



PIONEER COUNTRY—Photographer Bill Rogers decorated this pumpkin with his 100-year-old shotgun and a powder horn and shot pouch of his own making. The 75-pound pumpkin was grown by Mrs. Rosa Hodges who lives on Route 2, Vilas. (Staff photo)

Many Students Come From Area Community Colleges

Based on fall enrollment figures at Appalachian State University, the community college system in Western North Carolina is fulfilling its obligation of preparing larger and larger numbers of students for completion of their higher education at public senior institutions across the state.

Of a total 525 new transfer students at Appalachian, 162 received their first two years of college training at community colleges in North Carolina.

"The raw number sounds small compared to our total student population of 6,300," explains ASU's Director of Higher Education, Dr. Leland Cooper, "but the number jumped to 40, a 185 per cent increase, with the September, 1967 enrollment. A total of 125 community college students enrolled here in 1968 showing a further increase of 212 per cent over the previous year. The 1969 registration of 182 equals a 47 per cent jump over the past twelve month period.

According to Dr. I. E. Reedy, Director of the Department of Community Colleges in Raleigh, "Our institutions in Western North Carolina (Wilkes, Western Piedmont, and Surry Community Colleges, primarily) are just getting started and are just moving into their new buildings. In light of this, I find the number of transfers to senior institutions very reassuring."

A reverse trend seems to be materializing where private junior colleges are concerned. With community colleges absorbing much of the enrollment, only 191 students from private junior colleges transferred to Appalachian this fall. Nearly 250 enrolled in September of 1968. Other enrollment data shows that 29 students transferred to ASU from other senior state-supported institutions with North Carolina, and 33 are enrolled as transfers from private senior schools in the state. Eighty-four of the new transfers are from out of state institutions.

Unofficial Charter Sigma

Xi Is Presented To Dr. Wey

Dr. Thomas T. Holme of Yale University and Executive Secretary of Sigma Xi, a national honorary research fraternity, presented an official charter for a local Sigma Xi unit to Appalachian president Dr. Herbert Wey at a banquet Wednesday night at the Holiday Inn.

Dr. Holme, who is a professor of Industrial Engineering at Yale, installed 24 members into the ASU club during his visit. According to Frank McKinney, president of the new club, the Sigma Xi unit is being formed at Appalachian in order to promote scientific research at the university and to promote exchanges of theory within the different scientific departments of the Appalachian faculty.

Members of the departments of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, geography and geology are represented within the local organization. Only faculty members who have been elected to membership in Sigma Xi by graduate faculties at their former institutions are eligible for membership in the Appalachian club.

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