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WE'VE DUSTED OFF THE WELCOME MAT

Two important events vie for top billing in this issue-- Homecoming and the Alumni Association's big musical review, "Here's to Ya." The latter being scheduled for the Thanksgiving week-end, we give the nod to Homecoming, October 16 and 17. Chairman Loretta Farris, '44, has things going smoothly for the annual gathering, but space considerations prevent our giving more than the highlights here. We trust they are sufficient to bring many, many Alums back for a misty-eyed view of our ever-expanding campus and its crop of new faces.

We gather right away, from the schedule placed in our hands by Miss F., that busy Dan Williams, '44, will be as busy as ever. He's chairman of the registration committee, and the cryptic note under Location says "Everywhere." The first thing on the list is a coffee hour which will be held in the lounges of McClintock Hall from 5 to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 16. At 7:30 a general meeting, devoted first to business, and then to more relaxing things, such as a word of greeting from Dr. Farley, a variety of speakers from the club's membership, refreshments, and dancing to records.

Al Groh, '41, will give the assembled group a preview of "Here's to Ya," according to present plans. Having peeped in on early rehearsals, we feel that this in itself is incentive enough to attend Homecoming. You'll like what you see, but more about the show later.

Saturday is a full day, with its tour of the campus, bigger than ever, and the annual judging contest. The contest always brings out all the dormant talents of dormitory students and various club members, and it makes the campus a gay and bustling place.

From 5:30 to 6:30, Alums will be at Kingston House for a cocktail hour, following which a buffet supper will be served.

The Big Game this year is with Hofstra College Saturday evening at 8:15 at Kingston Stadium. It promises to be one of the best tilts of the season, if it follows the pattern set last year at Hempstead, L. I., where the Flying Dutchmen, a real power in small college circles, squeezed by the second-seeded Colonels in the waning minutes of a thrilling game.

In order to help the committees concerned with Homecoming, would you signify your intentions of coming by mailing the reservation blank found elsewhere in this issue? We want to meet you all in our new capacity as ExecSec.

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Groh teamed up with Ted Warkowski, '50, composer of the "All in Fun" tunes, and Bill Crowder, '56, a popular chap on his way up in the music world. The talented trio has produced a number of sparkling songs which promise to make the show a wonderful treat. From moving love ballads to brisk comic ditties, the songs reveal great spontaneity and charm, and we feel that they are quite in the same league with some of the hit tunes which have taken Broadway's heart in past years. The script, which takes the campus for its setting, is clever and packed with good lines.

The review was conceived as a means to raise money for a scholarship fund. A worthier cause, especially in this significant twentieth-anniversary year, could not be found. We hope the Alumni's enthusiasm and faith in Wilkes will pay dividends where they'll do the most good--in the future of some deserving youngsters.

Response to Tom's letter has been pleasing. Dipping into the envelopes, we find that the classes of 1944, 1945, 1948, and 1950 have taken an early lead in the "donation derby." The class with the best results, as well as the three largest individual contributors, will receive recognition in the program.

People who are actively involved in our show--business manager, director, committee heads and members, actors, chorus members, dancers, advertising people, a battery of others--have been very hard at work a long time. A lot of work remains, and there will be plenty of sleepless nights ahead. The participants have been kindling a glow of pride for weeks now, and it will be at its glowingest on the evening of November 28. To achieve the goals--and they are ambitious ones--that the planners of the show have set, we have to count on the generosity of all Alumni. Root for your College, your class, and the future.

ALUMNI SURVEY NOTE

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Perhaps other Alumni in various fields can help parties. We are open to ideas.

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The Loyalty Fund Committee's Chairman, Joe has presented the office with a list of class agents along with committee members Sallyanne Frazer, Joseph B. Farrell, '42. So that you may know the list is included. Agents will receive lists as rapidly as we can get them out.

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Dr. Charles T. Connors, '36	Albert
Michael G. Solomon, '36	Ruth K
Joseph G. Donnelly, '37	Elmo M
Reuben W. Rader, '38	Ralph
Ernest Weisberger, '38	Joseph
Robert T. Conway, '39	Edwin
Dr. Robert Kerr, '39	James
Gertrude Jones Davis, '40	Charlo
John Bush, '40	John J
Benjamin J. Badman, '41	Joseph
John P. Finn, '41	Frank
Mary Pohala, '42	Marita
William Mattern, '42	Vester
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Alberta Novick Killian, '46
Ruth Kluger Harris, '46
Elmo M. Clemente, '47
Ralph P. Carey, '48
Joseph B. Slamon, '48
Edwin M. Kosik, '49
James D. Shepherd, '49
Charlotte Davis Wentz, '50
John J. Florkiewicz, '50
Joseph E. Swartwood, '50
Frank W. Anderson, '51
Marita Sheridan Riley, '51
Vester V. Vercoe, '51
Donald R. Kistler, '52
William C. Johns, '52
Nancy Ralston Grogan, '52

HELLO TO SOME, GOOD-BY TO OTHERS

A couple of years ago, Jim Foxlow first occupied this chair as Alumni secretary. He began his first editorial by calling himself a ringer, but those of us who were close to him felt all along that he was as Wilkesian as they come. It was a blow to learn last July that he was going to Indianapolis to teach. We knew immediately how much we would miss his warmth, his kindness, and his wisdom.

Now as September melts away and the Bulletin is still not ready for the printer, we miss him for practical reasons as well. Our Jamie could go quietly in more directions at once than any man we know, and he got results. Perhaps we'll settle into the routine, but now this magazine gives us the jitters. Our only hope is that it arrives in time to get you here for Homecoming and that we won't be mournfully kicking October's leaves down River Street with the committee and no one else around.

Our collection of Old Familiar Faces must wait until the next number of the Bulletin. Instead, we'd like to give you a brief account of the Soon-to-be Familiar Faces, which include a freshman class of more than 225 students. They come to us from places as far flung as Germany, Republic of Korea, Jordan, and Colombia, as well as Wilkes-Barre, West Side, Nanticoke, and Brooklyn.

New on campus also is Dr. Virginia P. Neel, late of Washington, D.C., new Dean of Women, who replaces Mrs. Gertrude M. Williams, who at last report was sunning in Majorca before returning to teach English next spring term. A youthful duo has taken the reins in the Education Department. They are Eugene Hammer and Charles Moore. Dr. Hammer, recently at Columbia University, may become co-ordinator for the Cooperative Program in Educational Administration, if local schoolmen accept the plan. This would make Wilkes the first liberal arts college in the country to serve as a center for CPEA, which now uses such universities as Penn, Delaware, Rutgers, and Columbia.

Missippian Linfield Miller is the new circulation and reference librarian. Dr. Hoh-Cheung Mui has returned to the history department after two years' leave with the State Department, succeeding Thomas Rock, now teaching in a New York high school.

To the Alumni Office, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

I plan to attend Homecoming during October 16-17, 1953. Please make reservations for _____ person(s).

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Tickets for all events but the football game are only \$2.50.