

Inter-Dormitory Council, 1971

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MEMORANDUM

To: Drew Gubanich, President of IDC

From: Francis Michelini

Date: January 11, 1971

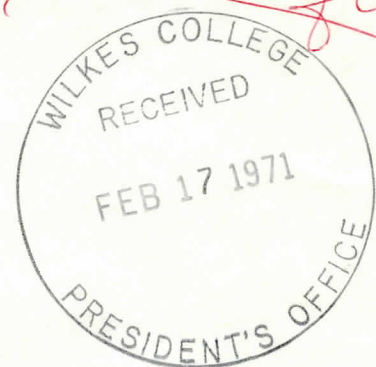
I have been told never to volunteer for anything; however, I am very encouraged by your program of dorm lecture open houses.

If you ever need a speaker, I would be very happy to volunteer. There are some particularly interesting analyses of the recent census and what demographers see as the impact of changing population patterns upon our educational needs, career opportunities, business needs, and other elements of our total societal operation that might prove of interest to some of your dorm groups.

Continued best wishes for the success of this program.

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*Talked to Moss 2/25/71
Joe Chisarik will wipe off books
the \$1500 from 1969 for I.D.C.*



MEMORANDUM

TO: James Moss
FROM: Donald Jost
DATE: February 17, 1971

Inter-Dormitory Council received no allocation from the Student Government during the academic year 1969-70. This fact has been verified for me personally by the Finance Office of the College.

I have been informed by the leadership of I. D. C. that in the autumn of 1969 a \$1,500.00 allocation was made by Student Government and approved by the Administrative Council.

However, due to some oversight (I presume), the \$1,500.00 was never transferred to the I. D. C. account.

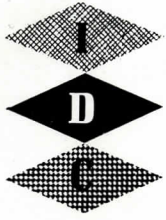
The leaders of I. D. C. have asked the president and the Treasurer of Student Government on several occasions during this academic year for a transfer of these funds, but no action has been taken by Student Government.

I would appreciate it if you could use your influence to prompt a rapid transfer of this money. Presently, the I. D. C. account is in a deficit.

Please keep me advised of developments in this matter.

Thank you.

cc. Dr. Michelini ✓
Mr. Ralston
I. D. C. - c/o William Kaye
Aldo Farneti
Steve Kubricki



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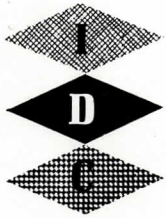
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February 24, 1971

Proposal for Visitation in the Women's Dormitories

There appears to be on campus this semester a strong desire by a large segment of our women resident students for a dormitory visitation policy; which would encompass the visitation hours granted to the men last year. It is the official recommendation of the Inter-Dormitory Council that the nature of last year's proposal based on the concept of self regulation be incorporated as the foundation for a similar policy for the women. It is useless to debate the fact that visitation in the women's residence halls would be substantially different than in the men's residences if for no other reason than that the physical plant of the buildings create different types of concern for the security and privacy of the residents. We have therefore included in this proposal not only the principles of responsibility of the current men's policy but also several additional and alternative plans to be used specifically in the women's residence halls to provide additional security.



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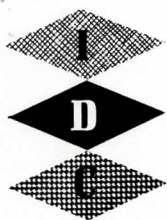


It is proposed that each dormitory shall decide, by the majority vote of its upper-classmen taken during the first week of the first term whether or not they wish to adopt or reject this program for that term. The decision of the dormitory group shall be reported to the Dean of Students by the president of the Dormitory Council. Their vote to adopt this program for the term reaffirms their intention to sustain the practices and system of governance herein described.

Responsibility for Governance:

The responsibility for maintaining the conditions of this agreement shall be vested in every person living in the dormitory. By accepting this proposal, each student assumes responsibility for reporting violations to his Dormitory Council.

The Dormitory Councils shall meet regularly each week to review all problems of dormitory governance and to determine the action that shall be taken in the event of violations. All violations shall be recorded in the minutes of the Dormitory Councils that will be kept for each meeting. Violations shall be reported by the dormitory president and proctor to the Dean of Students, with recommendations for action.



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Provisions of this proposal:

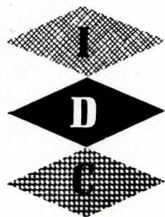
1. Hours of visitation shall be:

Fridays	5 p.m. til 2 a.m. Saturday
Saturdays	12 noon til 2 a.m. Sunday
Sundays	12 noon til 7 p.m.

2. All residents shall register their guests in a manner agreed upon by the I.D.C. and the Council of Deans.
3. The doors of all rooms shall remain open when visitors are present.
4. When the presence of a third party inconveniences a roommate, the third party shall withdraw.
5. Additional rules and regulations governing these policies may be adopted by the I.D.C. and the Council of Deans.
6. This agreement will be in affect during the fall and spring semesters.

(The following provisions are not included in last year's policy for the men, but we feel that at least one such plan will be necessary to provide additional security for the smaller living units in which the women reside.)

In all of the following plans the women in the dormitory would draw up a roster at the beginning of each semester with the times and dates of the girls on duty. This will allow the girl not to make plans for that time or else get a substitute. All violations of rules will be reported to the executive council of the dorm. The girl on duty must see to it that



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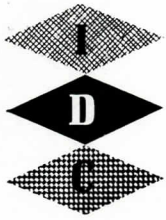
the boys are signed in and out properly.

The Resident Assistant is not responsible for any aspect of visitation. This is a self-governing process which is handled by the residents of the dorm.

In case of an emergency the girl on duty should have access to a special emergency phone number where she can get immediate help. (Possibly the College Evening reception desk located in the lobby of the New Men's Dorm) She should also have the names and phone numbers of the male proctors on duty. Scheduled rounds of the security guards should be made to each dorm to see that everything is running smoothly. They should also be equipped with walky-talkys in order to assure quick action in an emergency.

Plan I

In this system there would be a girl assigned on duty in the lounge. It will be her responsibility to make sure all men sign in and out. The door will be left unlocked until curfew. It is also her job to make sure that no men go upstairs unescorted. If a man comes to visit someone she must call that girl and make sure she comes down to meet him. Then he will be signed in and escorted upstairs.



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Plan II

In this plan each women's residence hall door will be locked at 8:00 P.M. All residents of the hall will have a key for this lock. At curfew another lock will be fastened and only women without curfews will have a key to open both these locks.

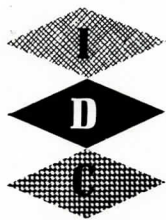
There will be a girl assigned on duty and she must be present in the dorm at all times during her shift. A doorbell will be set up for those visitors who do not possess keys. It will be her responsibility to answer the doorbell and find the girl they are looking for, make sure the boys sign in and are escorted upstairs.

Plan III

In this plan a girl will be assigned on duty. It is her responsibility to answer the doorbell and make sure all men sign in. The doors will be locked at 8:00 and all women residents will have a key. Everyone else can gain admittance only by ringing the doorbell.

Plan IV

In this system the door will also be locked at 8:00. The only ones who possess keys will be those with no curfews. A girl will be stationed in the lounge and she must answer the doorbell and let in the freshmen and sophomores and visitors. She must also make sure all men sign in.



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Violations of this agreement:

The following acts shall be considered violations of this agreement:

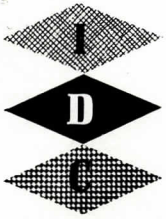
1. Non-compliance with any section of this agreement.
2. Non-compliance with regulations listed in the Dormitory Handbook.
3. Non-compliance with city, state and federal laws.
4. Any individual act that embarrasses any guest or any resident of the dormitory.

Enforcement:

The initial responsibility for enforcement of the Dormitory Visitation Policies shall rest with the Dormitory Councils and with all residents of each dormitory.

Each Dormitory Council shall each week designate residents who will be on duty at all times during the hours of visitation. It shall be the responsibility of these persons to: carry out the provisions of the proposal.

Failure of the Councils and/or residents of a dormitory to meet the responsibilities that they have requested will necessitate a review of the situation existing in each dormitory by the Student Government, the Inter-Dormitory Council, and the Council of Deans.



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Fundamental assumptions of this proposal:

In accepting these proposals, it is understood by all parties that constant review and improvement of the plan of visitation and its governance shall be required. To obtain the benefit of experience and to assure the continuing assumption of responsibility by students, the entire program and its plan of governance shall be reviewed by the Inter-Dormitory Council, the Student Government, and the Administrative Council prior to June 1 of each year.

It is further understood that during the first week of each term the upper class residents of each dormitory shall review their experience with the program and shall by majority vote decide whether to accept or reject the plan for visitation for that term. The decision reached by residents of any dormitory will apply only to their dormitory.

Final acceptance of this agreement will require approval by the I.D.C., the President and the Board of Trustees.

In the event continued and flagrant violations of this agreement lead to a general breakdown of acceptable social conduct, the Administration and the Board of Trustees have the responsibility for terminating this agreement.

The Inter-Dormitory Council feels that the matter of visitation in the women's residence halls is important enough to merit your personal consideration.

We feel that visitation privileges in the women's residence halls will add to our development as mature men and women not only academically but also socially. It gives the students the opportunity to look upon one another as individuals with their own needs and aspirations. The men and women will view each other not only as dates for the weekend but as people. For that is what we are, people. We believe that an inter-relationship between the sexes is essential to the individual's growth. Our personal experiences during this period of our lives will be invaluable to us in the future.

While attending Wilkes College our room is not only a bedroom but a study, recreation, and work room. It is our responsibility to keep them clean, decorate them, and most important to pay for them. We live as we would at home except that we are prohibited to entertain members of the opposite sex.

Visitation will also allow a mixed group to study when the library is closed. The Council of Deans indicated that the lounges could be used for this purpose but since they are the centers of dormitory activity the distractions they cause are numerous. For example, if someone is watching television in the lounge, it is not appropriate for a group to come in and start talking and playing. Where are they to go? Surely

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the hallway does not lend itself to group activities. If a group wants to have a special meal or snack the male members must remain downstairs while the females make all the preparations. We do not feel this exemplifies the ideal of working together which is so often stressed in our daily lives. These examples may seem trite and inconsequential, but where does the ability to work with others begin? What we gain from these experiences can be transferred into greater and more beneficial projects in the years to come.

We recognize the fact that the administration has seen the validity of having visitation by granting the privilege to the men. We cannot see the reason for denying the women students this privilege. Are the women not academically and socially equal to their male counterparts? They must at least be given the opportunity to prove themselves so. The women are willing to accept the individual and group responsibility of dormitory visitation. They expressed their willingness by voting almost unanimously for its initiation even with the knowledge of the responsibility it entails.

Doubts were expressed by members of the Council of Deans as to whether the physical nature of the women's residence halls could accommodate visitation without infringing on the women's privacy. The plan we would like to have approved is the same one that now exists in the men's residence halls. We do not see how this will be an infringement on anyone's privacy because that can be easily obtained by a closed door. In the

case of a roommate who does not date and whose roommate is constantly being visited we feel it is a good opportunity for this girl to meet new boys and make new friends. This may help her in overcoming her shyness and self-consciousness around males. We also feel that most college students are capable of making some arrangement among themselves that is fair to all the individuals involved. We believe that a weekend guest would be a pleasant and welcome change in the women's residence halls. Problems that may arise between women who have rooms that are accessible through another room can be solved by the individuals or dormitories involved.

We believe that our request for a limited and self-controlled dormitory visitation policy is not an unreasonable one. On the contrary, in view of the proposals presented we feel it is a very reasonable request.

Last year the visitation proposal was also rejected. But after appeals etc., it was approved. The benefits of this policy far outweigh its detriments. With the possibility of disorderly or unsorted males the women resident assistants have access to the services of the two male proctors on duty, the security guards, and the male guests present in the dorm at the time.

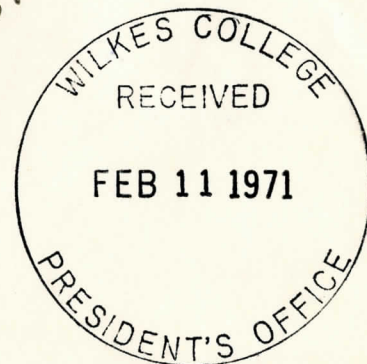
President Michelini, we are appealing to your reasoning and judgment in considering this proposal. We would be willing to confer with you on any questions that you may have.

Respectfully,

Susan M. G. Tanner
Carol S. Russo
Randall B. Kolins

Dr. Micheline

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Dear _____:

This letter is in response to your request to reconsider the action of the Deans' Council regarding visitation by male guests in the rooms of female students beyond the privileges already enjoyed in the lounge areas of these dormitories.

A great deal of time and thought has been given to this proposal by every member of the Administration. I have also been aided in arriving at my decision by the letters written by students and the reasons they have given for and against such revision of our present dormitory policies.

After considering all responses, I must communicate to you my rejection of the proposed change. I do not disagree with the need to view students as people, question the need for developing social maturity, or disregard your wishes for privacy as presented in your proposal. Such objectives of the educational enterprise, however, should not be exaggerated to become specious or self-serving arguments. The College is aware of its responsibility to assist in your personal growth in all of the areas mentioned. We recognize ^{that} we are engaged in teaching ~~the~~ ^{not only} ~~subject~~ ^{matter that we are} but also engaged in teaching ^{people} ~~human beings~~ and human values. The advancement of learning is not a value that exists in a vacuum, and part of our responsibility is to define the character of our College and the conduct most conducive to the realization of these values. → To argue

Parents differ in judgments relative to ~~what~~ ^{the} conduct ^{that} will bring happiness and a constructive life to their children. Institutions as well differ in their approach to the experience that will ultimately produce a young man or a woman of judgment and maturity.

next page 21 → *as your letter implies that without the practice of open visitation in dormitories your stated objectives cannot be met, is untenable.*
To argue ~~that no other action, decisions, or choices can be outside of dormitory rooms to accomplish these ends is, of course, absurd.~~ Some may wish to restrict their lives and decisions, but we can ~~choose not to~~ ^{not} feel obliged to consider ^{your request} ~~this~~ to the exclusion of all other concerns in the communal environment

of dormitory living.

** I continue*
We ~~also~~ feel a commitment to those parents who specifically chose Wilkes College as an institution providing an environment suitable for their daughters' living. This trust cannot be unilaterally breached. Recent discussions with parents of prospective freshman girls leave no doubt that ~~our~~ living restrictions are, in fact, a significant factor in the choice of College.

People at all stages of their lives are obliged to live within certain limits whether they are children ^{responsible to} ~~under the control of~~ their parents, students ^{responsible to} ~~under the control of~~ the College, or ~~as~~ ^{responsible to} citizens ~~under the control of~~ societal law. *✓* Parental *→ As these relationships change responsibility in fact increases.* values change, institutional values change, and societal ~~al~~ values change. We do not question this, but we do have a ~~College~~ responsibility to determine the nature and pace of this change as it affects our institution and its students. An unwise course of action tends to become irreversible, and our concern is that such changes, when they occur in our dormitory situations, will truly be productive in developing both socially and academically sound young men and women.

In the ~~immediate~~ weeks ahead, I will be reviewing each of the concerns expressed in your communication relative to the desired privacy for study and social exchange with our Deans of Women. I feel that our women's dorms and lounges can be remodeled, to some degree, to provide the environment desired. ~~(without the many additional problems that would be introduced into our dormitories by open visitation)~~

In conclusion, I wish to thank everyone who has expressed ^{an} ~~their~~ opinion to me and reiterate my respect for the sincerity of the ~~the~~ concern. *which precipitated the proposal.* I hope ~~you~~ ^{you} students, in turn, will respect the sincerity of our concerns as the administrative personnel responsible for the College's supervision.

Thank you.

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March 10, 1971

Dear Student,

Because of your interest as demonstrated by your personal letter to me, I am enclosing a copy of my reply to Miss Flannery, Miss Hussa, and Mr. Kolins, relative to their request for reconsideration of the visitation proposal.

I would have preferred to answer each of your letters individually; however, I have taken this opportunity to communicate directly to you my reasons for the position I have taken.

My sincere thanks for your interest, understanding, and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Francis J. Michelini
President

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Enclosure

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April 2, 1971

Mr. George Pagliaro
President
Inter-Dormitory Council
Wilkes College

Dear George:

I would like to extend my congratulations to you on your election to the Presidency of the Inter-Dormitory Council.

From our conversations, I know the dedication and interest you will bring to this task, and I look forward to working with you and the members of your team in a responsible and constructive way. It is not always easy to know which is the responsible and constructive way, but if we search together for those activities with the greatest potential for making Wilkes College a more productive experience for our students, the rest will fall into its proper place.

Please extend my congratulations to your new Vice President, Mr. Prendergast; your Treasurer, Mr. Fitch; and your Secretaries, Miss Pufko and Miss Sullivan. They face equally challenging assignments and I know, from their past experience in extracurricular work, that they have no illusions about the thankless barbs they will frequently experience.

Anyone engaged in acting within a broader range of human activity learns very quickly that no action or decision can ever please everyone, and the displeased are sure to be the most vocal in any situation.

Once again, my congratulations to you all, and my personal encouragement to work sincerely, keep your perspective, and above all, retain your sense of humor. I know all of you will look back, next year at this time, upon your experiences and agree that it was a rewarding and productive part of your educational experience.

Sincerely yours,

Francis J. Michelini
President

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Dr. Mike -

Results of last mtg's IDC elections:

President - George Pagliaro

V. P. - Jeff Prendergast

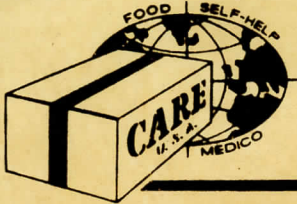
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Corresp. Sec. - Joan Sullivan

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Don Jost



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Mrs. Elma S. McCarragher
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Dr. David M. Leach
Chairman, The Division of Social Science
Wilkes College
Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Dear Dr. Leach:

It was indeed a pleasure meeting you and discussing the interest of Wilkes College concerning the CARE program. Enclosed are several brochures which will acquaint you with the CARE image.

The student of whom I was speaking; is Andrew J. Gubanich, Jr. President Inter-Dormitory Council. His letter of March 26th which was sent to the New York office, was forwarded to me because we are the Regional office in the area and are able to expedite plans and information in regard to CARE's activities.

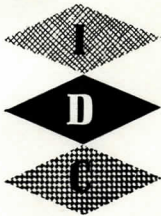
Will look forward to your reply concerning plans for the meeting, hopefully to take place in the latter part of May.

Wishing you and your family a pleasant Easter Holiday.

CAREfully,

Elma S. McCarragher
Regional Director

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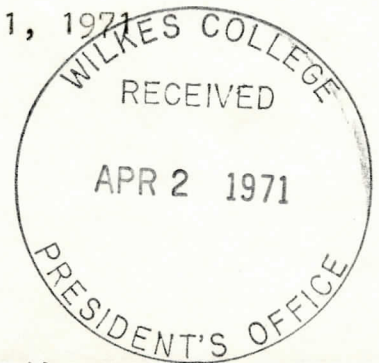
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WILKES COLLEGE

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18703



April 1, 1971



Dr. Francis J. Michelinei
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Wilkes College

Dr. Michelinei:

In case you have not been informed as yet, the newly elected officers of the Inter-Dormitory Council are as follows:

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We all welcome your contacting any or all of us in the event you wish something to be announced or considered at I.D.C.. We look forward to beneficial communication and hope our combined efforts will make Wilkes College an institution of which all students, past and present, may be proud.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Pagliaro
George Pagliaro
President

GP:jls

WILKES COLLEGE
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

IDC

MEMORANDUM

To: George Pagliaro, President of IDC
From: Francis Michelini
Date: April 23, 1971

I was most disturbed to read of the drug raid on Campus the morning of Friday, April 23, 1971, in the New Men's Dormitory. I think we are all aware of the difficulty of educating students to the destructive effects on their lives of the use of drugs that violate the law, however we may feel about present laws.

What particularly distresses me, and I hope will be made clear to the students, and what I consider a far more serious offense is the interference with law officers engaged in the performance of their duties. I think this is a deliberate and dangerous pattern of anarchy that is totally alien to the environment of an academic institution.

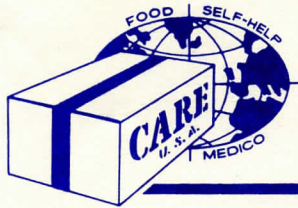
If the students participating in the stone-throwing incidents or in interfering with the officers can be identified, I wish to make it quite clear that I expect immediate disciplinary action in the form of dismissal from the College.

There can be no equivocation in this matter, and the students should be made to understand this.

Thank you.

FJM:mc

cc: Mr. Ralston
cc: Mr. Jost



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May 26, 1971

Dr. Francis Michelini, President,
Wilkes College
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703

Dear Dr. Michelini:

Your directions were perfect. We got to WNEP-TV on time and without casualty. Bob Carroll did a great show with George Mathues--we had an opportunity to mention the IDC gift to CARE.

As I mentioned in my letter to George, you will be receiving reports from George Mathues as the project materializes.

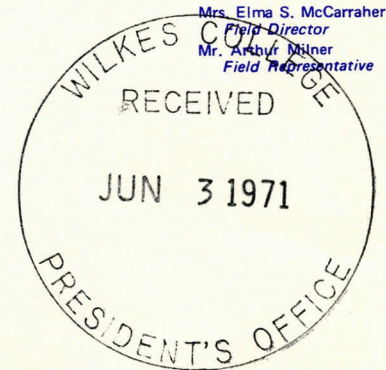
My thanks again.

Sincerely,

Arthur Milner

AM/mh

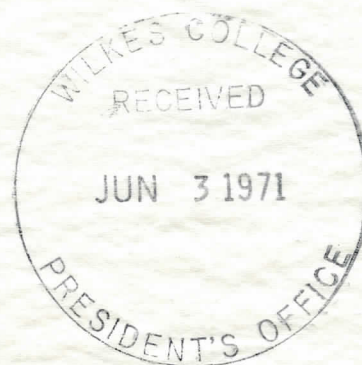
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May 26, 1971

Mr. George Pagliano, President,
Inter-Dormitory Council,
Wilkes College
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703



Dear George:

Let me tell you again how grateful we are at CARE for the contribution made by the Inter-Dormitory Council.

In line with your desire to have the funds used in connection with education, the monies contributed by the IDC will be used to purchase 95 desks for schools in the villages of Parroquial San Martin and La Milagrosa in the Dominican Republic.

You may recall that George Mathues mentioned the need for this during the ceremonies and the lunch that followed.

George Mathues will see that you get a full report as the project takes shape. The desks, as George mentioned, are made by native labor on the island and then installed in the schools.

George and I both enjoyed our visit to Wilkes College and appreciated your cordiality and hospitality.

Sincerely,

Arthur Milner

P.S. Enclosed is the formal receipt.

AM/mh

CC: Drew Gubanich, Dr. Francis Michelini, President Wilkes College,
Mr. James Moss

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