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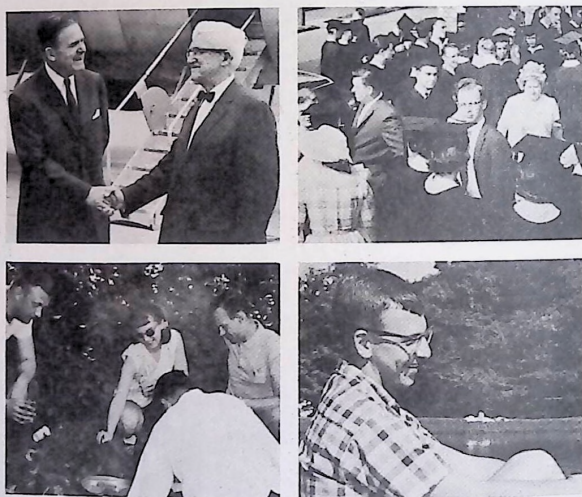
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*James E. Webb Speaks to Civic
Leaders - Held Press Conference
Prior to Commencement Address*



NASA Administrator, James E. Webb's visit to Wilkes-Barre was primarily to fill an engagement as principal speaker at the 15th Commencement of the College. While they were not publicized, Mr. Webb had two additional appointments on his agenda. The first, to address a luncheon meeting at Hotel Sterling at noon, where 150 invited guests were waiting to hear him; and following the luncheon, to be interviewed at a press conference.

NASA's special Convair plane touched down at the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport about 11:45 A.M. and was met by Admiral Harold R. Stark, USN, Ret., and Dr. Farley. Whisked to Hotel Sterling, Mr. Webb found an enthusiastic audience awaiting him.

His talk differed somewhat from the one he delivered in the gymnasium that night, although one would say it complemented the latter.

He told the business and professional men, bankers and industrialists that technology and science have created one-half the jobs in which our people are employed today.

In defining the space age, he said it is the era when man has invented an engine to reach out beyond the earth's atmosphere.

Although the United States has made tremendous progress during the last ten years, this was not always the case. After the Wright Brothers made their historic flight at Kitty Hawk, the United States paid little heed to aviation. As a result, both Germany and Russia outstripped us.

The meeting at the Sterling was called to excite interest in the proposed scientific research and graduate center, for which the Area Redevelopment Authority has allotted \$400,000, provided the College matches it with \$500,000. And Webb excited this interest.

He told the group in the next ten years, democratic society will be dependent on trained minds of a graduate level and that between 16 and 18 billions of dollars per year are now going into research and development; that

those communities are wise which can attract some of this money.

Webb commented upon the growth of Wilkes College and mentioned that Wilkes recognizes the value of science in today's world of technology.

Touching upon air speed, he recalled in the last ten years, there has been an increase from 700 mph to 4,000 mph. The X-15 engine, he continued, has 57,000 pounds of thrust; the Atlas which carried John Glenn has 360,000 pounds of thrust, and today, there is an advanced flight vehicle which has 7,500,000 pounds of thrust.

The unifying thought which persisted throughout Webb's noon talk was the necessity of knowledge . . . knowledge, and more knowledge.

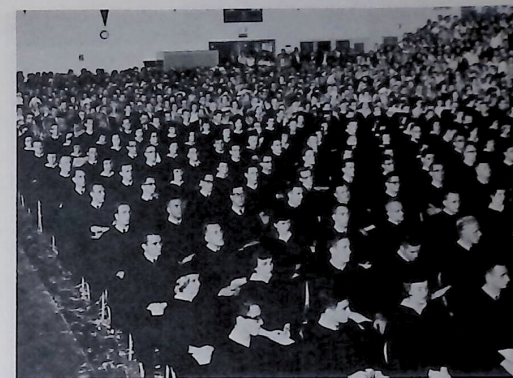
It would come, he said, from the institutions of higher learning.

In the Adams Room, outside the Crystal Ballroom, where the meeting was held, members of the press and representatives from three television stations and a score of radio stations were set up to interview the administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration. As he entered the room, and was introduced by the Public Relations Director of the College, lights blazed and cameras turned. In rapid fire, clipped sentences, Webb answered the questions fired at him, most of which were in relation to his noon-day talk. He answered each question in detail, developing the thought to completion.

Channels 28, 16, and 22 carried portions of the interview to viewers throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania, Radio Station WBAX carried Webb's address in its entirety from the gymnasium and all local radio stations carried some portion of the interview in addition to spot news developing from the visit of the NASA Administrator.

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



**"Our New Science and Technology - Space For
By James Edwin Webb, Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration"**

It is a privilege to be here tonight to share with you an event which marks not so much the conclusion of one phase of your experience as it does the beginning of another.

The pleasure of ushering a group of alert and enthusiastic graduates into the world of opportunity which lies ahead is one which has come to many thousands of speakers since the process of formal education was first devised. Not all of my predecessors, however, have had the good fortune to perform this mission during an era which offered so much promise. Some of them, indeed, in more dismal periods of our national history, must have struggled mightily to find encouraging and stimulating thoughts with which to launch their listeners on new careers, or a continued search for knowledge.

You are emerging from your undergraduate experience in a time of challenge and opportunity which at least equals, if not exceeds, any other in man's laborious progress from primitive circumstances to the complex and highly developed society that we know today.

We live in a period of scientific progress which is providing us with new knowledge, new processes and new materials at an unprecedented rate. We are witnessing a leaping technology with which men are hard put to keep pace. Ideas which, a few years ago, were largely found in pulp paper fiction today form the core of scientific and technical publications. Predictions which seemed visionary and unrealistic only yesterday, are being fulfilled today at a pace which is outstripping the early hopes of the most optimistic authorities.

I recall a commencement address given at a western college in 1957, only five years ago — five years yesterday, to be exact — in which the speaker quoted a timetable for space exploration which had been drafted by a leader in the aeronautics industry.

The business leader who was quoted was a man well-versed in the subject and deeply concerned with our

future efforts in space. He predicted that within five years — or about 1970 — a satellite would be launched and the moon.

About 1990, he went on, space exploration would have advanced to the point of launching a ship carrying human beings with a space ship which would land on an extended period as a colony.

And then, reaching far into the future, he predicted that shortly after the year 2000, man would be launching a space ship which would land on the earth.

These seemed dramatic and far-reaching predictions, but we all know how conservative the intervening five years. In the light of the predictions, and the course of events, they were, they were.

The man who created this timetable was Dr. Wernher von Braun, president of the firm which designed the spacecraft in which John Glenn orbited the earth. The astronaut was launched by almost 30 years.

The commencement speaker was James E. Webb.

I tell this story on myself, because it shows the pace at which science and technology are moving in the 20th Century. Since becoming a national civilian space effort, we have accomplished the first two of these predictions — participating in an enterprise which will accomplish the third — that of landing on the moon within this decade. If we achieve this goal, as predicted by President Kennedy, and if we continue to move forward, it again will be some 30 years before we will have a space ship which seemed probable as recently as 1957.

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shortly after the year 2000, men might take passage on
a space ship which would land on the moon and return
to the earth.

These seemed dramatic and far-reaching goals at the time,
but we all know how conservative they have become in
the intervening five years. In fact, both the originator
of the predictions, and the commencement speaker who
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which seemed probable as recently as five years ago.

For fifteen years, many graduation memoranda have been sent to members of the graduating class, the faculty and the administration. The contents and the agenda vary but little. Only the year and the students who receive them change. For this is the grand finale which climaxes four years of undergraduate work leading to a degree.

With official Commencement set for Monday, June 11, the "grand build-up" began with the proverbial class outing at Rummage's Grove, Hunlock Creek, the preceding Wednesday. ALUMNUS has endeavored to tell the commencement story in its entirety with pictures, believing, as do the Chinese, that one picture is worth ten thousand words. Perhaps, the accompanying photographs will reverse Time for you and recall those last of your undergraduate days.



Rummage's Grove, South of Wilkes-Barre back of Hunlock Creek, over the years formed a haven for those undergraduates when schedules permit, like to "get away from it all." It was here that the Class of 1962 convened for their class outing. Swimming, games, dancing, barbecues and camaraderie formed the basis for the affair which got pre-commencement activities off to a start.

The geometric progression of accomplishment in scientific research and technology will be the dominant feature of your lives. Unlike most of your forebears, you will never have the opportunity to become fully adjusted to the world as you know it before you have thrust upon you, or before you help to discover and develop, new ideas, new methods, and new products which will change the way you live. We live in a world of change, and more than any other generation, have learned to accept it as a fact of life. This is in sharp contrast with the situation which prevailed during most of human experience.

About two thousands years before the birth of Christ, man had already invented the wheel, something unknown in nature, and the sled became the wagon. In time, hand carts became horse-drawn chariots. But after that development which greatly affected civilization, little technological progress was made until the time of George Washington. I read recently an interesting comparison of the situation of King Solomon with that of George Washington. Both men wore homespun clothing, both illuminated their houses with oil lamps, both heated with wood, both traveled in horse-drawn vehicles.

The period of human development which lay between King Solomon and George Washington covered almost 3,000 years. That between Washington and ourselves is hardly more than 150 years, but what a contrast in human progress.

Between the time of Washington and the beginning of our own century, a similar situation prevailed.

When Charles Newbold, of Philadelphia, invented the cast iron plow in 1797, and decided to devote his life and fortune to it, he died believing that his life had been wasted. Except for Thomas Jefferson, and a few of his wealthy friends, farmers would have none of the iron plow, convinced that the iron poisoned the ground, or encouraged weeds to grow.

In 1825, when the British Parliament was debating the

construction of a railroad between Liverpool and Manchester, many of the Members were convinced that no one would dare to ride such a fiendish device. It was asserted that travelers would sooner let themselves be "blown away atop a gunpowder rocket than trust themselves to such a machine." One wonders what those statesmen would say of Shepard, Grissom, Carpenter, or Glenn. Within our own century, science and technology began a rapid acceleration, but even this was most gradual until very recent years. For example, despite his own advanced thought in other fields, Edison almost buried the airplane, just after Kitty Hawk. He told reporters that the contraption could never have any practical value and would, at best, be nothing more than the toy of wealthy sportsmen.

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If you find the recollection of these facts startling, it is because most of us rarely stop to think how new everything which we call technology actually is.

Heinz Gartmann has suggested that this is because "in time as well as space there is a psychological effect which we may call foreshortening due to perspective. Events of the past millennia lying hundreds of years apart appear to us virtually contemporaneous."

Thus, to someone who is alive 4,000 years from now, in 5962, Aristotle, Leonardo da Vinci and Einstein will probably appear as belonging to the same period of human development. But what does all of this mean to you? How will it affect your lives and your careers? Let me state it again. *Change, and the rate of change, will be the dominant feature of your existence.*

Change means different things to different people. To some it means an uncomfortable uprooting of a settled existence. To others it may mean disillusionment and despair. To still others — and this is the group in which you can place yourselves — it means progress and opportunity.

This is a contrast, I know, which I scarcely need make in 1962 for an audience in this part of our country. Some of your families and friends have, I know, been victims of change. But just as the sons of wagonmakers found new careers in the manufacture of automobiles, so will the sons and daughters of Pennsylvania coal miners find opportunities in developments stemming from science and

technology and the very large research and development effort associated with it.

One of the problems of our highly developed science technology, and the automation which it is bringing to business and industry, is that of finding an outlet for human energy which new machines and power sources have displaced.

When you consider that the energy embodied in one of matter corresponds to the normal annual output of fourteen thousand human beings; when you view the effects of automation on our requirements for human energy, it is evident that man's own energy must be put to use in new ways for the benefit of mankind.

The solution to this problem lies not in reducing the number of hours in which we make a constructive contribution to human progress, and diverting human energy to non-productive purposes. It lies rather in finding areas in which man can expend his energy for his benefit, and that of his fellow human beings.

This is among the reasons why our present and future efforts in space are so important to all of us. Just as the United States government's first venture into space exploration — the Lewis and Clark expedition — led to the opening of the West and created a new frontier for young people of that day, so are our government's activities in science and technology today opening a frontier for our college graduates of this and the coming years.

The extent to which you and your contemporaries will benefit from this new science and technology, the extent to which you will participate in reaping the harvest of research and exploration, will depend largely upon the extent to which you prepare yourselves to take advantage of it.

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A decade ago, when our present astronauts were test-flying the jet aircraft which were the parents or the grandparents of the jet passenger planes of today, few of us expected ever to share their experience. Yet millions have benefited from their activities, and contributed to the growth of the aeronautics industry as passengers, or in the design, construction, supply and maintenance of planes, or in the countless service industries which have developed because of them.

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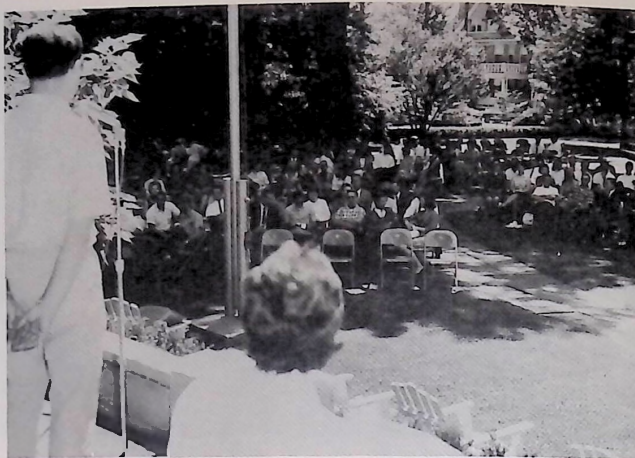
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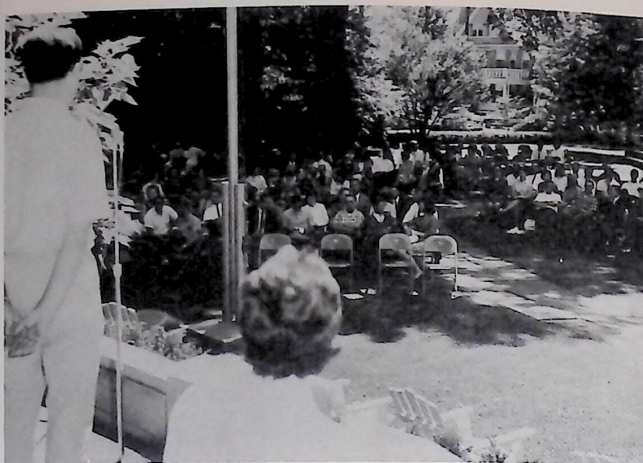
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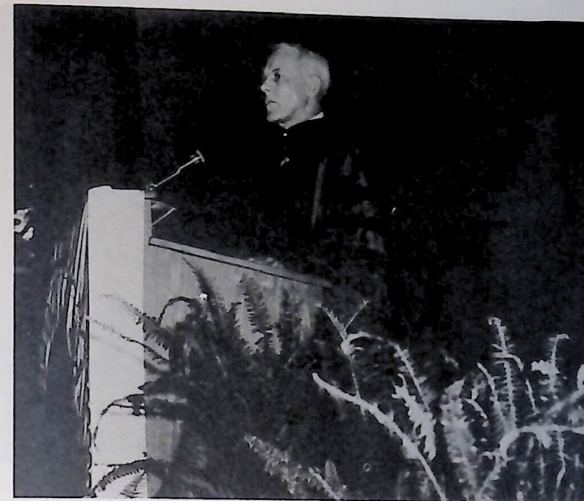


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Alas, the dream was not easily fulfilled. Squalor, ugliness, cruelty, and wretchedness continued. I shall not enter into any analysis of why the breakdown of the competitive and free society took place. But in the 20th century, we became convinced that the old economic and political order had to be overhauled. Furthermore, since Freud's discovery of the unconscious, we are now aware that men do not even behave rationally. If any social system is to work more will be required than a simple appeal to reason and self-interest. But a satisfactory system has not yet been developed.

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The third, and perhaps in the long run, the most important, although also the most indirect factor leading to a sense of insecurity finds its origin in the modern scientific revolution. It is a scientific revolution which is having as great an impact on the thinking and hence on social organization and values as did the Copernican revolution of four centuries ago. Darwin, Freud, and Einstein symbolize this revolution. Each has made us look further beyond appearances and question the nature of man's creation, the nature of man's inner self, and the nature of man's understanding of the physical universe in which he lives. I will attend only to the third of these.

You are all more or less familiar with Einstein's general conception. I wish to emphasize today one of the consequences which has brought about a significant reorientation of scientific thought. I have said that the scientists of the 18th and 19th centuries believed that there was a single, unique, intelligible structure to the universe. The work of the scientist was to find this and to approach closer and closer to the absolute truth. Find the basic propositions and the basic laws and these would constitute the absolute truth, reflecting the operation of God in the universe. Some of these basic propositions might indeed be quite complicated, such as Maxwell's equations of electromagnetism and might not be quite as self-evident as the earlier scientists hoped. But they were there—basic propositions and laws ruling the universe. All that was needed was to discover them.

As you know, the modern scientist is not so ambitious. He is still convinced that there is order in the universe, or he could not operate at all, but he is willing to recognize that any theory developed today is a tentative one and that there are alternative modes for describing the structure. It is possible, for example, that non-Euclidean

geometry may form a better system for describing nature than the Euclidean geometry which our forefathers held up as an example of absolute, self-evident truth. There are no laws of science which are immutable. They are all subject to modification and reinterpretation.

What is the relationship between these observations on science and the problem of meaninglessness in our general thinking? Science and scientific thought does not continue on its path unrelated to other aspects of culture. If the doctrine of absolute truth is abandoned in science, so it has become abandoned in many other areas. This has its good side as well as its dangers. We are today much more tolerant of the basic beliefs of other cultures and their alternative theories of social organization than we were in the past. And many of us feel that just as the scientific laws of our forefathers must be continuously reinterpreted and re-evaluated, so likewise must our political traditions, our ethical standards, yes, even our religions. The God of Moses—stern, jealous, dominating—was once reinterpreted by Christ. The concept of God is being reinterpreted by modern men, such as Tillich or Schweitzer or the Pope. But this poses a dilemma. If absolute truth cannot be reached in science or ethics or religion, does that not raise the problem of whether there is any core of meaning to cling to, any certainty to grasp, any tradition to accept or to follow?

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Some of you may play a large role in maintaining or even overhauling the mechanisms—in keeping the oscillations within proper bounds. All of you as citizens will play some role in this, since the proper working of this mechanism in a democracy depends upon the judgment of all mature citizens expressed in the polls or through public opinion.

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I realize that many here will say this is dangerous advice. It is time to close ranks and obey the old tested authorities. Just last week at commencement exercises in a local college, the advice was given to the effect, do not expose yourself to the danger of losing your faith. And Billy Graham is touring the world rather pathetically, it seems to me, asking us to return without further question to the literal Biblical injunctions.

But I hold, as I believe many on this faculty do and legions of scholars and scientists, philosophers, and religious thinkers throughout history do, that to ask a question seriously is an act of affirmation. It implies the possibility of some answer, some guide to action. What is the scientific experiment but a question posed to nature? Every question is an appeal to experience in the broadest sense. It forces you to evaluate and extend your experience. A question can have a rational justification if you have a metaphysics which assures you there is meaningful experience to appeal to. It aims at a way of understanding and predicting the future, and this presupposes some basis of knowledge or some assumption that there is a future, subject to some kind of determinism.

To ask and to seek answers meaningful to you is an affirmative act which may cause some anxiety but this is better than finding a zero at the center of your life.

Of course, there exist temporary conflicts between the teachings of religious authorities, political authorities, scientific authorities, and the authority of group mores



and conventions. Each must be continuously re-evaluated by you. But each discipline, if I am not mistaken, is based upon the conviction of some unity in the universe. Lest I appear to be too disrespectful of religious authorities, may I quote from Pope Pius XII's address to students at the University of Paris in 1953:

"In your studies and scientific research, rest assured that no contradiction is possible between the certain truths of faith and established scientific facts. Nature, no less than revelation, proceeds from God, and God cannot contradict Himself."

As a student of science, I should have phrased this differently, but the essential meaning is clear, it is approval of a constant search for explanation and understanding of all nature, social, material, and spiritual.

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1962 FOOTBALL

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Sat., Oct. 6	Yonkers	Home	2:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 10	St. John's	Away	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13	Ursinus	Home	2:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 17	Delaware	Away	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 20	Drexel	Away	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 24	Delaware	Away	2:00 p.m.
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Savitz, Don Eller, grad-
Carl Urbanski, Nora
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as given to the effect, do not expose
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return without further question to the
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nd scientists, philosophers, and re-
ghout history do, that to ask a ques-
act of affirmation. It implies the
nswer, some guide to action. What
ment but a question posed to nature?
appeal to experience in the broadest
to evaluate and extend your ex-
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ng the future, and this presupposes
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o some kind of determinism.

swers meaningful to you is an affirm-
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the center of your life.

t temporary conflicts between the
authorities, political authorities,
and the authority of group mores

and conventions. Each must be continuously re-evaluated
by you. But each discipline, if I am not mistaken, is
based upon the conviction of some unity in the universe.
Lest I appear to be too disrespectful of religious authori-
ties, may I quote from Pope Pius XII's address to students
at the University of Paris in 1953:

"In your studies and scientific research, rest assured
that no contradiction is possible between the certain
truths of faith and established scientific facts.
Nature, no less than revelation, proceeds from
God, and God cannot contradict Himself."

As a student of science, I should have phrased this differ-
ently, but the essential meaning is clear, it is approval
of a constant search for explanation and understanding
of all nature, social, material, and spiritual.

"And the truth shall make you free"—not the absolute
truth, not the truth handed down to you on a platter from
authorities of your church, your government, your college,
or your parents, but those tentative truths you develop
inside yourself as you relate to others through your work
and through your love. Buddha's last injunction was:
"Believe nothing on hearsay. Do not believe in traditions
because they are old, or in anything on the mere authority
of myself or any other teacher." It is only thus, I believe,
that while the gyroscopes go hunting, you will become
aware of your own destiny and help in your small way
to clarify the destiny of mankind.



WILKES COLLEGE

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

1962 FOOTBALL

Sat., Sept. 29	Moravian	Away	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 6	P.M.C.	Home	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13	Ursinus	Home	2:30 p.m.
	(Homecoming)		
Sat., Oct. 20	Drexel	Away	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27	Juniata	Away	2:00 p.m.
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Wed., Sept. 26	Harpur	Away	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 29	Lycoming	Home	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 6	Lafayette	Home	10:00 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 10	Stevens	Home	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13	Fairleigh-Dickinson	Home	11:00 a.m.
	(Homecoming)		

Wed., Oct. 17	Gettysburg	Home	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 20	Hofstra	Away	2:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 24	Muhlenburg	Away	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27	Wagner	Away	2:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 31	Susquehanna	Home	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 3	Rider	Away	2:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 7	East Stroudsburg	Away	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 10	Elizabethtown	Home	10:00 a.m.

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15th Annual Homecoming

Plans for the 15th Annual Homecoming of Wilkes College Alumni are nearing completion. Russell Williams, '50, President of our Association, and the Executive Committee have announced that all Homecoming activities will be held at the Host Motel in Wilkes-Barre. Spacious facilities and excellent parking accommodations are provided at the Host.

Committees appointed for Homecoming (October 12 - 13) are as follows: Attorney Eugene Roth, '57, General Chairman; Paul A. Klein, '60, and Attorney Gifford Cappellini, '45, Co-Chairmen.

Co-Chairmen for the Warm-up Party to be held in the Alexander Room of the Host Motel are: Dr. Carl Urbanski, '57, and Dr. Frank Gazda, '59.

Beverly Hiscox, '58, and Lloyd Davies, '47, are Co-Chairmen for the Annual Alumni Dance to be held Saturday evening in the spacious Dorian Room at the Host. The Judging Committee for dormitory displays is headed by T. R. Price, '56.

On Saturday evening, the classes of '37, '42, '47, '52, and '57 will hold a combined reunion dinner in the Alexander Room. Attorney John Doran, '57, will act as Toastmaster, and Dr. Farley and Mrs. Farley will be guests of the "reuning" classes.

Last year approximately 650 alumni returned to Wilkes for the Annual Homecoming. Each year, attendance at this annual event increases, and this year we are looking forward to a record turnout.

Plans for this year's Homecoming have been formulated well in advance so as to give all alumni an opportunity to reserve these dates and to plan to attend the festivities. Make your plans NOW! Bring a guest! Have a great time seeing and talking with your "ol pals."

Reservations from alumni from the "reuning" classes will be accepted as soon as final arrangements have been completed. Your Alumni Office will contact each member of these classes in late August. Plan to attend!

Wilkes College Theater Alumni will present a *Kum-Bak Musical* on Friday evening, October 12. Curtain time 8:15 p.m. Alumni who were active as students in the Theater are already rehearsing for the show which has as its setting - Wilkes College and the acquisition of a Fine Arts Building. From all reports, this *Kum-Bak Musical* should be a delightful show. Alumni are urged to attend and to support the Theater at Wilkes College.

Check the back cover of this "Alumnus" for more details about Homecoming, '62. See you on the 12th and 13th of October.

Friday - October 12

7:00 P.M.	Dormitory Displays	Campus
8:15 P.M.	Kum-Bak Musical	Chase Theater
9:30 P.M.	Warm-Up Party	Alexander Room, Host Motel

Saturday - October 13

11:00 A.M.	Soccer Wilkes vs. Fairleigh-Dickinson	Wilkes Athletic Field
2:00 P.M.	Football Wilkes vs. Ursinus	Wilkes Athletic Stadium
6:00 P.M.	Class Reunion Dinners '37, '42, '47 '52, '57	Alexander Room Host Motel
9:00 P.M.	Homecoming Dance	Dorian Room Host Motel