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Construction of a new Sports Conference Center is on the agenda for the near future. It will not only give students an extraordinary year-round facility for recreation and sports activities, but also will give the campus a multipurpose center for conferences and seminars. The Sports Conference Center will replace the present gymnasium (circa 1954) and enrich student life on campus by serving as a social center for both resident and commuter students.



- Citizens' Voice/Jack Kelley

Building tradesmen picket project at Wilkes College

Members of the Wyoming Valley Building and Construction Trades Council are picketing the Wilkes College gymnasium project to protest use of non-union labor on the job.

Pickets have been appearing almost daily since last week. Officials of building trades unions declined comment but signs carried by pickets identified Brdaric Construction Company as the target. The information signs contend that use of the non-union company is undermining area construction wage rates and working conditions.

Jane Manganella, public relations director for Wilkes College, said she did not know the details of

the picket line but noted the college contracted with low bidder Sordoni Construction, a company which uses union workers, to do the work on the new gymnasium.

"Sordoni may have sub-contracted the work and that may be why there are picket signs. We do not interfere with a company's decision to sub-contract. Our agreement is with Sordoni to construct the new gym," she said.

Local 542, Operating Engineers Union, is identified on the posters carried Monday.

Brdaric reportedly razed the old gymnasium and is doing excavation work for the new gym.



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EXCLUSIVE TO THE SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

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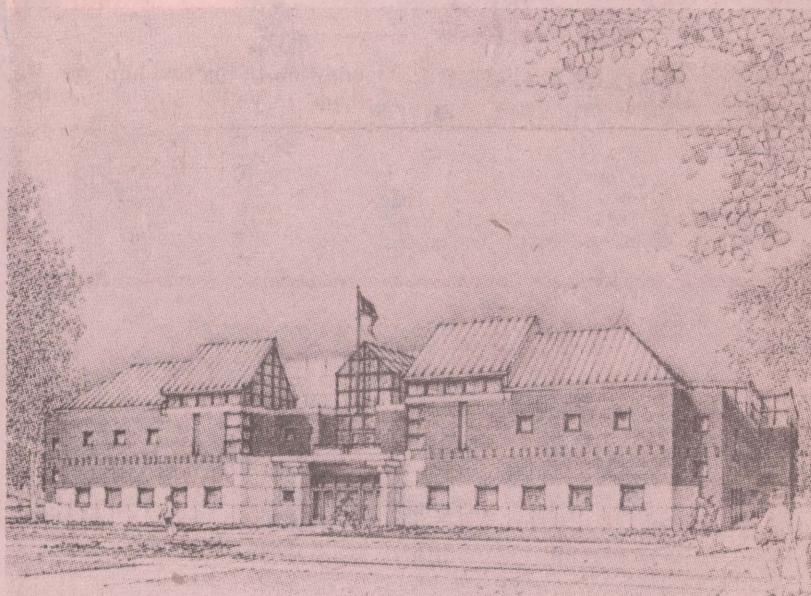
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New sports center planned at Wilkes College



This is an architectural sketch of the sports and conference center to be constructed at Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre.

WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes College board of trustees has approved the awarding of a \$4.8 million contract to construct a sports and conference center, beginning in January.

The center has been the focal point of the \$18 million "Wilkes Tomorrow" capital campaign, which already has topped \$8.8 million toward its five-year goal.

Frank M. Henry, chairman of the board, said the college is embarking on the project to build the center "with a sense of excitement and anticipation.

"The need for this facility at the college began to manifest itself in the 1960s," he remarked. "It is gratifying for us to know that the plan finally will become reality, and that the center will benefit not only the college but the region it serves."

Christopher N. Breiseth, college president, described the lengthy process which eventually resulted in the awarding of the construc-

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A two-year process began in July 1985, when architectural proposals for the center were submitted by 21 firms, Breiseth said.

The board reviewed formal presentations by five of the firms and awarded a design contract to Bohlin Powell Larkin Cywinski, Wilkes-Barre.

Sordoni, of Forty Fort, was selected from five construction firms that had submitted bids in October, 1986.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for March 1, 1988 with an anticipated completion date of December 31, 1988.

The multi-purpose center will include extra classrooms and space for offices and seminars, in addition to housing sports and recreational activities.

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Bank makes large gift to Wilkes

United Penn Bank recently contributed what was described as a major gift to the Wilkes College Capital Campaign to assist the financing of the new Sports and Conference Center now under construction on South Franklin Street. The amount was not disclosed. Shown, from left: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes College, and Richard F. Laux, chairman and chief executive officer of United Penn Bank. *TL 5/27/88 80*