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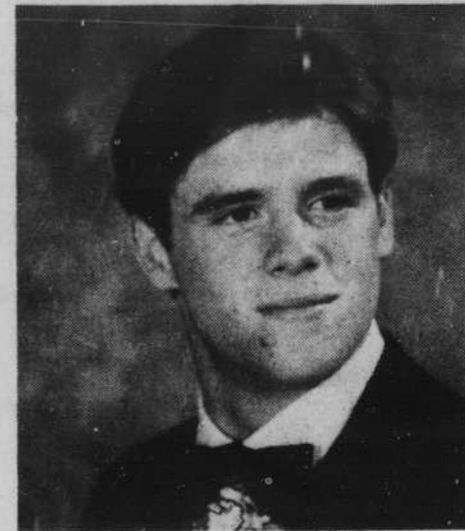
Mountain News

Dedicated to the growing Swannanoa Valley

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Wilson receives Tom McAn Award

Tim Wilson, Owen Warhorse star running back, has added another honor to his list, the Thom McAn Award, given annually to Buncombe County's most outstanding senior athlete.



Tim Wilson

Wilson watched his teammates from a wheelchair in 1979 after a knee injury put him out of the game. He was sidelined again this year when the same injury flared up after only seven games,

but by then he had already accumulated 1,349 yards to lead all Western North Carolina large school rushers. Wilson led the 4-A 3-A ranks in scoring, and led his team to second place in the Little Mac conference.

The 6-foot-1, 205 pound tailback was named Buncombe County Back of the Year this year and was named to the Citizen-Times All-Western Team.

Wilson also excels in academics. According to his record, he is sixth in his senior class with a 97-point grade average and a Morehead Scholar Nominee. He was chosen Most Outstanding Student by the Governor's School. He has received individual subject awards in math, chemistry, history and French.

Wilson has been a student council officer and a member of Beta Club, French Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Wilson will now compete for the national honor which includes a \$1,000 scholarship for the winner. The award is given by the Thom McAn Shoe Company.

Some books at Owen concern committee

Citizens concerned about some of the books in the Owen High School library met last Thursday at Owen to organize a committee aimed at getting the books removed.

A list of books found offensive by

organizers of the meeting included "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, "Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger, "Andersonville" by MacKinlay Kantor, "The Essential Lenny Bruce" by John Cohen,

"The Learning Tree" by Gordon Parks, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver, and "Jory" by Milton R. Bass.

"The Grapes of Wrath" and "Andersonville" are Pulitzer Prize winning novels.

Moderator of the group was Wendell Runion, pastor of Asheville Baptist Tabernacle. About 15 other area pastors gave brief statements condemning the books, and asked for support. Runion then opened the floor for comments.

Bennie Ellis, Jim Aycock and an Owen High School student spoke against censorship. Ellis pointed out that books such as "The Grapes of Wrath" have been on the shelf for almost 50 years.

Members of the school board, county school administrators and Owen High Principal Charles Lytle were invited to attend the meeting but did not.

Lytle explained that there is an eight-year old procedure for making a complaint about library materials. A grievance form must be submitted and then a media advisory committee from the faculty and community will review the material, he said, and make a decision about its removal.

"I think folks ought to follow these policies," Lytle stated.

He added, "We don't force any child to read anything a parent or child finds objectionable."

Runion said that a grievance will be filed and that he first wanted to organize a committee before submitting the grievance.

Smoking and matches said largest cause of fires in city

According to the Black Mountain Fire Department annual report for 1980 issued last week, the largest cause of fires in the city of Black Mountain was smoking and matches. Outside the city limits, the most frequent cause was heating units.

Other major causes included electricity and electrical equipment, spontaneous ignition and incendiaryism (willfully set fires). There were no fires caused by lightning reported in 1980.

The Black Mountain Fire Department consists of four paid firemen and 36 volunteer firemen who spent 3006 man hours fighting fires and 2318 man hours in training.

The fire department did 125 inspections, 27 re-inspections, finding three fire code violations, which were all

corrected. They condemned two buildings and demolished two buildings.

Total days of sickness for all firemen was zero. There was only one injury during the year, for which 41 days leave was taken.

Average on-duty strength for the year was three paid and 14 volunteer firemen. The largest fire-fighting force deployed was 36 men.

Fire calls were broken down as follows: dwellings, 32 fires; other buildings, 14; brush, grass, woods, 45; mobile homes, 4; vehicle, 20; false alarms, 42; investigations, 25; rescue, 73.

The Black Mountain Fire Department laid out a total of 9,925 feet of fire hose in 1980.



Although the last few days have felt more like May than January, this was the scene the week before—and probably will be for several more to come. (Photo by Paul Folse)

'People and Issues' series to feature speakers here

On Saturday, February 7, at the Black Mountain Library, the League of Women Voters will sponsor the Popular People and Issues series, presented by UNC-Asheville. There will be four meetings.

The topic of the first meeting will be "The Pursuits of Equality." The speakers will be Dr. Deana Grams of the Dept. of Philosophy at UNC-Asheville and Dr. Robert Yeager of the Dept. of English at Warren Wilson College. The moderator will be Dr. Elizabeth McCubbin, former superintendent of the N.C. Correctional Center for Women at Raleigh.

There will be a coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

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and will be over at 11:15. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Patsy Woods, 669-2577 or Lois Cook, 669-8279.

There will be four programs in the Popular People and Issues Series. In each program, a national issue with a regional impact will be explored by a team of two university scholars. The emphasis on the historical background of the problem and on the value choices implicit in it.

Each program consists of a pair of essays to be published in the Asheville and Hendersonville newspapers, a television program on WFBC consisting of a 30-minute discussion of the issue by the two participants, and a town meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Newspaper essays will be published the third week of each month and the other activities coordinated with publication.

Other topics will include "Rural Life in Western Carolina"; "Economic Growth and Environmental Quality"; and "Public Education in Western Carolina."

Weather Review

Jan. 16--high 43, low 21 degrees.
Jan. 17--high 28, low 15 degrees.
Jan. 18--high 49, low 20 degrees.
Jan. 19--high 56, low 34 degrees.
Jan. 20--high 50, low 30 degrees, trace precipitation.
Jan. 21--high 42, low 36 degrees, .34 inches precipitation.
Jan. 22--high 42, low 29 degrees.
Clingman's Dome: high for the week, 33 degrees; low, 12 degrees; 8-10 inches of snow with 1-2 inches new snow.
Courtesy of WFGW Radio, Black Mountain.

Great Decision begins

by Herman F. Allen

Dr. Ted Uldricks, Department of History, UNC-A, will present the opening talk for the Great Decisions program in Black Mountain. Dr. Uldrick has recently published a book on the history of Soviet foreign policy. He has traveled extensively in Russia. His subject for this opening meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., Black Mountain Library, will be, "The U.S. and the Soviet Union: Dilemmas of Power and Peace." All interested persons are invited to attend.

Dr. Hugo Thompson will lead a discussion group on the same subject at the library, Wednesday, February 4, at 10 a.m.

Background reading books are now available at the library at a cost of \$5 a copy.

The Great Decisions program at Highland Farms begins on Monday, February 2, with a discussion group meeting from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Music Room. A second discussion group will begin meeting on Wednesday, February 4 in the Upper Lounge from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The lecture meetings and discussion groups will meet for eight consecutive weeks. The lecture by Dr.

Robinson of Western Carolina University will be given on Wednesday, March 11, Black Mountain Library, instead of on Tuesday, March 10.

For information on the program in Black Mountain, call Dorothy or Herman Allen at 669-8132; for Highland Farms, call Paul Lambert at 669-8956.



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