

Editorials

School Spirit? We Got It!

A lot of people were skeptical at first. When an enthusiastic few students met and pledged to work for the first full-scale Homecoming Celebration in Asheville-Biltmore College's history, most of the rest sat back and waited. Student enthusiasm has not been a common occurrence at A-B in the past and those few flashes of rabid school spirit have been short-lived. The skepticism is understandable. But it appears to have disappeared from one and all, student or faculty or friend of the college. And as the movement toward homecoming gathered steam, it also gathered support. This wasn't any flash-in-the-pan, brief burst of exuberance and it's doubtful if many citizens of the Asheville area still don't realize Homecoming at A-B is today and tomorrow. Bumper stickers on cars -- even police cars, a banner across Tunnel Road, a downtown parade, letters, posters and buttons, a campus alive with displays. All this had to come in time and most figured it would be a natural course of events after the dormitories opened this August. But why wait for the dorms? Credit for the move? It should go to students like Charlie Medd, Lynda Reighard, Tom Harbin, yes and even to SGA President Jim Day who threw the weight of Student Government behind the event. And just maybe, if there are a few orchids left over, there'll be one for you and for you -- the unsung students who may have followed the leaders but who threw their shoulders to the wheel when the all-out effort was needed. To all involved in the Homecoming fete, The Ridgerunner says thanks -- and congratulations. Let's keep it up.



The Ridgerunner

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Guy Batsel Keeps Scoring Lead; Larry Arrick Is Top Rebounder

PLAYER	Games	FG-FGA	%	FT-FTA	%	RB	AV	PF	TP	AV
Guy Batsel	17	147-279	53	51-66	77	83	4.8	59	345	20.3
Jim McElhanev	17	122-275	44	43-62	69	72	4.2	56	287	16.9
Larry Arrick	17	78-167	46	61-82	74	197	11.6	63	216	12.7
Steve Lucas	17	70-159	44	57-79	72	85	5.0	58	197	11.6
Mal Blankenship	17	45-85	53	28-35	80	135	7.9	46	118	6.9
Butch Van Matre	17	34-77	44	19-33	58	68	4.0	56	87	5.1
Lee Shuster	13	32-85	38	19-21	90	20	1.1	22	83	6.4
Larry Roland	15	16-39	41	6-7	85	11	.73	8	38	2.5
Tom Lindlev	8	8-30	26	14-15	93	19	2.4	17	30	3.7
Glenn Carlson	11	11-25	44	2-4	50	7	.6	19	24	2.2
Phil Price	5	0-4	--	1-2	50	1	.2	0	1	.2
TOTALS	17	563-1242	46	300-406	73	708	41.6	390	1426	83.9

A Forty Year Struggle

A-B College Nears Goal

Nearly 40 years ago the mountain people began building an institution of higher learning for the young people of Western North Carolina. The struggle is nearing its goal. In the fall of 1967, Asheville will boast a residential college which will serve not only area young people but also students from across the country. The college, presently a candidate for senior status accreditation, is unlike any college in the state. This proves that it isn't enough to have an ordinary dream. A dream must be bold, adventurous, and persevering. In 1927, the Buncombe County Junior College for men and women was established by the county school board as part of the public school system. In 1928, the College of the City of Asheville was similarly established. In 1930, due to financial difficulties, the two institutions were succeeded by Biltmore Junior College, which operated on a tuition basis. It wasn't until 1936 that the institution became Asheville-Biltmore College. For ten years, until 1946, the college continued to be called "Biltmore College." From 1934 until 1961, the college was a nomad. For 4 years, the college was housed in the south wing of the David Millard High School for the next four in Asheville College. In 1942, the college moved to Merrimon Avenue, a location formerly oc-

cupied by a part of the Children's Home. The college remained there until the fall of 1949 when the campus was moved to the Overlook estate on Sunset Mountain. Its last move was in 1961 when the first two buildings of the present plant were completed on the 157 acre campus in North Asheville, east of Broadway. Under the Community College Act of 1957, Asheville-Biltmore became the first institution to qualify as a State-supported community college. In 1963 the college took a new step. Effective July 1, Asheville-Biltmore became a state senior college under the Omnibus Higher Education Bill passed in May of 1963 by the General Assembly. Since then the dream has drawn close to complete reality. Seven buildings of the A-B dormitory village open next August and will house 250 students. Plans for two additional dorms to house 350 students are underway. An Olympic-sized swimming pool, a planetarium (the only one in Western North Carolina), additional space for science labs and equipment, expansion of the cafeteria and airconditioning for the Student Center, underground conduits for campus lighting, and additional physical education playing fields head the list of capital improvement requests. Alumni of six years won't recognize Asheville-Biltmore College. But neither will the alumni six years from now who will be '67 graduates.

Alumni Set Reception Saturday

All of Homecoming is alumni-oriented. But at least one event will be strictly for the exes of junior college days as well as members of the Class of 1966. That is the 4 p.m. Saturday reception and coffee in the Student Center Cafeteria. Coeds will be on hand to act as guides for visiting alumni who have not taken a close look at the present campus. Also scheduled, according to Alumni Association President George Bryan Jr., will be a discussion on forming out-of-town chapters of the alumni. Alumni directors are particularly interested in forming chapters in Haywood, Henderson, McDowell and Yancey-Madison counties. "We also want to consider chapters in South Carolina, for the Greenville - Spartanburg area, and Tennessee, either in Knoxville or Johnson City," Bryan said. "We hope several alumni from each of these areas will be on hand to assist in this planning." Other 1967 officers of the Alumni Association include Bill Plyler, vice president; Mrs. Doris Sanders, secretary and Mrs. Dorothy Carter, treasurer. Directors include Bryan, Congressman Roy A. Taylor, James M. Hall Jr., Dr. Joseph Schandler and Attorney Tom Walton.

Government Majors Specialize

Additional specialization for Government majors has become available at Asheville-Biltmore College. The new program calls for a multi-disciplinary approach, bringing together courses offered in the departments of government, history, economics, geography, literature and philosophy. Recommended for men and women contemplating advanced work in the fields of political science, economics and history, the program involves subject matter essential to a broad understanding of world affairs. The program will also provide a broad background for those interested in professional careers in law, journalism, diplomatic service, international business, or international organizations. A Certificate in Education can be obtained and is recommended with the Government major. The major consists of thirty or thirty-one hours from the courses listed below. Twelve hours must be taken from those listed under government; six from those listed under economics; six from those under history; three from geography; and three or four from those listed under literature and philosophy. GOVERNMENT: 23B American Foreign Policy 23F International Relations

- 23C Major European Governments
- 33C History of Political Theory: Bentham to Present Social Sciences Seminar
- ECONOMICS: 33C International Trade 33S Comparative Economic Systems
- HISTORY: 33A United States Since 1918 33C Foreign Relations of the United States 33K Soviet Russia 33L Europe 1848 - 1918 33M Recent European History 33N Economic History of Europe
- GEOGRAPHY: 23A World Geography
- LITERATURE & PHILOSOPHY: 24C World Literature 1700 to 1880 24D World Literature 1880 to Present 23J Social and Political Philosophy

For further information, students should contact Mr. Douglas A. Stutsman, Dr. Sidney T. Matthews, or Dr. Bahram Farzanegan.

Calendar of Events

All members of the Ridgerunner staff will meet Monday, FEB. 6, at 12 noon.

The Ridgerunner needs ad salesmen and general news reporters. Interested students are urged to attend the meeting which will be held on the balcony in front of the RR news office.

The Jon Gleurs, a college folk trio, will perform Tuesday, Feb. 7 in the Student Center auditorium at 11 a. m.

In July, the group will appear at the Newport Folk Festival as the guests of Peter, Paul, and Mary.