urged to contact the Alumni Office. Alumni officials plan extensive visits in the reorganization program.

NEW LEADERS FOR '56

Honeywell Named President 3rd Time

Officers Ask Alumni Support In New Year Ahead

Donald Honeywell, Class of '49, was elected unopposed as president of the Wilkes College Alumni Association in the balloting which closed recently.

Other members of the official staff of the association who were elected for 1956 include: Atty. Gifford Cappellini, '37, vice-president; Arthur Hoover, '55, secretary; and Dr. Shadrach H. Jones, '52, treasurer.

Official announcement of the election results was made at the association's annual Christmas dance at Irem Temple Country Club on December 23.

Honeywell, manager of Deemer's Stationery Company, in Wilkes-Barre, has long been an active member of the alumni. He took over the reins of the Wilkes alumni group early in 1955, subbing for Bill Leutz-el, whose work made it necessary for him to leave the Greater Wilkes-Barre area.

All other officers in the direct line of succession had either left the area or could not accept the presidency, so alumni officials asked Honeywell to accept the job.

Ironically, Leutz-el had taken over from Honeywell in 1951, when the latter was president for the first time, when Don had to leave for the service.

Thus this is Don's third term as president and he has proven a go-getter as well as the type of person you would want heading your alumni association.

Cappellini is a worthy right hand for the incumbent president, for as vice-president, his willingness to work for the association will be a tremendous aid to Honeywell — as well as to the entire alumni.

A practicing attorney in Wilkes-Barre, Cappellini was chairman of the 1955 Homecoming, adjudged the best and most successful in the college's history. Much of the credit for the success must go to Gifford for his splendid organization and actual work.

Arthur Hoover, one of the two outstanding graduates of the class of 1955, brings the youth movement into the official family for the first time in many years. He is one of the first persons ever elected to an alumni post the year after graduating



YOUR NEW LEADERS—Newly elected officers of the Wilkes College Alumni Association are shown at their first meeting in the Alumni Office, Chase Hall, recently, with Executive Alumni Secretary Russ Picton. Seated, left to right: Dr. Shadrach H. Jones, treasurer; Donald L. Honeywell, president; and Atty. Gifford S. Cappellini, vice-president. Standing: Russ Picton and Arthur J. Hoover, secretary. The group later met with Wilkes President Dr. Eugene S. Farley to discuss plans for the coming year.

(herein lies the statement about youth, without the insinuations that our grads are necessarily old).

Art, now a member of the faculty of the secretarial studies department at Wilkes, is exceptionally well qualified to be secretary of the association, not only from his college training, but also from his sincere interest in the college. He was named permanent president of the class of '55 last June.

Dr. Shad Jones, another who has long been deep in the middle of alumni affairs, is the new treasurer. If Shad's obvious interest holds in the job and we can get a little of that which usually goes into a treasury, then his choice as custodian of funds has been a good one.

Statistically, the election results show that the largest number of votes ever polled was recorded this year. Over fourteen hundred votes were totaled by the three tellers appointed by this office. The figure is actually slightly larger due to some votes coming to the office too late to be counted. The voting period was thirty days as prescribed by the con-

stitution.

Recently the newly elected officers and the Alumni Secretary met with President Farley to study ways and

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One Down, 1,999 to Go; 'George' Gets Some Aid

We thought that you'd enjoy reading the answer from one alumna in answer to President Don Honeywell's open letter titled, "Don't Let George Do It!"

We at the college thought that the first response to the open letter was "fabulous." It came from Mrs. Norman Pearse (nee Miss Lois Devendorf, '36), Levittown, N.Y.

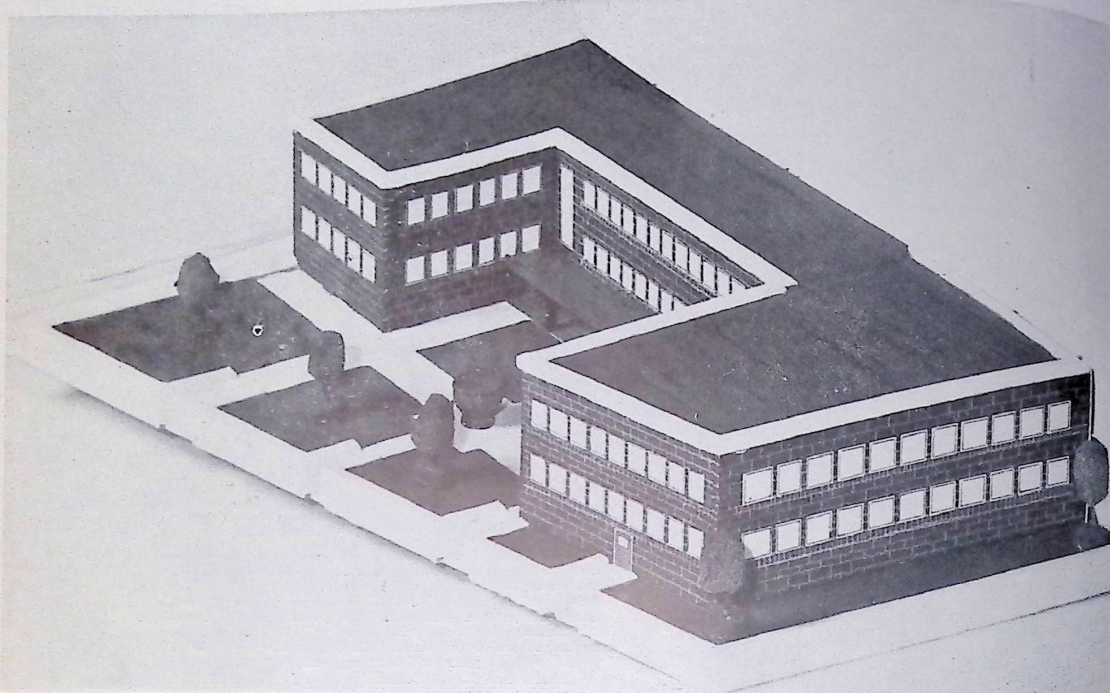
The note read:

"I'm a guilty one — I've been letting George not do it, too."

Mrs. Norman Pearse

Editor's note: Check enclosed . . . Amen.

The Next Three Years:



Conception of the proposed Science Building, high on list of future planning

College Embarks on 25th Anniversary Development Program

In three years, 1958, we will celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary as a college. The first fourteen years we were a junior college and during those years became firmly established in the community. The cornerstone for a future four-year institution was firmly laid. With our charter in 1947 came immediate accreditation by the Middle States Accrediting Association, one of the few colleges ever to receive immediate accreditation upon opening its doors as a four-year institution. This was the result of the fine reputation recorded by the junior college which also received immediate accreditation in 1933.

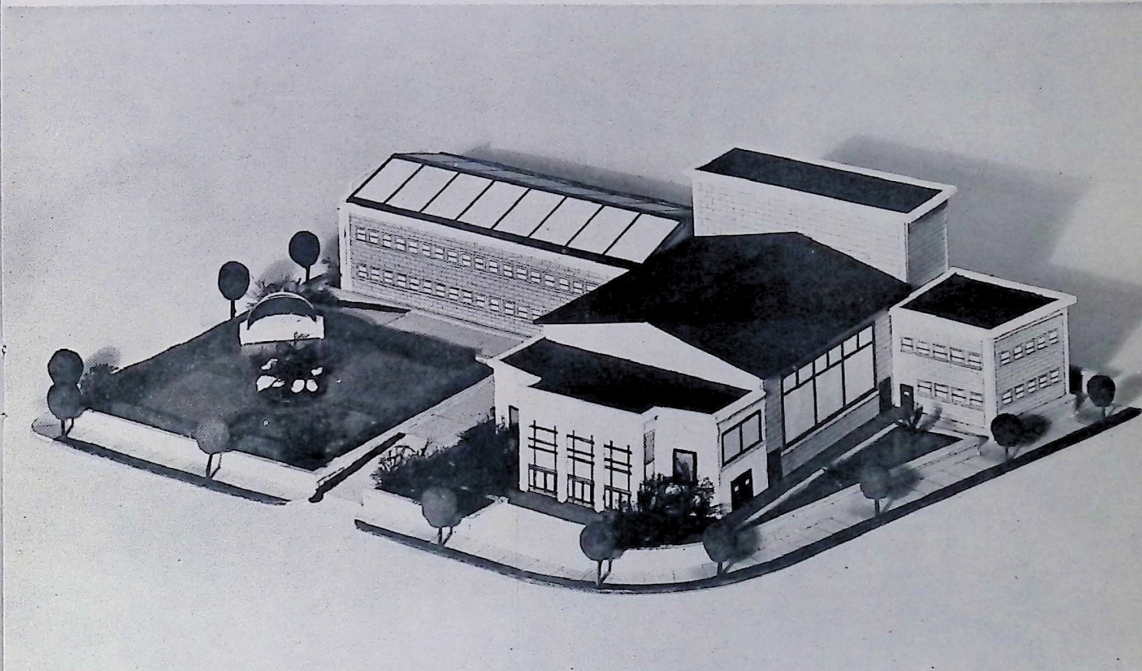
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From this point on Wilkes College has risen steadily. Returning servicemen and the youth of the area in search of a good education thronged to the college. Great strides in development were undertaken to meet the onslaught but never once did the college lose sight of its purpose and the standards remained high. Only one of every three applicants has been able to meet the qualifications.

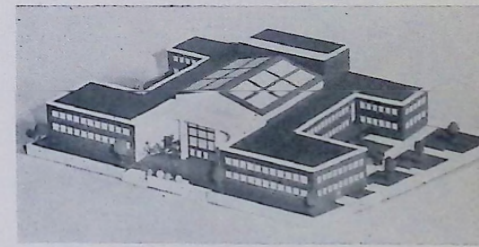
Now the tide of enrollment is again increasing. In 1950 there were 2,439,910 students enrolled in college; by 1960 this will increase to 3,600,000 and by 1970, 4,500,000. Wilkes College has already begun

to feel the pressure. Witness the additional dormitories and other buildings that we have purchased recently, as well as the newly expanded cafeteria.

The college enrollment is now 850 day students and 750 night students. The maximum enrollment planned by the college is 1,200 students both day and night. Our facilities now will not permit us to grow any larger. In fact we have been set back recently by that very fact. A special committee from the Middle States Accrediting Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools recently visited us upon our request for accreditation to provide the opportunity



Two conceptions (above, right) of Arts Building



for teachers to take a year's post graduate work and obtain a master's degree in education. The committee expressed satisfaction with the high quality of Wilkes' educational service, but advised against authorizing the graduate course on the grounds that the college is already "doing too much with too little" and that we should first enlarge our plant, faculty and endowment before expanding our program.

The result is a development program which has been decided upon by the Board of Trustees — a large portion of which it is the desire of the board to see completed in time for the twenty-fifth anniversary in 1958.

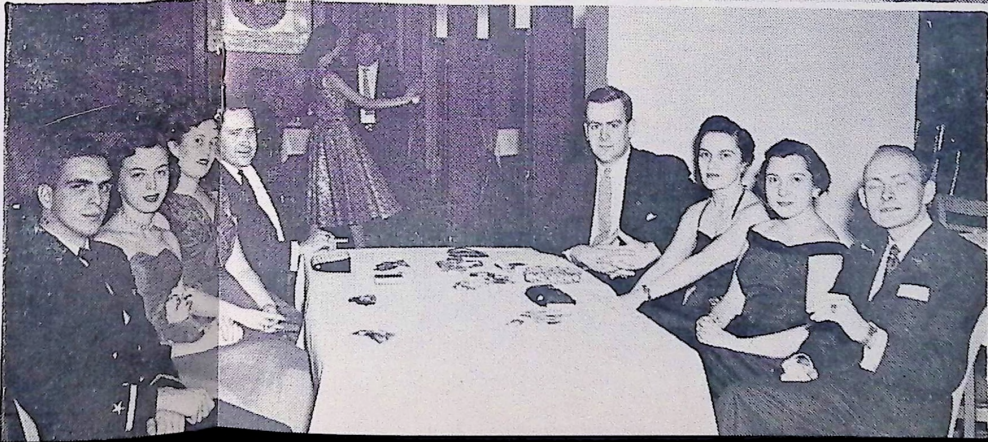
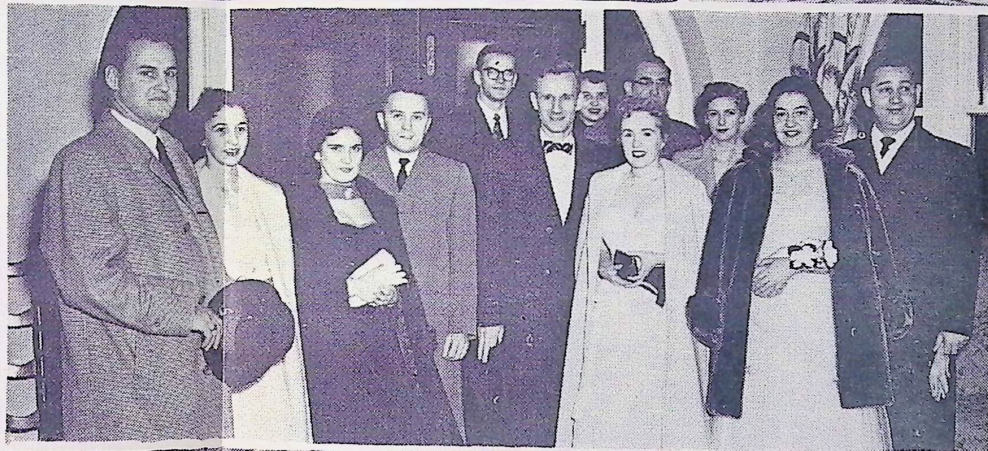
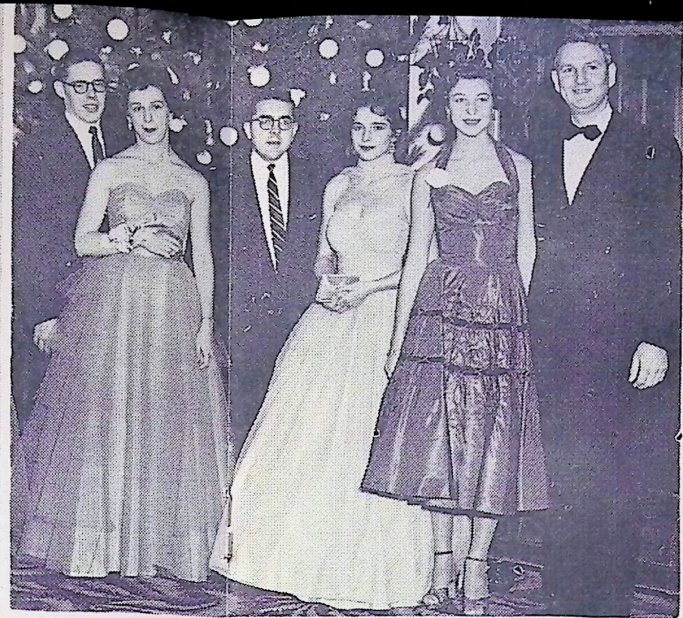
Teaching space is a crucial need, and so a science building has been decided upon. The board knew that perhaps of equal if not greater importance was the need for adjustment of faculty salaries which was below average. Thus the first project may become a joint task, for the board has under consideration the combining of both phases of the program into one step.

The Ford Foundation grant of \$156,200 for faculty salaries was a great aid and was a step in the right

direction, but it did not solve the problem. It did however make the eventual adjustment a near reality.

Additional projects for the anniversary program are a combined arts building and assembly hall and additional dormitories — not necessarily in that order. As you can see, the sums concerned will be in the millions of dollars and the buildings must become a reality if Wilkes College is to continue to grow and serve the youth of the community and nation.

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NEW BODY OF OL' COLONELS

Officers, Council Named by Alumni Lettermen

Bob Waters Becomes First President;
4 Other Officers, 5 Councilmen Elected

Robert Waters was elected president of the Ol' Colonels, newly formed alumni lettermen's group at Wilkes College, in tabulations announced recently by Russ Picton, corresponding secretary for the organization.

Other officers elected were Alexander Molosh, Brooklyn, N.Y., vice-president; Jack Curtis, Wilkes-Barre, recording secretary; Russ Picton, Truaxville, corresponding secretary; and Norman Cross, Wilkes-Barre treasurer.

A five-man executive council was also chosen in the mail balloting by members of the Ol' Colonels, called Ol' not because of antiquity but rather out of regard for the Colonel athletes still active on the Wilkes campus. Council members elected were Paul Thomas, Atty. Joseph Savitz, Joseph Trosko, Howard Ennis, and Jack Jones.

Waters, well known in Wilkes grid and wrestling circles was a star tail-back for George Ralston's gridders and also performed on the mats for Jim Laggan.

Molosh was a star end on the gridiron and also a first-rate shortstop for Ralston on the diamond. Curtis lettered in soccer, while Picton earned his letter in football.

Norm Cross is also a former gridder, having played blocking back in the sharp single-wing attack at Wilkes.

Sports of the executive committee included: Thomas, football; Savitz, basketball; Trosko, football and baseball; Ennis, wrestling; and Jack Jones, football.

As of last spring, two hundred and thirty-eight men had won Wilkes and 10 --

BUJC letters in intercollegiate sports. All lettermen are considered members of the new organization unless they specify differently.

The returns for the voters were excellent and the total votes cast were above the anticipated figure. The officers began their duties January 1.

No program as yet has been set up for the coming year but the newly approved constitution calls for two meetings a year — one in the spring and the other in the fall of each year. Two tentative dates have been considered: the spring date of May 12, the time of the annual alumni baseball game, and the other, homecoming which this year will be held on October 13. The executive council has not yet approved these dates. All the Ol' Colonels will be informed.

HONEYWELL NAMED

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means for the association to continue to grow. The free exchange of ideas during the meeting helped to establish a more firm basis of understanding concerning the proposed position of the alumni association.

The total number of alumni approximates 3,000 which is not a large number, but as was concluded by the group, it can establish a firm foundation for the thousands of future alumni to build upon. We are in a position to begin something worthwhile for our college.

The officers that you have chosen will serve you well if you give them your support. They have taken steps recently that will incur a great deal of work and have done so gladly because they feel it is time for the alumni association to grow stronger and to aid the college. The officers have been heartened by the large ballot that you cast, for it seemed to mark your growing interest in alumni affairs. They ask that your endorsement of their activities be shown by your participation in alumni activities.



WATERS

MOLOSH



PICTON

CURTIS



CROSS

ENNIS



JONES

SAVITZ



THOMAS

TROSKO

FOR FACULTY SALARIES

Wilkes Gets \$156,200 From Ford Foundation

The endowment fund of Wilkes College has recently been increased by \$156,200 as a result of a grant by the Ford Foundation for improvement of faculty salaries. The grant was one of more than 4,000 which the foundation announced. The total grant, \$500,000,000 was the largest such benefaction ever recorded.

Of this amount, \$215,000,000 was awarded to 615 accredited, private educational institutions in the United States, another \$90,000,000 was reserved for privately supported medical schools and \$200,000,000 was given to 3,500 privately supported hospitals.

The distribution to the colleges was

based upon the amount of money spent during 1954-1955 by the colleges for faculty salaries. Those colleges that had pioneered in the field for a more equitable faculty salary scale received a bonus sum for their efforts.

The \$156,200 given to Wilkes College is to be placed into the endowment of the college for ten years. The income from that sum is to be used for faculty salaries and will amount to \$6,248 per year. After ten years, the principal can be used if the college so desires. The funds will be made available to the college within 18 months.

Although the trustees of the foun-

dation made no demands of the recipient colleges, it was their hope that this grant would be at least matched by the institution. The grant was not intended to solve the salary problem of the college to which it was given but was an attempt to make the ultimate adjustment of faculty salaries within the grasp of the college.

Prior to receiving the Ford Foundation grant, the Board of Trustees of Wilkes College had agreed to make the problem of faculty salaries of primary importance in the twenty-fifth anniversary development program planned for the next three years. The tentative plans now call for funds to match the Ford grant

Ol' Colonels Chartered - Constitution

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization, consisting of alumni who have won Wilkes College's Athletic Awards shall be the OL' COLONELS.

ARTICLE II Functions and Purposes of the Organization

- Section 1. To assist Wilkes College in the promulgation of all campus activity.
- Section 2. To aid and strengthen the general alumni association of Wilkes College.
- Section 3. To gain due recognition for student efforts expended in intercollegiate athletics.
- Section 4. To cultivate and increase interest and dignity in the athletic program of Wilkes College.
- Section 5. To co-operate with and assist the College administration in the furtherance of its athletic program, and to foster and maintain a close relationship between alumni and student lettermen.

ARTICLE III Membership of the Ol' Colonels

- Section 1. Any male alumnus who has earned the privilege of wearing the athletic award offered by the College shall be, or have the right to be, a member of the Ol' Colonels.
- Section 2. The Director of Athletics and coaches shall be ex-officio members.

ARTICLE IV Elections and Meetings of the Organization

- Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot as determined by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. Ten members of this organization shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3. Each member shall have one (1) vote and a majority vote shall be necessary for the approval of regular business.
- Section 4. A. Nominations of officers and executive committeemen, hereinafter named, shall occur at the first meeting during the Fall Semester of each year.
B. Elections of said officers shall occur within one month

after nominations.

Section 5. Special elections may be held at such times when official vacancies exist.

Section 6. A. There shall be at least two general meetings, one in the Fall and one in the Spring of each year at times designated by the Executive Committee.

B. Special meetings of this organization may be called by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V Organization of the Ol' Colonels

- Section 1. The officers of the Ol' Colonels shall consist of the following:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Recording Secretary
 - d. Corresponding Secretary
 - e. Treasurer
- Section 2. An Executive Committee shall be comprised of the above-named officers and five additional members elected by the organization.
- Section 3. Terms of office shall continue for one (1) year. Officers may succeed themselves.
- Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be those inherent in such office.
- Section 5. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by action of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI Amendments

- Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member provided that ten members of the organization have underwritten the proposed amendment.
- Section 2. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be read after due notice to the membership at a regular meeting of the organization, a quorum of the total active membership being present, and the amendment having been read before said meeting shall then be put to a vote.
- Section 3. A two-thirds vote of members present and voting shall be required for adoption of new amendments.

PRESENT-DAY COLONELS

CAGE AND MAT REVIEW TO DATE

By JONNI FALK

The Colonel cagers have found that traveling is definitely not to their liking with half of the season in the record books. They have managed to win only one of seven starts on the road while capturing all four efforts at home.

At the end of the fall semester, the hoopsters had only one big feather in their cap. That was a third place finish in the Sampson Air Force Tournament which took place just before Christmas.

Eddie Davis, in his first year as coach, has found that speed does not always overcome height and his small team has lost several games even though they shot excellent percentages from the field. The foul shooting has been poor but the team showed signs of coming to life when it returned home for two games at the semester's end.

John Reese is all smiles about his wrestling team and seems to have come up with a "sleeper" this year. The team's record at the end of the semester was certainly better than anybody had hoped.

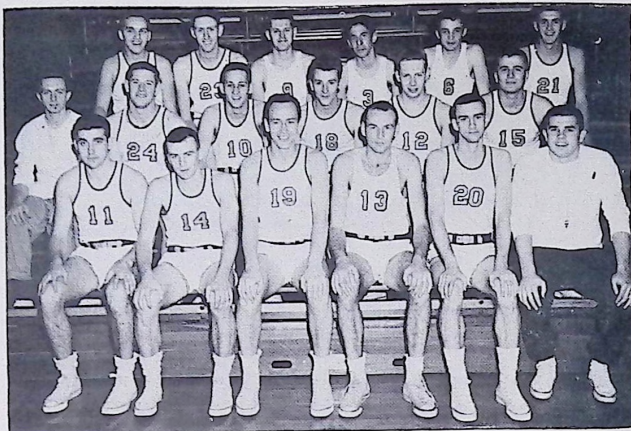
The grapplers romped through their first four meets with apparent ease and included two of the biggest upsets of the year when they clipped Hofstra and later Lafayette.

The team is well-balanced with a sprinkling of promising freshmen among battle-tested veterans. The finds of the year appear to be Terry Smith, 147-pounder, and Walt Glogowski, 177-pounder, both freshmen.

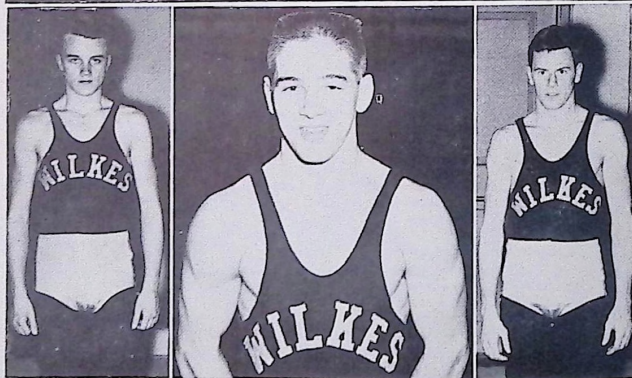
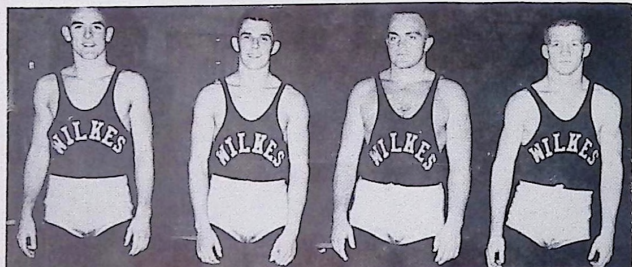
The nation received further proof that Wilkes College is becoming the wrestling capital of the East when the Olympic committee announced that the Olympic wrestling trials for District III, which includes the Middle Atlantic States, would be held at Wilkes April 13 and 14.

Early information indicates that the trials will be as large as the Open Wrestling Tournament.

The expanding intramural sports program at the college is now one of the finest offered anywhere. The program now includes: football, basketball, bowling, volleyball, ping-pong, golf and softball. John Reese, head of the program, stated that some 250 students, about one-third of the enrollment, will take part in the program this year.



1955-56 WILKES CAGE COLONELS—First row, left to right: Joe Jablonski, Jim Ferris, George Morgan, John Bresnahan, Carl Van Dyke, coach Eddie Davis. Second row: Hank Deibel, manager, Cliff Brantigan, Bob Sokol, Elmer Snyder, Ed Troutman, Eddie Birbaum. Third row: Walt Anzielski, Dave Shales, John Tokach, Gerry Esterman, Jack Golden, Scott Trethaway.



OUTSTANDING MATMEN IN '56—Top wrestlers thus far for this year include: top, left to right, Terry Smith, Walt Glogowski, Bob Masonis, and Dave Thomas. Bottom, Keith Williams, Don Reynolds, and Jim Ward. Reynolds and Masonis are co-captains this year.

Huge Wrestling Tourney Puts Wilkes in Sports Spotlight

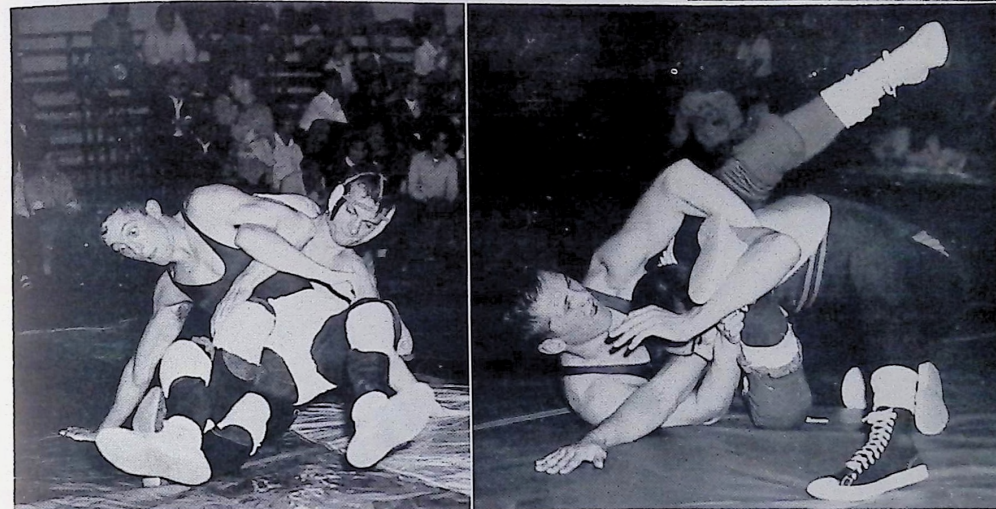
Wilkes this year gained full recognition throughout the United States for sponsoring the "Open Wrestling Championships at Wilkes College." Sports pages throughout the nation carried articles prior to the meet and full results while it was running, bringing the name of "Wilkes" into the nation's sports spotlight.

Sports Illustrated magazine carried a layout of pictures of the meet. Even TV was aware of the tourney, with Steve Allen's "Tonight" show (NBC) having carried results.

Over 290 grapplers, the best in the nation, were here to participate, representing over 50 colleges, universities and athletic clubs.

The University of Pittsburgh won the team championship, with Michigan second. Larry For-nicola (right) received the outstanding wrestler trophy from Billy Sheridan, former Olympic coach.

Below are representative matches from the meet by school photographer Dan Gawlas. The complexity of grappling is illustrated by the three shots. These boys really work!



From the Editor's Notebook

... Here 'n' There with the Alumni

Herman Kessler, class of '51, has just become the proud father of a baby boy, David Mark, born on January 11th. Herman and his wife June reside in Syracuse, N.Y., where Herm is employed as a department head in an insurance company. Marie Christian Norrisey, '44, with her husband and two children, Patti 5 and Susan 3, now live in Columbia, Ohio. Mr. Norrisey is employed as a field engineer for Sperry Gyroscope Company. Robert Ichter, '55, has recently become engaged to Miss Joyce Devers of Wilkes-Barre. Bob is serving as a Navy instructor at Bainbridge, Md. George Kuzmak, '48, is presently employed as a chemical engineer by Bakelite Company in Bound Brook, New Jersey. Dr. Michael J. Kotch, '51, is presently interning at the General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Alfred Eisenpreis, class of '42, and Miss Betty Jane Long recently announced their engagement. Mr. Eisenpreis is assistant managing director of Pomeroy's, Inc. Benjamin Fiester, '55, is employed by the Insurance Companies of North America as a claims adjuster. Dr. Joseph D. Stevens, '52, is now serving as a lieutenant in the Army Dental Corps. He was graduated from Temple Dental School last year. Among the recent marriages was that of Margo Hess, class of '53, and Henry Gitomer in Paterson, New Jersey. Melvin A. Schmeizer, '53, is employed by Prudential Insurance Company as a salesman. His specialty is business insurance and insurance for the professional man.

Richard D. Bush, '53, married Miss Roberta Tosh last July. Richard is in his junior year at Temple University School of Dentistry. Allen Jeter, class of '55, recently became engaged to Miss Joan Louise Sprague of New Jersey. Al is the sports editor

for a newspaper in Toms River, N.J. Dr. Alex Kotch, '44, is now employed as a research chemist for E. I. DuPont De Nemours and Company in Wilmington, Del. Howard "Little Skinny" Ennis, '55, recently tied the knot with Miss Nancy Silvanus of Wilmington, Del. "Skinny" appeared as an usher in a movie skit with Sid Caeser on the Caeser TV program. He has also appeared on Tallulah Bankhead's show in a skit with her.

Mrs. Marjorie Mattern Carothers, '42, is a business education teacher in Altoona Senior High School in Altoona, Pa. Ann Lodge Haskell, '55, is working toward a doctorate in clinical psychology at Duke University where she has an assistantship in that department. Norman W. Hughes, '48, and wife Katherine make their home in Wenonah, N.J. Norman is Assistant Funeral Director for Kesner Funeral Home, Philadelphia, Pa. Helen Koelsch, '55, and Norman Gates, '53, became man and wife on December 28, 1955.

Frederick H. Poltrock, '52, is working for Hercules Chemical Works in Hercules, California as a chemical engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Young (nee Carol V. Jones, '53) announce the birth of a daughter, Bessmarie, on September 17, 1955. They are living in State College where Mr. Young is studying for his doctorate in Physics. Richard D. Bantle, '42, is now the Guidance Director in Genoa Central School, Genoa, N.Y. A. Edward Greenwood, '55, is a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania. Jean Hughes, '48, is an Elementary school teacher at Allison School, Harrisburg, Pa. Jean teaches the third grade.

John W. Murtha, '52, is at present employed as a reduction in force advisor for the third U. S.

Civil Service region. Frank C. Ostapowicz, '42, is now an M.D. at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Key West, Fla. He and his wife, Mary Louise, have six children: Mary Ann 8, Charlene 6, Martin 4, Tamara 3, Sharon 2, and David 6 months. Dr. Ostapowicz is the head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the base. On the staff of the Bound Brook High School is Edward Yarasheski, class of '55, who is employed as a Math teacher. Edward R. Hendler, '48, is now a staff chemist at the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company in the Sharples Division in Wyandotte, Mich. Teaching Science at Lake-Noxen High School is Calvin W. Kanyuck, '52.

Miriam Jeanne Elias, '55, and husband Jerry, '56, have set up house-keeping recently. Jeanne works as an auditor in the Miners National Bank and Jerry will soon begin teaching locally. Roberta Louise Rakes, '49, reports that she and her husband, Lt. C. E. Rakes, are now residing in Bremerton, Washington. Lt. Rakes is serving as Ship's Superintendent. He recently received the degree of Naval Engineer from M.I.T. Charles L. Thomas, '52, is now employed by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a claims adjuster. Eleanor Mary Jenkins, '53, is working for Bell Telephone as a Service Representative. Her husband, Harold Jenkins, '54, is now in the U. S. Navy. They were married October 22, 1955. Dorothy J. Roden, '53, is employed as a Registered Medical Assistant.

Lt. Thomas M. Vojtek, '53, is now assigned to Combat Information Center School in Illinois. Anita R. Gordon, '54, reports that she is a secretary for an insurance firm. John Palsha, '52, and his wife recently welcomed a new addition to the family . . . a baby daughter.

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EDITORIAL

Dr. Kerr, '39, "Valley's Man of Year"

Dr. Robert M. Kerr, '39, was named "Wyoming Valley's Young Man of the Year" of 1955 by Greater Wilkes-Barre Junior Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the annual event is to honor the young man who has made an outstanding contribution to the community and who has contributed to the general welfare of its citizens.

Evaluation of Dr. Kerr from which judges William O. Sword, David S. Davis, and Paul Lameda made their selection of him as "Wyoming Valley's Young Man of the Year" is as follows:

"Dr. Kerr was graduated from Bucknell Junior College, now Wilkes College, Bucknell University and Jefferson Medical School. He has given unselfishly of his time and talents in the general aspects of his profession, as evidenced by his membership on the staff of General Hospital, Retreat State Hospital and the Veterans Administration regional office.

"His quality of leadership is clearly indicated by the fact that he is secretary of Luzerne County Medical Association.

"Interested in the community's health generally, Dr. Kerr was the originator of the study of fluoridation of this area's water supply. He has also given many hours of his time and effort as head of the professional division of Red Cross drive, and he is an attending physician for the Red Cross on blood donor campaigns.

"Dr. Kerr's diligence and spirit of humanitarianism is not limited to the medical field. He has contributed greatly to the success of the Industrial Fund Drive as well as the Community Chest. He is program director of the Torch Club and was State director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce."

Dr. Kerr is certified by American Board of Internal Medicine, and is an associate of American College of Physicians. He is a deputy coroner of Luzerne County. Dr. Kerr is married to the former Mary Zeller of Long Island and the father of two children, Bruce and Brian.

Bob Kerr's willingness to serve has been obvious and has been felt and appreciated by the Wilkes Alumni Association. A fine example of this willingness was shown when he became the first person to accept a post of leadership in the forthcoming alumni fund drive.

The Alumnus, Wilkes and all of us, I'm sure, offer sincere congratulations to a graduate who has helped to make us just a little more proud of our Alma Mater.

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Claire. Thomas E. Kelly, '54, is teaching English, gym and handicrafts at Bilingual School, Paris, France. The school is a private French school . . . elementary level. Tom is also in charge of after-school activities at the American Community school of Paris. In his spare time, he is studying at the Institut Phonétique of the Sorbonne. Sounds like an interesting life. Tom! Ann Haver Bojus, '51, happily reports a new addition to the family; a son, Luther John II. She is also doing some substitute teaching in the Lahfield grade school.

Robert J. Smith, '51, is serving as an accountant for the General Electric Company in Johnson City, N.Y. Sanford Cohen, '51, is now a Vice-President of Edward I. Platte Company, an advertising specialties firm.

Mary Terese Sleva is employed as a secretary to the Chief Nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilkes-Barre. Ray C. Reese, '55, and Elizabeth Strow were recently married by her father, the Rev. Strow of Plymouth. Mr. Reese is employed by Western Electric Instrument Company of Newark, N. J. Allan Strassman, '50, is a Certified Public Accountant associated with the firm of Laventhol, Knekstein and Company, Wilkes-Barre.

Lawrence B. Pelesh, '50, recently resigned from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund, Inc. to accept a position of sales manager of Royer Foundry and Machine Company in Kingston, Pa. Mrs. Richard W. Nutt, '39, informs us that she and her husband recently returned from the Mid-West

and she is anxious to hear more about the "old-timers". Her husband is Chaplain to the Methodist students at Penn State. Three little Nutts, Tom 11, Nan 8, and Kathy Sue 7, are reported by their mother. David R. Rosser, '55, is employed as the Executive Secretary at the North Branch Y.M.C.A. Jacob R. Seitchek, '49, is currently employed as a professional Service Representative for E. R. Squibb and Sons in the Washington, D.C. territory.

Presently employed as a junior accountant is John Nicholas Warker, class of '53. John is employed by the E. C. Baker, C.P.A. firm in Reading, Pa. An interesting occupation is that of Robert H. Hopkins, '39, who is now the city manager for General Electric under contract with the atomic energy commission at Richland, Washington. Melvin S. Karp, '55, is a sales representative for the Will Furniture Manufacturing Company. Clyde H. Ritter, '50, is a supervisor in the Economic Study Section of the Inland Waterways Department. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stackhouse (Bob is of the class of '53) announced the arrival of a baby boy on November 21, 1955. He is a parts manager and buyer for Stackhouse Auto and Electric Company.

Ambrose Saricks, '35, is now Assistant Professor of History at the University of Kansas. William J. Price, '55, now an ensign in the Navy, is attached to the "Hurricane Hunters" as an aviator. They check out of Jacksonville, Florida. Elizabeth A. Badman, class of '53, is teaching second grade at Steuben School, New Milford, New Jersey. Joseph E. Howell, '53, reports that his duties are now as an accountant for General Electric Company in Johnson City, New York. Edna A. Sabol, '59, is currently working as a secretary for Pennsylvania Citizens Association for Health and Welfare.

Robert R. Weeks, '51, sends us the information that he is a special accounts accountant for Alexander and Alexander, Inc. He and his wife, the former Peggy Sicklo, have two sons, Robert Arthur 4, and Kenneth John, 3 months. Charles F. Woodring Jr., '51, is presently employed by E. I. DuPont Company in the purchasing department. John Martin Simmons, class of '54, is serving as assistant city manager in Chico, California. David B. Whitney, '53, is currently a student at Boston University School of Theology.

