

BALL ESTABLISHED

BUCKNELL DAY RAINED OUT

Pulling down the last stretch of special activities in the summer semester, Bucknell Junior College sponsored a picnic August 17, at the Souci Park. Like the majority of affairs sponsored by this institution in the past, the picnic was rained down in the books as a complete washout, because of the fall crowd and the wet reception given to all by Jupiter Pluvius.

The rain probably had as dampening an effect on everyone's spirits as did the information that the reefer tickets given out beforehand were good only within the city limits. Fortunately, a few individuals braved the elements and during the downpour were entertained by the antics of Johnny Heutz Ney's German Band. Whenever there was a let up in the rain a rush was made to the various amusements in order to get some entertainment from an otherwise dull day. In the evening, less than half of the original number at the picnic attended went to the dance where they listened to the soothing strains of Brunon Kryger's orchestra.

One of the highspots of the day was the antics of several of the students who brought cars to the picnic. It was up to those students to transport the other less-fortunate around to the various rides during the downpour.

Adding to the excitement of the day was the fact that Hazard Wire Rope Company was also holding its annual outing. Without a doubt, their affair wasn't one bit better than that held by this institution, except for the fact that they had no previous provisions for entertainment.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Thomas sponsored the affair and Miss Tens and Reese Pelton were in charge of tickets.

Intra-Mural Winners Announced

Mr. Thomas, men's physical instructor, has announced the final winners of basketball and handball contests which have been in operation during the present semester. The winners and their records are as follows:

Basketball:—	
Dido	15—6
Dare	14—6
Byorick	14—6
Handball:—	
Boyle	9—2
Siberski	8—2

A wedding ring is like a tourniquet: it stops your circulation.

WARRIORS!

MILITARY BAND

Reese Pelton—

BOY'S DORMITORY TO BE OPENED

Plans are now being made to open a boy's dormitory this fall. The proposed dormitory will be the second one to be established. The first one being Weckesser Hall on Northampton Street. Approximately twenty students will be accommodated by the new building. Innumerable applications have already been received.

The addition of the new dormitory will bring the total number of dormitory students to nearly fifty. At the present time the proposed dormitory is undergoing alterations, but by the time that the fall semester arrives the BUJC campus should be enlarged by the addition of the new dorm.

SPORT DANCE IS SUCCESSFUL

On Friday, August 23rd, BUJC held a successful sport dance despite difficulties. Originally scheduled to take place at St. Stephen's Parish House, the dance was finally held at the First Presbyterian Church House. Another difficulty which "stumped" the committees was the last minute failure of the broadcasting system. However, a new one was rented and other problems were also settled satisfactorily.

Music for dancing was supplied by the Stardusters. The orchestra consisted of Charles Gittins, Reese Pelton, Max Wilson, John Redding, Wally Jones, Bill Nelson, Doug McNeal, and Allan Forrest. After the sound system was repaired vocals were presented by Shirley Higgins.

During the evening Al Derwinis awarded a prize to Jane Korper for winning the "Balloonathon" contest in which suspended balloons were cut loose during dancing. After intermission Dr. Reif gave a brief pep talk and led cheering.

Refreshments, including root beer on tap, were served throughout the evening. The affair was among the more successful ones held this semester.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letters have been received by the staff during the last month. All opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editor or staff, but we believe that a healthful "airing" of student opinions is one way to develop democratic tendencies. The letters are not the result of assignments. On the contrary they have been written voluntarily. If you have an opinion which is worthy of consideration, write it down and leave it in the BEACON office. It will be published in subsequent editions.

Mr. Editor:

"We the students of Bucknell University Junior College . . ." so starts the constitution which governs the student body. On closer examination, one finds that it is the students with the consent of the faculty. Instead of having such a broad and general statement, the constitution should state particular categories of activities and their limits, with an elastic clause to take care of special cases.

The student council is more a means of misrepresentation than representation. The elections to that body are a farce. The new class is in school no more than several weeks when it is asked to vote for its student officers. This is all well and good but the students are not sufficiently acquainted to determine whether a wise selection is being made. Instead of voting by ballot, hands are counted; as a result, one votes with the crowd rather than for himself.

Another constitutional provision is that if a member of the student council misses two consecutive meetings he is automatically dropped from that body. On paper it looks good, but in actual practice it is not enforced. Some students attend one or two meetings in an entire semester while in other instances the office is held open for someone until he or she returns at a later semester. The meetings usually wind up with expressions of personal attitudes and not those of the students as a whole; in other words, the student council represents the student council and not the student body.

"With the school contemplating a four year course, now is the time to make the necessary changes in order to profit from past experiences."

To the Editor:

"I propose that the student body hold a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the constitution of the Student Council. I am not familiar with the rules and regulations governing the activities of Bucknell Junior College students, but from all indications this document was drawn up during the recent war. Times have changed during the last two years at Bucknell Junior, and it's about time that the students of this institution started to do a little reconverting.

Last year's summer session at Bucknell Junior was attended by a small group of students. This year the summer session enrolled close to five hundred students, most of them being returned service men. (continued on page 2)

CANDIDATES TO "WORK-OUT" ON MONDAY

The announcement made in the assembly program last week that George F. Ralston, former University of North Carolina griddier, will coach the first football team in the history of Bucknell University Junior College, was the climax to several months debate and discussion in regard to the representation of this institution on the gridiron this fall.

When the idea was first presented to the school governing body a definite plan could not be made out as there were many things that seemed, at that time, like major obstacles in the way of bringing the grid sport to this institution. Dr. Eugene A. Farley, director, started to work immediately on the proposal.

The major problem of obtaining a coach that would fit into the physical education program here and the question of whether or not there was a field that could be used by this school for both practice and the actual playing of the games were the big obstacles in the way of football at the start of the campaign. The coaching problem was solved when George Ralston was signed for the position and shortly afterward word was received from Kingston High School that its field could be used on week-ends when the West Side institution was playing away. As far as a practice field was concerned, city officials gave Bucknell the right to use both the main field in Kirby Park, as well as the shower room, for its drills.

Because of the fine work of several of the students and members of the faculty, the problem of equipment, which has been a worry to most schools sponsoring football this year, was solved. According to Ralston, there are enough uniforms at present to equip twenty-five men and more uniforms can be obtained if the need arises.

The first call for grid candidates was issued by the new coach last week at a meeting of the male student body in Chase Theater. Approximately forty men signed for the sport and it is expected the first practice session will take place soon.

The following men have signed for the team: Edwin Kosik, Richard Plummer, Paul Callahan, Robert Pittman, William Kauffman, Alfred Keny, Marvin Walter, Henry Anderson, Douglas MacNeal, Albert Morse, George Hudock, John Hudzik, Robert Dido, Francis Gawat, Gerald Munzing, Patrick Pierelli, Frederick Johnson, James Davis, Shelden Morrison, William Phillips, John Biscuit, Mostyn Saye, Carl Gibson, William Jonathan, Thomas Douglas, Casimir Kopko, Tom Moran, Reese Pelton, John Scott, Harold Teich, Russell Wolff, Austin Bishong, Joseph Brazauskus, George Russ, Martin Warmus, Bill Johns and Al Jonek. Other names are constantly being added to this list of candidates.

Wilkes Dinner to Fete Ralston

Wilkes College will hold its 39th Annual Homecoming Celebration on Friday, October 17 through Sunday, October 19. As part of the Homecoming festivities,

Wilkes College will host a special dinner in honor of George F. Ralston, Dean of Students Emeritus and special assistant to Alumni Relations. The dinner will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, beginning at 6 p.m., at The Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre.

A member of the Wilkes community since 1946, Ralston has served officially as dean of men, dean of students, counselor, coach, instructor, and administrator. In May, 1986, he received the title Dean of Students Emeritus, and currently assists Anthony J. Shipula II '78, director of Alumni Relations, as a

special liaison between the college and its 15,000 alumni.

Ralston is active in the community as a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, a director of the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board, a director of the YM-CA, and a board member of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of four sons, and reside in Wilkes-Barre.

The event, organized by committee members Paul Adams '77, associate dean of Student Affairs; Jane Lampe Groh, associate dean of Student Affairs; and Art Hoover

'55, dean of Student Affairs, will commence at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., after which a special program on Ralston will be presented. Following the presentation, a dance will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight, featuring music by the Lee Vincent Combo.

Reservations are currently being accepted for "A Tribute to George Ralston," and are limited to the first 460 respondents. Advanced registration and payment is required by October 1. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Wilkes College Office of Alumni Relations.



GEORGE RALSTON

Ralston will serve in new job at Wilkes

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College dean of student affairs George Ralston will resign his position as of June 1 to serve as special liaison between the college and its 15,000 alumni.

The announcement was made by college president Christopher N. Breiseth, who noted that June 1 will also mark the 40th anniversary of Ralston's appointment at Wilkes.

In his new role, Ralston, 68, of Wilkes-Barre, will work with director of alumni relations Anthony J. Shipula, according to a press release.

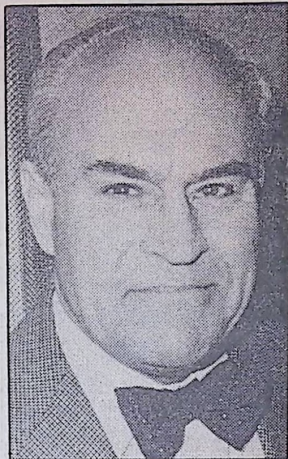
Ralston received his baccalaureate degree in biology from the University of North Carolina in 1940. Following graduation, he taught at the

Dana Street School in Forty Fort, prior to serving with the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of major.

In June 1946, he was hired by Wilkes as a teacher and counselor for veterans. He has since then served as dean of men, dean of students, counselor, athletic coach and administrator, according to a press release.

He is a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; director, Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board; director, YMCA; board member, the Salvation Army; board member, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Ralston is married to the



George Ralston
Special liaison

former Helen Bitler Hawkins. They have four sons, David, John, Thomas and James.

Gifts, Grants, Giving

John Chwalek Invitational brings surprise gift

The 38th Annual John J. Chwalek Invitational Golf Tournament was played recently at the Wilkes-Barre Golf Club, followed by an awards banquet at the Bear Creek Inn.

Highlight of the evening was the surprise announcement of a \$1,000 gift from William Sincavage of Plains Township.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the John J. Chwalek Fellowship Award, created to recognize a love and concern for Wilkes that John Chwalek has exemplified during his more than 40 years of service to the University. The award, which is in the form of a cash stipend, recognizes the efforts of a senior who has worked as an ambassador of Wilkes by recruiting students in concert with the admis-



Shown in the traditional blue jackets of the John Chwalek Invitational are (from left) Admissions Dean Bernard Vinovski '69, G '76, G '78; Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Dean James Rodechko; Trustee William J. Umphred '52; John Chwalek; Dean Emeritus George Ralston; Vice President Tom Hadzor; Alumni Director Tony Shipula '78, and Professor Phil Tuhy.



Wilkes holds groundbreaking ceremony for football field at Ralston Complex

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in June to officially launch Wilkes University's \$1.6 million renovation of the football field at the Ralston Athletic Complex. The renovation, which will include the installation of a synthetic turf field, a field lighting system and fencing around the perimeter, will transform the field from a single-sport site to one that will accommodate five intercollegiate sports -- football, women's lacrosse, women's field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and the men's club lacrosse team. The field will also be used for intramural games. The project is expected to be completed by the Colonels' first home football game against Waynesburg at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11. At the groundbreaking ceremony, from left, first row: Adalene Malatesta, Wilkes athletic director; Helen Ralston, Class of 1952; Jay S. Sidhu MBA' 73, chair, Wilkes Board of Trustees; William Hanbury, Class of 1972 and University trustee; John Kerr, Class of 1972 and University Trustee; Laura Cardinale, Class of 1972 and president, Wilkes University Alumni Association; Susan Dantona Jolley, Wilkes University director of donor relations. Second row: Thomas Ralston, Class of 1980; Tim Gilmour, Wilkes University president; Ben Beidel, Wilkes student government president; Paul Adams, vice president, student affairs; and Mike Wood, vice president, advancement.

Wilkes Lettermen Hold Annual Christmas Formal



Wilkes College Lettermen's Club held its annual Christmas formal at the Manfield Ballroom. One of the highlights of the college holiday season, this year's affair held to a decorative theme of "Wonderland in White." The dance offers the student body and faculty an opportunity for a holiday get-together prior to the Christmas recess.

Shown above are those who comprised the receiving line. They are, from the left, Happy Field, Ronald Grohowski, co-

(Photo by Ace Hoffman Studios)

chairman; Carol Saidman, David Greenwald, co-chairman; Mrs. Samuel A. Rosenberg, Dr. Samuel A. Rosenberg, chairman, Commerce and Finance Department; Suzanne Bellone, Thomas Trosko, Lettermen President; Mrs. Eugene L. Hammer, Dr. Eugene L. Hammer, chairman, education department; Mrs. George F. Ralston, George F. Ralston, Wilkes dean of men.

Kingston protects lead on 31-14 win. Meyers and Larksville score upsets. See page 13.

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Wilkes to Dedicate New Ralston Field Today

The Wilkes College Colonels are enjoying their best season in years, sporting a 5-1 mark and holding down first place in the Northern Division of Middle Atlantic Conference, and a large throng is anticipated this afternoon when Wilkes hosts Delaware Valley in the Annual Homecoming Game.

Coach Rollie Schmidt's charges have gained national prominence among small colleges and universities with their 1965 gridiron heroics.

Not since the days when George F. Ralston was at the helm of the institution's teams have the Colonels aroused so much enthusiasm.

This afternoon, faculty, student and alumni of Wilkes will dedicate the college's athletic area in Kirby Park. The gridiron will be named Ralston Field in tribute to former coach, educator and dean of men at Wilkes, Ralston.

A strong stand made by the former mentor was instrumental in keeping football at Wilkes a few years ago when King's College dropped the sport.

Born in 1917 in Harrisburg, Pa., Ralston moved to this State with his family and received his education in Harrisburg schools. He received his BA degree from University of North Carolina, graduating with honors in 1940. He pursued graduate work at Harvard and Columbia Universities.

Ralston taught at Forty Fort High School in 1940-41, directing the school's football and basketball teams. Entering the Army in 1942 as a private, he served with an anti-aircraft battery. When discharged in 1946, he held the rank of major. He joined the Wilkes faculty that year and directed some fine football squads for 11 campaigns. He was basketball coach 10 years, baseball coach five years and director of athletics 13 years. The last 19 years he has been dean of men. Besides his busy schedule at the college, Ralston has been active in many community endeavors.

To get today's festivities rolling, a breakfast with Ralston as guest of honor will be held this morning at 9:30. Some 50 of Ralston's former players and their families are expected to attend.

Dedication of the Wilkes College athletic area and Ralston Field will be staged during intermission at today's game.

The acquisition of the area began seven years ago when the athletic committee recommended the school seek a new place for the football and soccer squads to dress. Discussing the matter with the supervisor of Kirby Park, it was learned there was an old building on Glen Alden property, used by the miners as a dressing room. Upon inspection of the building, the committee found with a small addition there would be enough space for football, soccer and girls' field hockey teams to have their own dressing rooms and showers. There also is a training room, a drying room, equipment room and two storage rooms.

Shortly after, talks were arranged with officials of Glen Alden concerning the building and remainder of the land, out to Northampton Street. Glen Alden agreed to sell the land with the exception of the building housing ventilation equipment for their mines.

On this site there now are girls' hockey field, six all-weather tennis courts, a field house and parking facilities.

Later, Glen Alden sold the other building to Wilkes and it is being transformed into dressing rooms and showers for visiting teams, toilet facilities for the public and storage rooms.

Wilkes then purchased the Barney farm, seven and one-half acres of land adjacent to the new facility. On this land the college laid out the football field, soccer field and a parking lot. Seating capacity is 2,220, with permanent bleachers to be obtained next year. The athletic



These pictures depict the then and now in the life of George Ralston, dean of men at Wilkes College, in whose honor the college's new football field will be named at dedication ceremonies this afternoon during halftime of the Wilkes-Delaware Valley football game.

Ralston is shown in 1953 when he was coach of the Wilkes football team. To his right is Daniel Pinkowski who, though not a coach, was on the sidelines with Ralston in many games. The inset shows Ralston today.

area includes a baseball diamond, collegiate athletics, he said. All and archery range. sports, he said, football, in particular, are laboratories in the educational process with the lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship the big gains. "The more conviction all men are entitled to an opportunity to develop their capacities to the highest level of efficiency in order to compete in the race of life. This is the basic philosophy behind our fundamental education concept and not merely sports and not merely professional education."

Dean Ralston Honored

There will be a lot of back-slapping and handshaking at Wilkes College this weekend, for it is annual Homecoming Weekend. And one man whose hands and back will bear the brunt of contact with a host of well-wishing friends and admirers is Dean of Men George F. Ralston.

As the story on page 9 of this morning's **Record** reveals, the Wilkes' trustees have announced their decision to name the college's athletic field in honor of Dean Ralston.

This is a fine and fitting gesture. It recognizes years of selfless devotion to college and community. As a former student, now a member of the college administration, has observed, Dean Ralston's career is a perfect illustration of putting service ahead of self.

There are many monuments to many men in Wyoming Valley. The pity of it is that most are raised after death calls away the one whose memory we would preserve. Thus we show our respect and affection too late, when it has no meaning for the one we honor.

The trustees are to be commended for tendering this concrete expression of their regard for Dean Ralston while he is yet among us. It is a wholly justified tribute, and one which he will enjoy for many years to come.

Wilkes Alumni Association Hosts Annual Spring Dinner



The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Wilkes College Alumni Association held its annual Spring Dinner Friday evening at the Fox Hill Country Club, Exeter.

This year's event was attended by more than 90 students, alumni and friends of the college. Guests were greeted at a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7. After dinner entertainment was provided by the Wilkes College Jazz Band, under the direction of Jeffrey Hoover.

Shown are Wilkes College alumni who attended

the festivities.

Seated left to right: Patricia Davies, chairman, Board of Trustees; Helen Ralston '52, Christine Shipula '77; Christiana Baron '73, chairman, Dinner Committee; Beverly Hiscox '57, president, National Executive Committee, Wilkes Alumni Association.

Standing: George Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs; Anthony Shipula, '78, director, Alumni Relations; John Baron Jr. '75, chairman, Dinner Committee; Harry Hiscox, Esq. '51.

After 40 Years at Wilkes

Ralston to Retire from Dean's Post

By LIBBY BRENNAN
Staff Writer

"The Age of Speed" is the expression that George Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs at Wilkes College, uses to describe education as he sees it today.

Ralston knows of what he speaks because he has over 40 years of experience in higher education. He has served Wilkes College as an educator, dean and coach for that long.

Ralston's comments come on the heels of an announcement by college officials that he will retire effective, June 1, 1986.

However, his association with the institution will not cease. He has accepted an appointment as a special liaison between the college and its 15,000 alumni.

Reflecting on his tenure at Wilkes, Ralston said "The students who resumed their education following World War II under the G.I. Bill were the most exciting group I ever dealt with. They were 'Hungary Gullivers' energetic, enterprising, adventurous. They wanted to know everything they considered life rich and interesting."

The students of today — those of the 1980s — he considers unenthusiastic, imper-

vous to ideas. "They are not crusaders and innovators; they are sustainers," Ralston said sadly.

Reflecting on this, the dean continued, "They have not paid their dues and have not known sacrifice. They seek no causes and are introverted, self-gratified and constantly seek self-security."

Along with changes, Ralston has observed tremendous changes in the educational philosophy and system. "The future for many young people in acquiring education is uncertain. Money will be the problem for both the students and the institutions," Ralston said. "For many education will be on a part-time basis when they will have to work and study and it will take a longer period."

The man who has dealt with the young for most of his life considers his lasting association with the thousands of Wilkes graduates as his greatest satisfaction. "They have been kind to me and I have watched them grow, become successful in varied endeavors and I have observed their contributions to their fellow man."

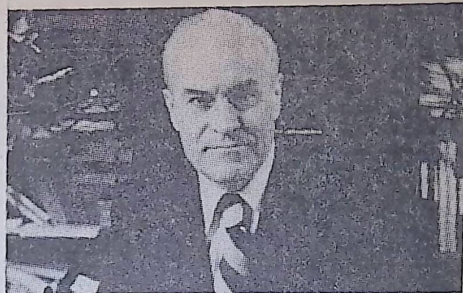
"Education is always in a transition period. But the rapidity of change is more

marked as we reach the end of the 20th century," Ralston said. "One of the changes in the future will be emphasis on specialization. It will be mandatory for the students and institutions."

Ralston received his baccalaureate degree in biology from the University of North Carolina in 1940. After graduation, he applied to and was accepted as a teacher and a coach at the Dana Street School, Forty Fort. His teaching career was interrupted when, in 1941, he went into the United States Army where he served for the next 4½ years and advanced to the rank of major, being honorably discharged in 1946.

Ralston returned to Wyoming Valley in June of that year and applied for a faculty position at the newly chartered Wilkes College and was immediately hired by President Eugene S. Farley to teach and counsel veterans. He has, in the ensuing 40 years, served officially as dean of men, dean of students, counselor, coach, administrator, and "has earned the affection and respect of the entire college community and the community at large."

The community recognizes Ralston as both an educator and a spiritual leader. He is a



DEAN GEORGE RALSTON

member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre, a director of the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board, a director of the YM-CA, a board member of the Salvation Army, and a board member of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He has been honored several times by various community groups as a humanitarian.

Ralston is married to the former Helen Bitler Hawkins and they are the parents of four sons, David, John, Thomas and James.

The announcement was made by President Christopher N. Breiseth, who noted that June 1 will also mark the 40th anniversary of Ralston's appointment at Wilkes.

Breiseth said, "Since 1946, George Ralston has served this institution in so many

capacities, always with enthusiasm and devotion. Some remember him as a teacher, others as an advisor or coach, others still, as an administrator. Throughout his career he has, in the most positive way, touched the lives and influenced the futures of countless students."

In his new role as liaison, Ralston will work with Anthony J. Shipula, Director of Alumni Relations. Shipula said, "Wherever I have gone, alumni have asked about Dean Ralston and reminisced about the great impact he has had on their lives. I am delighted that he has agreed to help the College focus on its relationships with our alumni as we seek their help in strengthening the College for future generations."

'53 Colonel Football Destiny In Their Hands



Introducing the football coaching staff at Wilkes College for 1953—left to right: Russ Picton, assistant coach; George Ralston, head coach; Francis Pinkowski, assistant coach.

Two former Wilkes gridiron greats, Picton and Pinkowski, were appointed to aid their former coach in grooming the Colonel grid machine this fall. Picton, a 1952 Little All-America quarterback and former great of service football while with the Marines, is slated to handle the ends and passers, while Pinky is working with the running backs. Fran was the recipient of the outstanding back award in his junior and senior years at Wilkes and was a standout at fullback through his grid career here. Both have already proven "shots in the arm" to Coach Ralston, who this year is busying himself with the line.