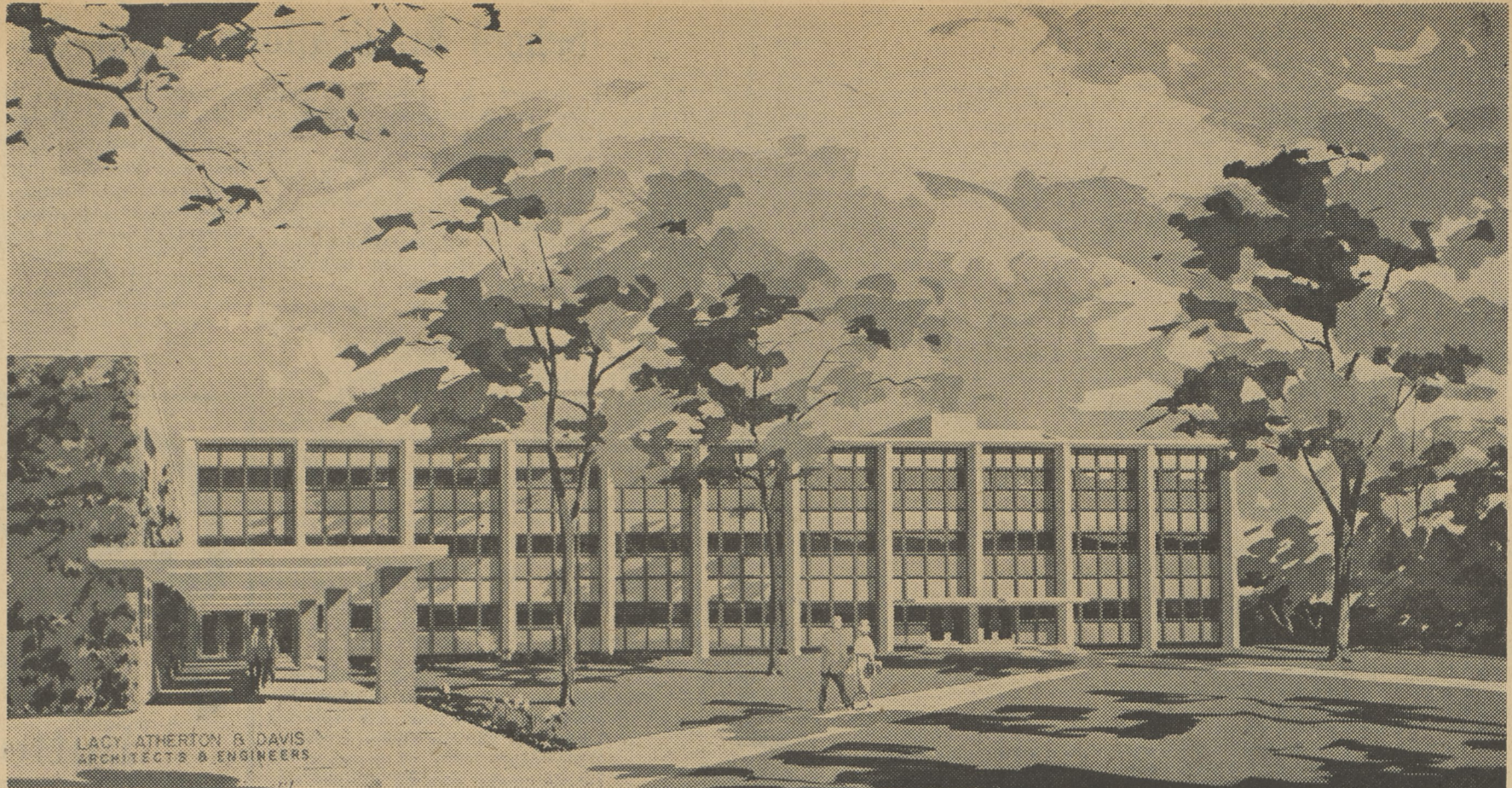


Harold Stark Science Hall At Wilkes College



Here is the architect's conception of the Admiral Harold R. Stark Science Hall being erected at Wilkes College. The building, which will offer the finest and most up-to-date facilities for scientific research to Back Mountain young people as well as those from throughout the local area and the East, was made possible by an anonymous gift last Spring of \$900,000. Another \$558,000 was given by Walter S. Carpenter, Jr., chairman of the board of the Dupont Corporation, which will enable the college to purchase new equipment and conduct various research projects in the ultra-modern structure. The building is expected to be completed early in 1957. Three former classroom buildings, all converted garages,

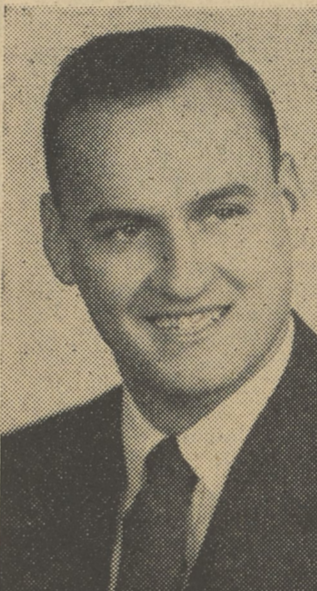
were torn down to make way for Stark Hall on a mid-campus site. The new science hall will contain 47,000 square feet of classroom space and scientific research facilities and will house the departments of biology, chemistry and physics. The Sordoni Construction Company, Wilkes-Barre, has contracted to erect the ultra-modern structure. It will be of steel-reinforced concrete and brick and will emphasize a modern glass look due to the many windows on its sides. The Lecture Hall, which remains nearly intact, will be the north wing of the building (left).

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Dallas-Franklin Students To Further Studies This Fall
Fourteen of the forty-five members of the 1956 graduating class of Dallas-Franklin Township High School have enrolled in institutions of higher learning. Five boys have already enlisted in the armed forces.
Those who will continue their education are: Margaret Gunton, Bloomsburg State Teachers College; Zelva Moore, Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing; Jeanette Sutton, Hoyt School of Practical Nursing; Verna Lee Wagner, Wilkes; Paul Balshaw, Penn State University; Arthur Belles, Wilkes; Thomas Evans, Penn State Extension, Wilkes-Barre; Spencer Holmgren, Penn State Extension; Irvin Kistler, Penn State University or Lehigh; Allan Mosier, Lafayette; R. Barry Thompson, Penn State Extension; Dale Wagner, Bloomsburg State Teachers College; William Weidner, General Motors Institute, Pontiac, Mich.; Alton Whittaker, Juniata College.
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RUSSELL R. PICTON
Russell Picton, Coach At Wilkes, Made Long Pass Meadowcrest Man Was Quarterback Of Marine Team
The football fortunes of one of the leading colleges in the state will be directed for the second straight year by a Back Mountain resident. Coach Russell R. Picton, who has resided for nearly two years in Trucksville, has called the first Wilkes College football practice of the year for Saturday, September 1. The head coach, who lives with his wife and two sons at Meadowcrest, is beginning his second year as head man of the Colonel grid-ders. Previously, as a student, Russ served as assistant to George F. Ralston, now director of athletics. The Wilkes mentor, a native of Lee Park, Hanover Township, is one of the busiest men on the Wilkes College campus, dividing his time as director of development and executive alumni secretary in addition to handling football chores. During the 1955-56 school year, he also served as acting director of athletics in place of his former athletic chief Ralston, who was working on his doctorate at Columbia University last year. The young coach and his wife, Shirley, welcomed their second son, Jeff, recently. They have one other son, Rusty, two years old.
Played With Marine Corps
Picton is one of the most famous football players produced by the talent-rich Wyoming Valley area. After starring at Hanover Township High School, he took up the colors of the U.S. Marine Corps, switching to quarterback, a move which later brought him much national fame as field general for the Parris Island and Camp Lejeune teams. He earned All-Marine All-Navy honors three years, having played with some of the nation's collegiate and professional grid greats, including Eddie LeBaron and Harry Agganis. On his return to Wilkes, Dame Fortune dealt a blow which ended his days as a player. In 1952, handling the quarterback slot for Ralston's team, he suffered a broken

leg in the Hofstra game at Hempstead, L.I. The injury was such that he was unable ever again to don the familiar Blue and Gold. His performance in only half a season that year netted him honorable mention, "Little All American" selection. Even after the end of his playing days, Russ was the subject of much national recognition, becoming assistant coach next year as a junior at the Wilkes-Barre institution. The story of his climb in football was carried on a coast-to-coast national network and his selection to succeed Ralston as a grid tutor was a natural choice. Faced with a man-power shortage, his team last year had only a mediocre year, but this year Russ hopes to woo many of the fine former local high school players out of Wilkes classrooms and on to the football field. "If I can have the material on campus out on the (Continued on Page Fourteen)

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