

### W.C.C. Basketball Coach Joe Linney

# From Thailand To WCC

In 1953 a thirteen year old boy left his home near Bangkok, Thailand, thus beginning a series of wanderings that were to bring Mr. Nithi Klinkosum to Wilkesboro and to Wilkes Community College.

He went first to England where he attended Eshton Public School in Yorkshire. His first few months in England were rather difficult due to his having a limited knowledge of English. But he learned quickly, and soon felt at ease with the English language.

After five years of school in England, Mr. Klinkosum came to the United States and enrolled at Wilbraham Academy near Springfield, Mass. He studied one and one-half years at Wilbraham, then enrolled at Babson Institute in Welesley, Mass.

Comes to N.C.

Mr. Klinkosum's academic career was temporarily interrupted after one year at Babson Institute by his decision to take flight training with Piedmont Airlines. Fortunately for the students at WCC, after a year and a half with Piedmont, Mr. Klinkosum decided to resume his college studies. He enrolled at Wake Forest University in the spring of 1959. While at Wake Forest he majored in Spanish and history, with a minor in sociology. Mr. Klinkosum graduated from Wake Forest in 1962, but returned a short while later to earn his "A" teaching certificate.

In 1964 he enrolled as a graduate student at (then) Appalachian State Teachers College. While doing graduate work at Appalachian, he was a part-time instructor at Lees-McRae College. Then in

### W.C.C. Basketball

The Cougars are primed for the first game of the season with 13 men on the team. Three of last year's regulars are back for the 68-69 season. They are Tommy Guy, Steve Eller, and Ronnie Tripplette. The Cougars have a number of honor players on the new team. Tony Hayes, an All Conference guard from West Wilkes: George Howard, a District All Star from Tennessee; and several others.

The Cougars will play the first game in the new Appalachian Gym. It promises to be an action packed game!

All in all, it looks as if the Cougars will make a good showing. So let's all get behind the Cougars this year!

By Montie Hamby

1965 after graduating with a Masters Degree from Appalachian, he began teaching full-time at Lees-McRae.

In 1966 Mr. Klinkosum left Lees-McRae and North Carolina to take a position as Audio-Visual Director at S.C. State College in Orangeburg, S.C. While at S.C. State, he was also with Project Headstart.

Versatile Instructor

Mr. Klinkosum moved from South Carolina to Wilkesboro the following year and took his present job at WCC in September, 1967. Mr. Klinkosum teaches Spanish, freshman humanities, history, anthropology, regional and economic geography, and religion. He is married to the former Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, who is originally from Raleigh, N.C. Mrs. Klinkosum is also an instructor here at WCC; she teaches biology and zoology.

At this writing, Mr. Klinkosum is undecided as to whether he

### **Announcements**

## ANNUAL PICTURES

Pictures for the annual will

be made on the following dates:
Oct. 30 (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Oct. 31 (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Nov. 1 (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Students, faculty, administration and secretaries should have their picture made at their convenience during any of the above scheduled times. (Pictures will be made in the Student Personnel Office.)

The display of pictures which will be offered for sale can be seen on the bulletin boards of Woodlawn and in the Administrative building. The entire packet of pictures will be sold for \$4.00 per packet.

Students are asked to have their pictures take for identification purposes and to be used in the annual. PICTURES WILL BE MADE AT NO COST TO THE STUDENT! The display package is entirely optional and students are under no obligation to buy.

It is very important that each person have his picture made. We plan to have a good annual, featuring all enrolled students. If you will take a minute of time to have your picture made, the annual staff will be very appreciative!

#### A DIFFERENCE

Uncle Sam reports that there are 75 million people employed. He didn't say how many were working.

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will make the United States his permanent home. It is our selfish hope that his decision will be to stay.



Mr. Klinkosum

### Scholarships And Loans

At this writing there are some forty students attending WCC who are receiving financial aid from the forty-odd scholarships made available by various businesses, civic organizations, and individuals of the local area.

Below is a random listing of some of the scholarship donors. (We regret that limited space prohibits a complete listing of the donors.)

Carolina Business Machines N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

Community Club
Blowing Rock, N. C.

Edd F. Gardner, President Gardner Mirror Co. N. Wilkesboro

Sturdivant Life Insurance Co. N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

V. F. W. Post #1142 N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

W. F. Absher Scholarship Sentinel Insurance Agency N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

Members of the WCC Scholarship Committee are John V. Idol (Chairman), Stokes Pearson, June Scroggs, Jay Anderson, and Conrad A. Shaw. They are all to be commended for their work in procuring many of these scholarships.

### Aid for Deserving Students

In an interview with Mr. Idol, it was learned that all the scholorships are committed at this time. But Mr. Idol emphasized that he and the other members of the Scholarship Committee, as well as the administration personnel, will do everything possible to help any deserving student who needs financial assistance in order to stay in school.

In addition to the scholarships, there are several loan programs such as the Prospective Teachers and the College Foundation loan programs. For more detailed information the student should contact Mr. Idol.

On behalf of the students who are receiving financial assistance from the scholarships and from the loan agencies, we take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to everyone who helped to make it possible.