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When you decided in high school that college was the right choice, did you ever imagine it would be like it is today? We see in movies the sororities, the constant frat parties, the completely disorganized and chaotic life of a college student. If this was really true, colleges would have died out a long time ago.
By no means is college life a walk in the park. Attendance, quizzes, tests, final exams,
labs, papers, etc. are just for the fifteen credits you take on each semester.
Add on the extracurricular activities you get yourself into: writing for the Beacon, hopping on the air with your very own radio show on WCLH, joining the Psych club, the Pharmacy club, or any club related or unrelated to your major.
Then there are sports. Football, field hockey, soccer, and women's volleyball in the fall, basketball and wrestling in the winter and baseball, softball and lacrosse in the spring. Training year round, making it to practices plus getting good grades keeps Wilkes athletes moving.
And if that was not enough, then we have to worry about paying for this whole experience. Some of us are lucky to get a scholarship or a grant to make up some of the difference, but even so, that only provides for room, board and class. So we go out and find a part-time job, either to help pay for our education, or just so we have some extra cash for other activities.
Class, work, activities, and our personal life all get crammed into a few years where you are studying to become whatever you wish to accomplish. Sometimes your work load seems like an endless pile and other times there is very little to do leaving time for a night of fun. College is a fun and rewarding experience filled with the repetitions of class, studying, getting very little sleep, and the weekends where you forget school work and let loose.


Right: The Dorothy Dickson Darte Center is a welcoming sight for future students on orientation weekend.

Below: Weckesser Hall is always a breathtaking sight especially covered in snow.


Below Left: A view from River Street shows Evans Hall and other historic buildings.



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If Wilkes was only about classes and majors leading to a degree, what point would there be in coming here? Wilkes is so much more. We build friendships, attend parties, watch sporting events, and find the person we are as we embark into the real world.
Our first taste of Wilkes is Freshman Orientation, those few days over the summer where we finally get to experience college life without the homework. We explored the campus, registered for our first semester of classes, and started to make new friends who will hopefully graduate with us down the road.
And of course we can all remember our first day of class, a freshman in a world unlike any other. But all of that soon changes when we realize we are not alone, and not everybody is out to get us.
Living on campus is another new experience all in itself. You have to share a room with a stranger who will hopefully become your best friend and a bathroom with a house full of other students.
Those first few weeks are full of nervousness and excitement. There are so many new activities to partake in and we all come to realize after a few weeks that Wilkes has become our second home.


## History of Wifkes

## as taken from The Wifkes University Historical Atlas compiled by Harold E. Cox

## Before Wilkes

The development of an urban university, located only twa blocks from the center of a medium-size city, presents unique problems not experienced by more traditional schools evoling on empty land in sulurrban or rural America. The key word in urban development is displacement. A center-city university must alapt its city environment to its own uses. Intitially, this ussully means converting existing buildings for educational purposes. Eventually, it means replacement of former residential or commercial structures by newer buildings specifically designed for educcational use. These next few pages are designed to show how this process has influenced the development of Wiikes University from its opening in 1933 as Bucknell University Junior College over the intervening sixty years to the present.

The area chosen for Wiikes was an accident of history. The university has established isself primarily along South River and South Frankiin streets, the two major throoughfares in the suuthwest quadrant of downtown Wiikes-Barre. The streets lie adijacent to the Suspuehanna River, a location which normally would have developed as an industrial district. However, the evolution of Wilkes-Barre's waterfront followed a different pattern. Normally canals and rairroads in interior towns followed the river as the path of least resistance and industrial growth followed the transport corridor. However, the North Branch Canal, which orginally provided access from Wiikes-Barre and ran some five blocks inland from the river as it passes the center city, returring to the river front about one and one-half blocks north of the pulicic square. While the Lehigh and Susquehanna Rairroad, the first to enter Wiikes-Barre, built its terminus on the river front, the station was soon abandoned and the ctiy's rairroad corridor parallleded, then incorporated, the canal bed.

As a result, the southwest quadrant hecame a region of homes rather than factories. The area along the river bank was occupied by the residences of the rich and powerful, including coal harons, bankers, and leading lawyers. The homes of lesser lawyers, doctors, prominentt businessmen and those in upper managment positions were further inland. There was also a district occupied by lower economic groups. Below South Street the river turns away from South River Street. The weatthy followed the river, building their homes along a branch street known as West River. South River below this point had smaller homes occupied by common tradesmen. Wright Street, an alley between River and Franklin, had tiny houses, one eight-residence row structure, and several tenements, catering to a highly mobile blue-collar population, few of whom owned the houses in which they lived. Among the most intriguing households in this district was the McCabe household at 11 Wright Street. All of the employed women of the family represented a significant proportion of the entire etelephone operator staff of Wikkes-Barre in 1894.

Similarly, the fate of the Lehigh \& Susquehamna Depot shows how the Wiikes-Barre waterfront was diverted from the normal urban fate early in the city's history. Following removal of the station, William L. and Charres M. Conyngham, brothers who made their fortunes in the mining and distribution of coal, built two of the largest mansions along the riverfront on the site. Today this land holds the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

By 1893, the southwest quadrant had developed into a unique urban setting. An area of predominantly large homes in a park setting along the Suspupehanna River, the first portions of the area occupied by Bucknell University Junior College, provided an academic environment far more traditional than was normally true of urban universities. As Wiikes grew, the redevevopementrt of a decaying blue-collar area aclijacent to the campus provided the opportunity for new construction to meet the college's needs.

## Building a Junior College

Bucknell University Junior College, the forerumner of Wiikes, was opened in downtown Wikles-Barre in September 1933. BUCC was inspired by a state-wide study, made two years earlier, which suggested a need for junior colleges in ten urban centersin the states which lacked such facilities. The report stated that "Wikkes-Barre offered the greatest need and the best opportunity of all the ten cities." The creation of BUIC was largely the work of Frank G. Davis, chair of the Bucknell University Department of Education, who proposed the institution to Bucknell President Homer Rainey in March, 1933 and pursued the idea until it was implemented during that summer.

There was little prior support in Wikkes-Barre. According to Davis, who had vistited Wiikes-Barre in early March, "The facts of the case are that no interested citizens, no school supperintendents, and no civic cluss presented any needs whatsoever to me prior to my presentation to Dr. Rainey." Rainey was attracted to the idea because Bucknell, in the deppth of the depression and faced with enrollement decline, was able to provide eight surplus faccilty to serve in Wiikes-Barre. The early operation was financed by Bucknell, no funds heing received from local citizens. By the time that BUJC acquired its own Board of Trustees in January 1938, the school had accummated a a total deficit of nearly S30,000. In 1941, Bucknell would cancel outstanding indeltededness of $\$ 5,500$ during a fund raising drive, and an additional $\$ 8,352.86$ when BUCC began raising money in 1945 to establish a four-year school.

Obviously, no funds were available for building construction in 1933, nor were they necessary with the availability of vacant urban office space and the existence of non-acadenic facilities which could be utilized for acadenic purposes. The first space used was the third floor of the Wiikes-Bare Business College, a three-story building located at $29-31$ West Northampton Street, directly across from the Y. M. C. A. The following year, the Business College vacated the buididing and the entire structure was taken over by BUC. Administrative offices and a 500 -seat auditorium were located on the first floor, a small library on the second floor, and classrooms and laboratories on the second and third floors.

There was no need for residence halls since the school's purpose was to serve local residents of Luzerne County, all of whom lived off-campus. However, there was a need for space and facilities for non-instructional activities. Some could be provided in the college building, such as a room set aside as a social center for female students. A dramatic society was organized in 1934 and rehearsed in the college basementt, which was entered by a ramp. The facility was nothing if not cramped. When a full set was on the stage, it was necessary to go up three flights on the fire escappe, throught the biology laboratory and down to the basement again in order to make an entrance from the opposite side of the stage. The Y. M. C. A. was used by the basketball team, which provided other athetic facilities for the College. Formal events were held in such locations as the Sterling Hotel and rem Temple, both within walking distance of the Junior College.

The initial moves towards a more permanent home were made by Eugene Farley, who became BUSC director in March 1936. Farley worked with prominent local leaders, including many who lived within two blocks of BUCC in the great homes of the southwest quadrant. He enjoved quick successs and the College was given four of the houses between 1937 and 1941. The first was Conynghlam Hall, deeded by Bertha Conyngham on February 1, 1937.

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bar, lounges for both men and women, and a bookstore.The library was moved to Conyngham, then to the second floor of Kirby where it slowly grew until it occupied the entire building. The Chase garage was taken over by the Thespians for the rehearsal of plays. The garage was a "dreary place" with a large turntable in the center for turning autos. The turntable was removed in 1938 and a stage built, allowing staging as well as rehearsals.

Garages became as important to the college as the houses themselves. Providing larger spaces than rooms in the houses, the garages of the South River St. homes would be converted over the years into a cafeteria, a theater, and classrooms, providing critical services until Wilkes would begin building new facilities. In later years garages would serve as maintenance buildings, as some still do. Weckesser Hall was given to BUJC as a residence for Dr. and Mrs. Farley. It was used by the Farleys and for music classes until April 1943 when an Arrmy Air Force pre-flight training program was established at the college. Then Weckesser became the headquarters and infirmary of the 6th Training Detachment (Air Crew), USAAF. The recruits were housed at the Sterling Hotel, anticipating the use of external housing for dormitory students in later years, and The Farleys moved to the third floor of Kirby Hall.

In the fall of 1937, with its own buildings in service, BUJC abandoned its rented home on Northampton Street; however, the building's career as an educational institution was not over. When King's College was established following World War II, it set up housekeeping in the same building until it could establish a campus along North River Street, mirroring the development of its slightly) older rival. The Northampton Street building can truly be designated as the birthplace of Luzerne County colleges.

By the end of its first decade, BUJC had established itself in houses and garages on or near South River Street between Northampton and South streets. The local community had accepted the school and had begun to support its growth. Those of college age appreciated the benefits of a local college and, by 1940, students were beginning to agitate for the expansion of BUUC into a full four-year institution.
BUJC Becomes Wilkes
The calls for a baccalaureate institution in Wilkes-Barre were muted by the wartime changes. However, the celebration of the 10th anniversary of BUJC in November 1943 was marked by an announcement that the Board of Trustees would try to raise an endowment of $\$ 500,000$ in order to establish a four-year college. It was believed that an additional $\$ 250,000$ would be needed to purchase equipment and buildings for the expansion.

The end of the war brought dramatic changes to BUJC. The Board of Trustees formally moved to expand to a four-year program in June 1945 and efforts to raise an endowment were renewed. The departure of the pre-flight training program in 1944 allowed the conversion in October 1944 of Weckesser Hall into BUJC's first dormitory, housing 16 female students.

Because of rapid post-war growth in the student body, there was an immediate need for additional buildings along South River Street. The Long residence was acquired in late 1945 and was used as the Veteran's Guidance Center. This was the first property purchased and cost $\$ 15,000$. The adjacent Payne home was purchased in the spring of 1946. The second and third floors became the first male dormitory, housing 20 men. Classrooms and offices were located on the first floor. The next home in the row was given to the College by Marion Ashley Ahlborn in June 1946.

Until now, the College's facilities had been located along or adjacent to South River Street. The College now began to plan for the eventual occupation of the entire block and began expansion onto South Franklin Street. The Stoddart home and the vacant lot at Franklin and South, previously occupied by the First Baptist Church, were purchased in early 1946. The music department was relocated to the Stoddart home and was named Gies Hall in 1948 after Paul "Pop" Gies, BUJC's first music professor. The vacant lot would become the first of many efforts to provide off-street parking on the campus, always a major problem at urban institutions.

The appearance of resident students and the rapid post-war growth of the student body brought new demands for food service. The first dining hall for dormitory students was set up in the former Veteran's Center in October 1946. The flood of commuter students placed impossible demands on the tiny lunch room in the rear of Chase Hall and the garages in the rear of the Stoddart home were rebuilt as a cafeteria seating 120. The garages of the newly-acquired River Street homes were converted to classrooms, primarily for use by the mathematics department. The College also used outside facilities for meetings, socials, and classes. The Y. M. C. A. continued to be used for indoor athletic facilities while outdoor sports were accommodated by land leased at Artillery Park, adjacent to the present Ralston Field in Edwardsville. This was the property of the National Guard and was leased from the state. Classes and socials were conducted in the First Presbyterian Church House on South Franklin Street, along with weekly convocations that were held in the church sanctuary. Theatrical productions were given in Irem Temple and various high school auditoriums, as well as the tiny 90 -seat Chase Theater.

Bucknell Junior College was chartered as Wilkes College in June 1947. The new College built its first new building behind the former Long home. This was a large lecture hall which was little more than a box with tiered seating, opened in October 1948. When Stark Hall was built in 1957, the lecture hall would be incorporated into the new building as Stark 116. There were few if any students who did not spend much of their college career in this room from its opening until it was finally removed to make way for the Stark Hall extension, opened in 1975.

A more complex and expensive construction project was undertaken when Wiikes built a gymnasium on a large vacant lot on South Franklin Street near Ross. The building was opened in September 1950. As was the case with the lecture hall, the building was austere but it served until 1988 when it was removed and replaced by a larger, more elaborate structure.

As the post-war student boom slowed, the need and financial capacity for further expansion diminished. No additional buildings were built prior to the end of the College's second decade. However, five more homes were acquired. The College's presence on South Franklin Street was expanded by the purchase of Pickering Hall in 1949 and half of the double block which would come to be known as Sturdevant Hall in 1952. Gilbert McClintock, chair of the Wilkes Board of Trustees, gave two homes on South River north of Northampton Street in 1950 which became Sterling and McClintock halls and have served continuously as residence halls since that time. Since the library required additional space, the Morris home at 146 South River was purchased in 1949 as the new Farley home and the third floor of Kirby added to the library. Pickering and Sturdevant became office and classroom buildings, allowing Ashley Hall to be converted to a men's residence hall.

By 1953, a combination of property gifts and available open land had allowed Wilkes to extend its influence both north and south of its original center. While its needs had been met largely by modification of older structures and with minimal new construction during its first 20 years, this was soon to change.

## Building a College

The Evolution of Wiikes has been influenced strongly by external events. The depression of the 1930s was a major factor in its creation. World War II and the revolution in American highter educcation after the war contributed to its expansion to a four-rear institution. The revolution was stimulated by the G. I. Bill, the first significant federal subsidy for college education. The subsidy expanded the student reservoir and led to rapid growth of old colleges and a proliferation of new ones. Although Wiikes-Barre had no colleges in 1933 , it had acquired two four-year institutions by 1953.

The expansion of Wikkes faltered as the G. L. Bill ran its course. However, during its third and fourth decades, the College would resume its growth, with the federal government again acting as a major source of support. Two important factors influenced the third decade. The conclusion of the Korean War hrought more veterans supported by the G. I. Bill. Following the launching of Sputtikik in 1957, the government broadened its interests from veteran students to support of all highter education, particularly in science and engineering. The third decade was, therefore, a time in which the relations between Wastington and the colleges was being redefined. With the addition of maturing baby boomers to the applicant pool in the 1960 s, Wilkes' fourth decade coincided with the golden age of collegiate growth.

These influences were reflected by renewed expansion of the campus. As enrollment began to increase, dining facilities became inadequate. The resident student dining facility had been moved from the Long building (renamed Barre Hall) to Sterling Hall in 1950. The old snack bar had been retained in Chase Hall to supplement the Conmons, but Chase had its own space shortage. The problem was resolved in three stages. The Harding home was purchased in June 1954 and converted to a snack bar with four dining rooms on the first floor and a faculty dining room on the second. Smoking was protibiteded except for a room on the second floor front. In 1955, the Commons was more than doubled in size by connecting the existing structure with the old Kirty garage by a new two-story middle section. Finally, in 1959, Gilbert McClintock's law office was willed to the College. The building to the rear of the office was converted to a snack bar to serve the north end of the campus.

The College increasingly attracted resident students. Only one new residence hall, Warner Hall, was added hetween 1951 and 1956. It opened for male stuuents in 1954. However between 1956 and 1959 , seven were added. Two more were opened in 1961 and an additional three in 1962 . For details, see the list of residence halls at the left. More students meant greater demands on instructional facilities as well. The first new academic building, Stark Hall, opened in September 1957. It was built on the site of the ex-garage classrooms roughly in the center of the block. The main lecture hall was retained and incorporated into the new structure.

In its search for suitable faciilities, Wiikes established a new instructional center at the far north end of the campus. In late 1958, the college purchased the five-story office building of the Glen Alden Corporation, together with the adjacent home of Glen Alden President Francis Case. The Glen Alden building became Parish Hall, named in honor of a prominenent leader of the local coal industry, and housed the business department and the comptroller's office.

In November 1961, Wiikes gained national recognition on the NBC "Today" program as a successful new urban college. The College also had made a commitment to support technical graduate programs and facilities in order to bring R. C. A. Corporation to Wikes-Barre. Wiikes had achieved recognition and growth, but its most explosive growth was yet to come.

## The Golden Years

At the beginining of Wiikes' fourth decade, further dramatic changes were already underway. The commitment to graduate technical education led to the construction of a new extension to Stark Hall, containing 91 rooms and about 38,000 square feet. The research center cost $\$ 1,000,000$, raised through gifts and a $\$ 400,000$ grant from the Area Redevelopment Authority. The building was opened in January 1964.

On August 11,1964 , ground was broken for a Center for the Performing Arts. This was located on the lands originally owned by the Conyngham brothers and enioyed a commanding view of the Sussuehanna River. Long vacant, the lands were owned by the Wyoming Valley Society of Arts and Sciences and had been destined for the development of cultural facilities. Since only Wiikes had any prospect of raising sufficieient money to build such a facility, the land had been given to the college. Finally, in October 1965, Wiikes acquired a performance center of its own.

The center, made possilile by the anonymmus financial support of Dorothy Dickson Darte, was important to the maintenance of the educcational balance of the college. By its construction, Wilikes reaffirmed its deficaation to the arts and to a broadly-based education at the same time that it increased its commitment to the sciences. The arts complex was completed by a music building which opened in mid-1969.

The beginning of Wikiks' fourth decaade was also marked by expansion of the outtoor athletic facilities in Edwardsville, across the Suspuelamna from the main campus. As already noted, Wiikes had leased Artillery Field from the Pennsyvwania National Guard for use as a baseball field since the 1940s. In 1960 and 1963 the college purchased land between the Connecting Railroad and Kirty Park, and across Northampton Street from the baseball field, from Glen Alden Corporation. The old colliery site, together with the former mine buildings, provided Wiikes with a field house and locker rooms, a football field and stands, a soccer field and tennis courts. The new athletic faciity was opened in the fall of 1965 and was named Ralston Field, in honor of George Ralston, Dean of Students and former Wiikes football coach. Improved facilities seemed to inspire improved teams. In the late 1960 s Wiikes estadisished a record 33 consecutive foothall victories over four seasons, securing national recognition and the Lambert Trophy.

One of the expedients of Wiikes' growth and at the same time one of the institution's charms was the exclusive use of old homes as residence halls. Residents developed an almost clannish loyalty to the buildings in which they spent their college years. On occasion in the 1960 s, students named dormitories with the tacit approval of the college administration. Such was the case with "Haina"" Hall, commemorating a pejorative colloquilism frequently heard in the Wyoming Valley in those days, and Bruch Hall, named for the faculty resident, and later redesignated as the second Ashley Hall.

By 1964, housing demands exceeded supply and few additional mansions were avaiable. The College leased housing for the surplus students on the third floor of the Carlyle Drama School at 224 South Franklin St. and in the Y. M. C. A. and the Sterling Hotel. It also constructed its first new dormitory.

The dormitory was built on land acquired by the Urban Reedevelopment Authority in the old blue-collar district along Wright Street. The street was closed and the dormitory and an attached dining hall were built in the center of the block. Construction began in Arril 1965 and the "New Men's Dorm," later named Pickering Hall, opened in September 1966. hitial plans called for four identical dormitories, with a dining hall for each pair. Fortunately, the plan was never completed. Pickering was a Y-shaped building accommodating 268 men and was claimed to be an improvement over the barracks-type dornitories built by other colleges during the post-war expansion.

The added capacity provided only temporary relief. The Sterling Hotel and the Y. M. C. A. continued in use and the College resumed the policy of converting old houses, annual additions being made through 1971.

Wikes' library had outgrown Kirty Hall and a new facility was opened in November 1968. It was named the Eugene Shediden Farley Library to commemorate the College's first president. Sinilarly, administrative functions had outgrown Chase Hall. This problem was resolved by the gradual conversion of the second Weckesser Hall from a women's residence hall into the main administration building, a process completed in mid-1967.

Unfortunately, Wiikes' good luck was about to run out. The earliest sign of ill-fortune was the burring of Conyngham Hall, the Colleges's first building, during the Christmas break in 1968. An incorvenience, the fire was followed by a disaster - the Huriciane Agnes Flood of June 1972. The decade which began on a note of promise and optimism ended on a note of uncertainty

## After the Flood

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After the Flood
A Number of fortuitous circumstances combined to make the decade before Hurricane Agnes one of optimism and explosive growth. A series of misfortunes beginning with Agnes created a different environment. By itself, Agnes could not threaten Wilkes' future, but Agnes was not alone. The end of the baby boom meant that the reservoir of applicants clamoring for admission shrank. The reservoir was further diminished by the rapid growth of the Luzerne County Community College, founded in the late 1960s to provide a less expensive alternative for the first two years of college. Wilkes had been established forty years previously to provide the same service and its competition with Kings' College had been on a level playing field. Now for the first time it was directly competing with a government-subsidized institution.

The economy provided additional difficulties. Flood and competition were followed by the energy crisis and declining federal support for higher education. As the decade progressed, inflationary pressures increased until prices rose at a rate greater than at any previous time in this century.

The full extent of the crisis did not become evident immediately. Wiikes received $\$ 13$ million in federal funds to pay for post-flood reconstruction. Plans to complete Stark Hall with a new academic building fronting on South River Street had begun with demolition of five of the six buildings lying between Chase Hall and the Farley Home in mid-1971. The flood delayed completion but the Stark extension was finally opened in January 1975. In the interim, external space such as the Presbyterian Church House was once again used for classrooms.

As the probiems of the seventies deepened, Wilkes moved from a period of expansion to one of consolidation. Only four buildings were acquired between 1973 and 1983, two for demolition to open up the campus. The southern half of Waller Hall was secured for a residence hall in October 1983. The home at 130 South River St., the last private home in the block, was secured from the Conyngham estate in October 1975. It was opened in October 1979 as the Conyngham Student Center, replacing the old College Commons which was demolished three months later.

The loss of some existing and potential residence halls to the flood and the need to reduce costs by consolidating housing facilities caused housing problems, resolved by the lease and renovation of the housing facilities in the Y. M. C. A., redesignated as the third Miner Hall and opened in September 1980. This allowed the College to abandon its long-term lease of facilities in the Sterling Hotel. In September 1982, William D. Evans Hall, a new co-ed residence hall, was opened at South River and Northampton streets.

Changing social and demographic conditions led to a change in the character of the campus. While use of existing buildings had allowed Wilkes to develop with minimal facilities investment, this type of campus brought many liabilities to a maturing college. With more than 60 occupied buildings at the peak, not counting the remaining outbuildings, the College incurred increasing maintenance expenses. Rising utility costs affected old buildings which lacked adequate insulation, as well as Pickering Hall, which used electric heat, and new Stark, which had been built with sealed windows and some windowless rooms in the best -70 s style.

As Wilkes acquired more neighborhood houses, it increasingly secured less ornate buildings, in contrast to the earlier solid riverfront mansions. Many had been used as apartment houses with minimal maintenance prior to acquisition by the College. Some had faded with the declining fortunes of the anthracite aristocracy, the descendants of whom took flight to the suburibs. Buildings such as Kirby, Chase, Bedford, and the Annette Evans Alumni House, formerly the Farley residence, were renovated, but finances limited the extent to which this could be done.

The problem of preservation was complicated by Agnes. Buildings of marginal condition and utility prior to the flood, particularly in the block below South Street, were financially and practically unsalvageable and were removed. The decayed out-buildings remaining in the main campus block suffered a similar fate, as did some of the less distinguished buildings along Franklin Street. Possibly the most regrettable loss was Harding Hall. However, pictures of the time show that Harding had deteriorated significantly prior to purchase. It received its coup de grace from Agnes.

The removals caused considerable controversy among area preservationists, controversy which continues today as the campus continues to evolve. However, the efforts which have been made and which continue to be made, such as the imminent renovation of Capin Hall and the plans for new buildings which will be architectually compatible with the historic character of the neighorhood, represent an attempt to preserve a sense of the past while creating a viable, functional neighborhood to contribute to Wilkes-Barre's present.

The restructuring of the campus also led to a retreat on its northern frontier. As the College had grown, its direction had been governed as much by targets of opportunity as by a coherent long-range acquisition plan. By the 1970s, it was clear that the College should concentrate its development between Northampton and Ross streets. Housing in the Sterling Hotel on Market Street was discontinued in 1981. In 1983 the entire north end of the campus, including Chapman and Parish halls and the Guidance Center, was sold. By that time, Parrish had outlived its usefulness. A large building, its construction resisted easy renovation and it contained much unusable space. It became the headquarters of the Guard Insurance Group.
From Colfege to University
During the early part of the decade, campus changes continued along the pattern of the 1970s. Following the sale of Parrish Hall, the block between Northampton and South streets had become the undisputed center of the instructional campus. Two of the seven private homes remaining in this block were acquired and removed in 1984 and 1985 . The Fenner home was donated with continuing right of occupancy by the owner. The first step towards providing a unique identity for the block came with the dedication of the Burns Bell Tower in October 1987.

There was greater activity in the peripheral campus areas. The residence hall row on South River above Northampton was completed with the acquisition of Rifkin Hall in July 1989. Wilkes property now runs continuously along the Susquehanna River from Sterling Hall on the north to Doane Hall on the south. Two additional buildings were acquired on Franklin Street below South Street. These were the Max Roth Center (1984) and the apartment building which would become Fortinsky Hall (1987). Fortinsky became the home of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy and Roth became an administrative building. Together with Schiowitz Hall, which houses the Department of Nursing, these formed an enclave in a block otherwise given over to student housing and services.

At the end of the decade the new University began a new construction program concentrating on a more functional campus rather than on unplanned growth. The decision to establish a Pharmacy program required facilities changes which have evolved into the redesign of the campus. The plan provides for a new academic building on Franklin Street between Capin and Surrdevant halls. A 900 -foot greenway running through the center of the block will become the symbolic center of the campus.
The changes began with renewed purchases in 1992 and 1993. The Minrose, Lichtenstein, and Bell properties on Franklin Street were purchased. Minrose has been renovated as a new student services building, including the finance and registrar's offices. The Lichtenstein and Bell buildings will be removed.

On the central campus, the home at 67 South Street was acquired in 1993 and, through the generosity of Allen P. Kirby, Jr., renovated as the Allen P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. Fifty-seven years after the acquisition of Conyng-ham and Chase halls, only two private buildings remain in the original block. The changes will challenge the ingenuity of the University. The River mansions above and below the main campus remain as a reminder of the anthracite era. The renovation of buildings such as the Kirby Center and Capin Hall, and the continued restoration of Kirby Hall, point to the continued effort of Wilkes to reconcile the inherent conflicts between history and function.

## President's Message

To the Class of 2003,
My heartiest congratulations! Graduation is a significant achievement and I hope you take time during the graduation festivities to reflect on how much you have accomplished. Celebrate and feel great about it!

I hope you will also take time to thank those who helped you during your years here at Wilkes. Like any major achievement, college graduation cannot be attained without help. Your parents, siblings, extended family, friends and the faculty and staff here at Wilkes all helped in some way. Thank them and give them something in return.

I also hope you know how much we appreciate what you have given to Wilkes University. As an institution, our job is to create communities of students who learn together with their faculty. Without you, we could not have achieved this core purpose. You added so much to the Wilkes learning experience that was important and worthy of our thanks.

You now leave Wilkes to go on to new and exciting endeavors. We wish you all the best. I truly believe we have equipped you well for this next step in your life. Work hard, work smart and care about those around you. Take a chance, make a difference, do the right thing, and laugh a lot.

And do not forget that Wilkes cares about you and what lies ahead for you. Keep in close touch through the alumni association. Come back from time to time to add knowledge on to the great foundation you have laid in your undergraduate career. And if you have the means, give back to the University so that future students can have the same opportunities at Wilkes you had.

Let Patty and me add our personal congratulations and best wishes to you. We know you will make Wilkes proud!

Sincerely,
Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour, Ph.D. President



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## Sports \& Athletics



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The Wilkes University men's soccer team started their season with two games that both went into double overtime. On August 30 and 31, the Colonels played in the Gettysburg Kick-off Classic. Their first game was against Endicott (MA) College. This game ended with a tie of 2-2 in double overtime. Ty Bowman scored two goals for the Colonels. Their second game was against Westminster College and this game also ended in a tie of 2-2 after double overtime. Matt Diltz and Ty Bowman each had a goal for the Colonels. Wilkes lost their next game on September 4, to College Misericordia, 2-0. Justin Bagley had 7 saves in the net for the Colonels. On September 7, the Colonels won their game against Lebanon Valley, 4-1. Will Roy and Matt Diltz each had two goals for the Colonels. This win improves Wilkes to 1-1-2 overall. Wilkes lost their next three games but came back to win in game number four against Delaware Valley, 3-0. This was also their first Freedom Conference game of the season. Mike Bridy scored the first goal for the Colonels. Matt Diltz and Todd Ronco each added a goal. Wilkes played their second Freedom Conference game against cross-town rival King's College on September 25. Wilkes won this game 2-1. Justin Bagley saved two shots The Colonels are 2-0 in the conference and 3-4-2 overall. Wilkes lost their next five games but then came back strong in their game against Lycoming College. Wilkes took the win, 3-0, on October 23. This win helped them to secure a Freedom Conference playoff seat. Matt Diltz had one goal for the Colonels while teammate Ty Bowman added two goals. Justin Bagley stopped eight shots for the shutout win. Wilkes made it into the Freedom Conference Semi-Final round. They played top-seed and nationallyranked Drew University on November 6. Wilkes saw their season come to an end with a loss of 3-0. Justin Bagley had seven saves in the net for the Colonels. The men's soccer team concludes their season 6-12-2 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

The men's soccer roster included: Justin Bagley, Ty Bowman, Ryan Strange, Greg Haladay, Jon Ritter, Todd Ronco, Drew Moyer, Pete Schmidt, Ken Huelbig, Scott Carr, Matt Diltz, Sean Fisher, Mike Bridy, Rich Billings, Mike Leaman, Will Roy, Mike Montelione, Mike Faneck, Carlos Proano, Jordan DesAutels and Jon Blahonsky. Phil Wingert was their head coach and Kyle Rush was the assistant coach.

Ken Huelbig attempts to kick the ball before his opponent has the chance.


## Women's Soccer

The Wilke's Womens Soccer team's season was characterized by toughbrakes. Their games were usually close scoring even going into double overtime on two occasions; however, they never seemed to end in favor of the Lady Colonels. Even though their season was off to a slow start with the loss of their Freshman goalie Tiffany Mascelli, the Lady Colonels still earned the numbertwo seed for the Freedom Conference Playoffs. Going into the playoffs, the Lady Colonels were 61 in the conference with the help of their new goalie, Junior Katie Green. Wilkes started the playoffs with a 4-1 victory over Drew. Freshman Rena Bolin lead the Colonels scoring all four goals. The Wilkes women's soccer team was now headed to its first Freedom Conference Championship where they would face the University of Scranton. Rena Bolin would again have the lone goal for the Lady Colonels however that would not be enough for the win. The
 University of Scranton was victorious with two goals. The Lady Colonels overcame many obstacles to finish second place in the Freedom Conference with a final record of 9-11-1.

The Lady Colonels had many leaders on the field. The goal scoring was lead by Bolin with 14 for the season, followed by senior captin Holly Shiber with eight. Senior Danielle McDonald added five goals for the season with freshman Leanne Rivers close behind with four.

These goals could not have happened without the help from their teammates. Senior Tina Mooney lead the Lady Colonels in assists with six while Sophomore Jennifer Marks added five. The soccer teams defense was lead by Green who had a total of 86 saves in the cage for the Colonels. The Lady Colonels truley had a team effort in all of their games.

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Top: Tina Mooney gets ready to set up her teammate for a goal.
Bottom: Lindsey McWilliams practices her shots during warm-ups.


## Football Captains <br> 



Mike DeRa was a captain for the 2002 season. He has also been the starting linebacker for the 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 seasons. DeRa made 1st All-Conference Middle Atlantic Player in the 2000, 2001, and 2002 seasons and was named All-Regional Player in 2002. In 2001 and 2002 he was named most valuable defensive player. Mike DeRa also lead Wilkes with a record-setting number of tackles in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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Jeff Marshman was a captain for the 2001 season. In 1999, he was awarded the Craig Platt Award for Outstanding Freshman Player. He had 40 touchdown passes over the 1999-2000-2001 seasons. In 1999, he was in the ECAC MVP Championship game. He was also the ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1999. In 2000, he made the 1st team MAC all stars and was on the MAC Honor Roll. Marshman was the 3rd all time leading passer in 26 games. He holds the Wilkes record for the most touchdowns with 21 . He started 26 consecutive games at quarterback. Jeff shares the record for most touchdowns in one game. He did this during the game against Delware Valley, in 2000, where he threw for 4 touchdowns that game. He was also an outstanding team leader and an inspiration in helping mold future players and the football program.


## Football

A young Wilkes University football team took the field during the 2002 season and came away with a record of 7-4 and an Eastern College Athletic Conference title.

The Colonels copped the ECAC South Atlantic crown by disposing of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, 33-7, in the title game. It was the squad's third ECAC appearance in four years, and the second time the Colonels have copped an ECAC championship during that span.

Sophomore Brett Trichilo led the Wilkes Offensive attack despite missing five games due to an injury. Trichilo averaged 125.8 yards rushing per game after racking up 755 yards on 125 carries. He averaged an impressive six yards per rushing attempt and reached the endzone five times. Fellow sophomores Maleek Mills and Kyle Gallagher, along with freshman Jake Remmel, also enjoyed fine campaigns. The group helped Wilkes lead the MAC in rushing yards per game, as the Colonels picked up 242.5 yards per game on the ground.

Paving the way up front for the Blue and Gold was an outstanding group of lineman. The five starters, Jason Holloway, Mike Liberski, Tom Wighard, Matt Begansky, and Tim Letcher, allowed only 16 sacks throughout the season.

Sophomore quarterback Matt Kaskie acquitted himself well during his first full season as the team's starting signal-caller. Kaskie threw for 1,220 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also rushing for 419 yards and one touchdown. His top target was junior wide receiver Mike Walk, who had 29 catches for 473 years and four scores. Junior Bobby Thompson added for 10 catches for 228 yards and three touchdowns. Junior tight end Brian Fritts also had ten receptions for 174 yards and three scores.

The Wilkes defense was equally impressive during the season. The Colonels ranked among the conference leaders in rushing defense after allowing a mere 94.7 yards per game on the ground.

The linebacker tandem of senior Mike DaRe and junior Steve Rogers anchored the defensive group. DaRe, a three-time first team all-star, ended the season with 80 tackles, including seven behind the line of scrimmage. He also had two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Rogers contributed 73 tackles, including six for a loss. He also had two interceptions and two quarterback sacks.

The defensive front line was anchored by the tandem of senior Dustin Bernatovich and sophomore Julian Morales. Bernatovich had 32 tackles, including seven behind the line of scrimmage. Morales tallied 28 tackles and two sacks. He also tied for the team lead in tackles for a loss with defensive end Nick Rollman. Rollman, who had 30 tackles, and Morales both had ten stops in the backfield.

In the secondary, sophomore Troy Wilson proved to be a thorn in the side of opponents. Wilson ranked third on the team with 54 tackles, while also picking off four aerial attempts and knocking down 12 passes. Junior Chris Caccavale, who had 51 tackles and three sacks, along with junior Jon Jamison, who finished the campaign with 49 tackles, also made key contributions.

The Wilkes kicking game was led by senior Will McLaughlin. McLaughlin connected on a schoolrecord 10 -of- 17 field goal attempts during the season, while also making 30-of-34 extra point tries. Included was a 45 -yard field goal, a school-record, in the team's $23-14$ win at Lycoming College.

Freshman Kyle Devlin handled the punting chores throughout the season. Devlin punted the ball 51 times and averaged 34.8 yards per boot. He also did an outstanding job pinning opponents deep, killing 13 punts inside of the opponents 20 -yard line.


Sophomore quarterback $M$ rushes for yards during a



Junior Steve Rogers makes a tackle in a game against the Moravian College.

Sophomore quarterback Matt Kaskie rushes for yards during a game.


Brett Trichilo attempts to out run an opponent during a game against Moravian College.

## Wresting



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Corey Fleisher has control of his opponent on his way to one of his many victories.

John Muscarella is looking to flip his opponent for the pin.

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The wrestling team's roster for the 2002-2003 season included: Diego Alvarado, Eric Bleich, Andrew Chuck-A-Sang, Sean Davies, Nick DeAngelis, Fritz Delva, Nathan Fenstermacher, Brian Fischer, Corey Fleisher, Erik Hansen, Rex Harris, Jonathan Jamison, Gerald Johnson, Keith Jones, Brandon Kelly, Dan Larson, Jeremy Mayer, John Muscarella, Jonathan Neyerlin, Patrick O'Hara, Brandon Romanoski, Ricky Simon, Jed Starner, Andrew Steinberg, Steve Tornambe, Rob Tryon, Cory Walker, Bryan Wech, Joe Yenchak and Joe Yutko. They were coached by Head Coach Alan Zellner and Assistant Coaches Jon Laudenslager and Scott Henshaw.

The Wilkes Wrestling team entered the Ursinus Tournament where Brandon Romarowski, Keith Jones, Jon Neyerlin and Corey Fleisher won individual titles in their respective weight classes. Romanowski claimed the 125 pound title, Jones won the 149 pound class, Neyerlin was victorious at 184 pounds, while Fleisher won the 285 pound crown. Romanowski won the championship bout with an $8-5$ decision over Wade Ginter from Albright. Jones won five matches to become the champion defeating Joey Keagle from the College of New Jersey in the final round. Neyerlin topped Derrick Davis from Williamson to win his title. By defeating Brendan Barrett of Muhlenburg, Fleisher won his title by a score of 5-2. Rex Harris finished second for the Colonels at 174 pounds. John Muscarella claimed third-place along with Pat O'Hara for the Colonels.

Further into the season, the Wilkes Wrestling team entered the R.I.T. Tournament where they finished 9th out of 15 . Sophomore Rex Harris copped top honors at 174 pounds defeating Sterling Sebek to claim his title. Sophomore Jeremy Mayer (125 lbs ) and junior Jon Neyerlin ( 184 lbs ) finished fifth for the Colonels in their weight classes.

The Colonels finished the season by entering the MAC Championships. Harris and Fleisher copped individual titles leading the Wilkes Wrestling team to a third-place finish. Harris was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the championships. He earned his title with an upset of top-seeded Josh Housekeeper from Delaware Valley College. Harris posted a 10-3 win over Housekeeper in the championship bout. Fleisher defended his heavyweight title by topping King's College's Tegan MeKee, 4-2, in the championship match. The win improved Fleisher to 33-2 heading into his second NCAA Championship Tournament. Three other Wilkes Wrestlers also made an appearance at the championships. Mayer, Muscarella and Bleich all finished in fourth place in their respective weight classes.

Two Wilkes Wrestlers earned their way to the NCAA Division III National Championships. Rex Harris and Corey Fleisher represented the Colonels in their different weight divisions. Harris came into the event in the number-six seed with an opening round bye. He defeated his first opponent however he was then defeated twice in a row to be eliminated from the tournament. Fleisher came into the tournament unseeded and was defeated in two tough matches by his opponents. Harris ends his season 35-5 while Fleisher ends up 34-4.

# Men's Basketball 

The men's basketball team opened their season with the Pizza Hut Tip-Off Tournament at Dickinson College. They played Hunter College and took the win $89-57$ on November 22. Wilkes was lead by Dave Plisko who had 18 points and five rebounds. Phil Bonczewski finished with 16 points, seven rebounds, and two blocks. Alex Hairston had ten points and five rebounds. Wilkes faced Gwynedd Mercy College in the championship game on Saturday. The Colonels rallied in the last two minutes of the championship game to win over Gwynedd Mercy College, 67-61. Senior Alex Hairston was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after scoring 21 points, eight rebounds, and three assists in the championship game. Junior Forward Phil Bonczewski earned a seat on the all-tournament team after contributing 12 points, nine rebounds and three blocks. The first home game for the Colonels was on November 26 against Albright. Junior Mike Morgan lead Wilkes with a career-high 29 points to take the win, 90-83. Mike Morgan ended the game with 29 points, nine rebounds, and four assists. Alex Hairston had 16 points and ten rebounds. Phil Bonczewski had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Dave Plisko ended the game with 13 points, four assists and four steals. John Yanniello had 11 points, three assists and three steals. Wilkes lost their first Freedom Conference opener against Lycoming College, 82-80. Mike Morgan had 26 points and 11 rebounds. John Yanniello had 16 points and three assists. Phil Bonczewski had 12 points. After winning their next six games, Wilkes fell to DeSales University on January 15, 63-62. Wilkes is now $9-2$ overall and 1-2 in the conference. The Colonels played this game minus starting guard John Yanniello due to a knee injury in Monday night's win over Lincoln. Mike Morgan had 16 points. Alex Hairston had 15 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Phil Bonczewski had a doubledouble with 13 points and ten rebounds. On Jaunary 20, Wilkes lost starting two-guard Dave Plisko to an injury with 14 minutes remaining in the game against Lincoln University. Dave Plisko lead the Wilkes offensive attack with 18 points before his injury. Wilkes won against cross-town rival King's College on January 29, 77-64. This improves the Colonels to $13-4$ overall and $4-3$ in the conference. Dave Plisko had a game high of 23 points, five rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Reshawn Pressley had 14 points, five rebounds and four steals. Alex Hairston had ten points and five rebounds. The Colonels lost to Lycoming College in overtime on February 5, 67-66. Ryan Milford ended the night with eight points, eight rebounds, and two assists. In a win over Delaware Valley, 61-58, Dave Plisko went over the 20 point mark for the seventh consecutive time. He scored 22 points for the Colonels in this game. Alex Hairston had 13 points and six rebounds. Wilkes lost to cross-town rival King's College on February 19, 78-61. Rashawn Pressley had 22 points and seven rebounds, while Dave Plisko had 19 points, six rebounds and four steals. Their dream of earning a Freedom Conference playoff seat was shot down by Scranton University in overtime on February 22. Wilkes lost 82-77. Mike Morgan finshised with 19 tallies. Dave Plisko had 16 points. Bob Calarco had 15 points and four assists. Phil Bonczewski had 10 points and four blocked shots. Their season came to an end with a 17-7 overall record and a 8-6 record in the conference. The men's basketball team roster included: Dee Henry, John Yanniello, John Scianfani, Drew Amoroso, Bobby Calarco, Alex Hairston, Rashawn Pressley, Ryan Milford, Adam Culley, Dave Plisko, Mike Morgan, MacLean Moore, Greg Cardamone, Brian Kemp, Evan Walters, Joe Dorzinsky, Phil Bonczewski and Joe Stein. They were coached by Jerry Rickrode (Head Coach) and by Corby Swan (Assistant Coach), Bryan McGraw (Assistant Coach) and Jim Atherton (Assistant Coach).

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Bottom Left Picture: Dave Plisko makes a shot during a game against Drew University.

Bottom Right Picture: Phil Bonczewski goes up for a shot against the Drew University defense.


# Women's Basketball 




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Left Picture: Whitney Bull takes a shot during a home game aginst Lincoln University. During this game Bull also reached her 1,000 point milestone in her collegiate career

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## Softball <br> The Lady Colonels started their season down at Virginia Beach. The Marlin East-Atlantic Classic

 was being hosted by Virginia Wesleyan College. Their first game was against Ferrum College on March 7. This game only lasted 6 innings because of the eight-run rule. Wilkes won this game 112. Maryellen Korty picked up the win for Wilkes. She pitched five scoreless innings only allowing six hits and striking out seven. Their next game of this tournament they lost to 13th-ranked Roanoke College, 5-3. Melissa Babcock hit her first homerun of the season in this game. Jen Trate pitched her first collegiate game but was tagged with the loss after pitching $42 / 3$ innings. She allowed only one hit, strike out two, and she allowed five runs but only two of which were earned. Maryellen Korty pitched the final one $1 / 3$ innings and allowed 2 hits and no runs. The Lady Colonels last game of this tournament was against Emory and Henry College. Wilkes won this game 7-6. Melissa Babcock led the Wilkes offensive attack with three hits that included a double, and she drove in four runs with her three hits. Jan Nunemacher had two hits and also drove two runs in. Carly Streznetcky also had two hits. Jen Trate picked up her first collegiate pitching win. The following weekend they traveld down to Salisbury, Maryland to play in the Sea Gull Invitational Tournament being hosted by Salisbury State University. On March 14, Wilkes lost their first two games of the tournament. Their first lost was against 19th-ranked Moravian College and their second loss was against host team, Salisbury State. The next day they came back with two wins. Their first game was against Wesley College where they picked up the win, 5-1. Jen Trate throw a complete game three-hitter and she did not give up a hit in the last five innings of the game and the run that came in was unearned. She struck out seven and did not walk a batter. Wilkes took the lead 1-0 in the second inning when Alexis Petite singled, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on an error. In the fifth inning they upped their lead to $2-0$ when Nicole Pugh singled, stole second, and scored on a single by Carly Streznetcky. Alexis Petite also had a homerun that game. Their second game of the afternoon was against Bates. Maryellen Korty pitched Wilkes to a win, 5 2. On March 27, the Lady Colonels had their first Freedom Conference double-header against the University of Scranton. They lost their first game but then came back for the win their second game. Wilkes is now 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the conference. Andrea Dominick hit a home run in the first inning of the second game. On April 2, the Lady Colonels won both of their Freedom Conference games against Delaware Valley. Their first game went 11 innings but they came out with the win 5-4. Freshman Jen Trate pitched all 11 innings only allowing nine hits, three earned runs and striking out five. Sophomore Maryellen Korty pitched the second game and allowed only nine hits, three earned runs and strike out three. Brooke Shreaves had a two-run home run in the seventh inning for the Lady Colonels. On April 24, Maryellen Korty pitched shutout to lead Wilkes to 4-0 win over Labanon Valley College. Nicole Pugh led off with a double and scored on a single by Carly Streznetcky. Their last two games of the season were against Messiah College on April 29. Wilkes won both games, 9-6 and 8-7. In the first game, Carly Streznetcky led the offense with four hits including a double and a triple. Jen Trate had both pitching wins for Wilkes. The Lady Colonels finish their season 11-14 overall and 4-10 in the conference.The women's softball team's roster included: Carly Streznetcky, Andrea Dominick, Melissa Babcock, Maria Ciechoski, Kerry Zellner, Nadine Taylor, Kim Graver, Nicole Norton, Nicole Pugh, Jan Nunemacher, Brooke Shreaves, Jen Trate, Melissa Mendygral, Jodi Viscomi, Leora Kleist, Maryellen Korty and Alexis Petite. Their Head Coach is Frank Matthews and their assistants coaches are Tom Dunsmuir and Sandy Mullen.


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Right Picture: Maryellen Korty delivers a pitch during a game.

Below Picture: Carly Streznetcky slides into a base during a home game.



## Field Hockey

The women's field hockey team started their season with a win against Villa Julie in the Hood College Tournament. Kim Whipple and Melissa Quinn each had a goal for the Lady Colonels. Their next game in the tournament was against the host team, Hood College. Wilkes took the win 10-0. They outshot the host school by 33-0. Despite winning the first three out of their four games, the Lady Colonels fell to College Misericordia 4-1, on September 12. Candice Adams had the only goal for Wilkes. The field hockey team's record is now 3-2 overall. On September 17, Wilkes took the win in a game against Philadelphia Bible, 2-0. Freshman Meredith Sampson scored her first collegiate goal with 5:26 left. Desiree Podrasky had ten saves in net to post her third shutout win of the season. After winning their next three games, Wilkes fell to Ursinus College on October 2. This loss moves the Lady Colonels to a 7-3 overall record. On October 29, Wilkes took the win over cross-town rival, King's College, 3-1. This win gave them a seat in the Freedom Conference Playoffs. The Lady Colonels are now 10-7 overall and 3-2 in the conference. Wilkes will enter the playoffs as the number three seed. On November 6, Wilkes played their semi-final contest game against the University of Scanton. The Lady Colonels took the win in double overtime, 2-1. This advances the Lady Colonels to the Freedom Conference Championship Game, where they are to play against top-seeded Drew University. Wilkes lost their final game of the season. Kim Whipple scored her 15th goal of the season and she also scored the only goal for Wilkes in the championship game. Desiree Podrasky stopped 12 shots in the net. The Lady Colonels finish 12-8 for the season.


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Erin Henry chases the ball upfield during a game.

Sara Ciotoli tries to fight off an opponent to gain control of the ball.


Maria Currier dribbles down
field while being defended by a King's player.

## Baseball

The men's baseball team started their season with a tournament in Cocoa Beach, Florida. They won their first game against Grace College (IN), 8-3. Ryan Palos was the winning pitcher for the Colonels. Charles Hampton had three hits for the Colonels and Matt Midkiff added two hits. While they were down in Cocoa Beach they played a total of eight games. They ended their week with an overall record of 4-4. The Colonels had their first Freedom Conference game at home against DeSales University. They lost this game 14-9. Steve Leskiw and Josh Turel each had a home run. On March 27, Wilkes won their Freedom Conference game against Delaware Valley, 12-5. The Colonels are now 5-9 overall and 1-3 in the conference. Wilkes played cross-town rival King's College on April 10 at home in Artillery Park Wilkes won this game 16-4. This is the first out of three games they have to play in their series against King's. Mike Spotts was the winning pitcher for Wilkes. He pitched six innings and only allowed four hits and three runs. Wilkes made it into the Freedom Conference Playoffs with an overall record of 17-16 and a conference record of $10-8$. Their first playoff game was against FDU-Florham. Wilkes lost this game 6 5. Their next playoff game was against Delaware Valley. The Colonels took the win, 7-5. This win kept the Colonels in the playoffs. Josh Turel and Dave Morgan each had a home run this game. The Colonels next playoff game was against FDU-Florham again but this time Wilkes came out with the win, 7-3. This advances the Colonels to the Freedom Conference championship game aginst DeSales University. On May 4, the Colonels lost the championship game against DeSales University, 5-4. Matt Midkiff pitched a complete game for Wilkes. He only allowed 11 hits and five runs and he strikeout four. Wilkes ends their season 19-18 overall.

The 2003 baseball roster included: Steve Leskiw, Adam Kowalczyk, Kyle Stover, Zach Ragukas, Charles Hampton, Mike Spotts, Josh Turel, Kyle Devlin, Matt Kaskie, Derek Sheruda, Matt Midkiff, Chris Caccavale, Josh Shoff, Ryan Palos, Tyler Trutt, Dave Morgan, Ryan Lobb, Mike Zapatoski, Joshua Campbell, Mike Toomey, John Boylan, Mike Quinn, Steve Imdorf, Josh DeRichie and Eric McGowan. They were coached by Head Coach Joe Folek. Their assistant coaches are Bob Klinetob, Jerry Bavitz, Jim Domzalski, and Matt Diltz.

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## Women's Volleyball

Under the guidance of first-year head coach Scott VanValkenburgh, the Wilkes University volleyball team endured their shares of ups and downs during the 2002 season. The Lady Colonels ended the season with an overall record of $8-21$, including a 0-5 mark in the Freedom Conference.

The Lady Colonels suffered from a lack of experience during the campaign. The squad's roster included six freshman, four sophomores and three juniors. Middle hitter Alicia Vieselmeyer enjoyed an outstanding freshman season, earning Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year. Vieselmeyer concluded the season with 230 kills, 335 digs, and 85 blocks. Sophomore Kristin Pisani provided fire power from the outside hitter position. Pisani chipped in with 148 kills, a team-leading 34 service aces, and 87 digs. Freshman middle hitter Jillian Focht added 122 kills, 33 aces, 87 digs and 59 blocks during her rookie season. The squad's strength came from a pair of talented sophomore setters, Megan Riley and Jeanine Barber. Riley handed out 533 assists, while also connecting for 121 kills, 27 aces and 196 digs. Barber dished out 244 assists, while also providing 108 kills, 29 aces, 234 digs and 36 blocks. Junior defensive specialist Amber Brennan had another solid season for the Lady Colonels. Brennan had a team-leading 393 digs.


Middle hitter Alicia Vieselmeyer gets ready to hit the ball during a game.


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Sophomore Jeanine Barber concentrates as she gets ready to hit the ball back over the net. ups and downs eason with an lom Conference. during the ar sophomores and outstanding of the Year. gs, and 85 blocks. utside hitter 34 service aces, 122 kills, 33 aces, uad's strength came and Jeanine Barber. 21 kills, 27 aces rroviding 108 kills, alist Amber . Brennan had a
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Jillian Focht blocks the ball as it comes over the net.


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The Wilkes University Men's Tennis team went 6-8 for the 2002-2003 season. The team had some powerful wins against Ohio Northern, Kings and Philadelphia Bible. The Colonels had two standouts, sophomores Hassan Shah and Madhan Srinivasan, who earned spots at the MAC Individual Championships. Shah, the number-three seed, drew an opening round bye and made his way to become the first Wilke's Men's Tennis player to capture a title. Srinivasan, the number-four seed, made it through the semi-finals only to meet his teammate, Shah, in the finals. Both teammates put forth outstanding effort with scores of 7-6, 4-6 and 7-5 with the victory going to Shah. The doubles action in the MAC Championships went the the combinations of Jason Leach and Arvin Narula and Peter Nguyen and Brandon Clark. Leach and Narula made it to the second round whereas their teammates where defeated in the first round. The Colonels put forth an enormous amount of effort and positive attitude to earn their wins and their spots at the MAC Championships.

The 2002-2003 Men's Tennis team was composed of seniors: Steve Cho, Jason Leach, Peter Nguyen, and Matt Ralph, junior Brandon Clark, sophomores: Keith Heim, Hassan Shah and Madhan Srinivasan and freshman: Chris Lucas, Arvin Narula, and Chris Pray. They were coached by Chris Leicht


Sophomore Hassan Shah uses his backhand to return his opponent's serve.

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Senior Jason Leach reaches down to return a low hit from his opponent.

# Women's Gennis 

Right Picture: Freshman Kristin Kile watches as the ball hits her racket during a match.
Bottom Picture: Sophomore Rajitha Devadoss connects with the ball during a match.


Picture on Opposite Page: Senior Whitney Bull hits the ball back over the net to her opposition during a match.

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The women's tennis team opened their season on September 12, against DeSales University. Wilkes fell to DeSales 7-2 during this match. Whitney Bull and Selena Bednarz each added wins in their singles matches. The next match for the Lady Colonels was on September 14, against FDU-Florham. Whitney Bull won her singles match. On September 17, Cassie Malone provided a win for the Lady Colonels in her singles match against Marywood University. Kristin Kile and Rajitha Devadoss and teammates Lori Smith and Cassie Malone won their doubles matches also against Marywood University. Wilkes fell to cross-town rival King's College, 8-1. Selena Bednarz had a win in her singles match. Their next game was against Drew University. Whitney Bull provided a win in her singles match. Also, Whitney Bull and Kelly Leach won their doubles match. On September 24, Wilkes fell to Susquehanna University, 9-0. Over the next 4 games the Lady Colonels came back with three wins but fell to Scranton University. Whitney Bull and Kristin Kile each won their singles match, while Kelly Leach and Whitney Bull won their doubles match. On October 5, Wilkes had a match against Lycoming College, which they lost, 8-1. Kristin Kile and Rajitha Devadoss won their doubles match. Their last match of the season before the Middle Atlantic Conference championships was against Lebanon Valley. Whitney Bull won her singles match. Whitney Bull, Kelly Leach and teammates Kristin Kile and Rajitha Devadoss won their doubles matches. On October 18 and 19, were the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Women's Tennis Championships. Senior Whitney Bull, saw her season come to a close on Saturday morning. She was seeded fourth in the event. She concluded her season with a singles record of 7-2. Junior Selena Bednarz also participated in the MAC Individual Women's Tennis Championships. She won her first match but then fell to Temple on her second match. Kristin Kile and Rajitha Devadoss also participated and were eliminated during the first round of doubles. Wilkes concludes their season 0-9. Hopefully this upcoming season will be more successful for the Lady Colonels tennis team.


## Golf

The Wilkes University golf team had their first match on March 28. They played against College Misericordia, Arcadia, and University of Scranton. Wilkes ended with a score of 331 , placing second out of the four teams. Dom Castrignano had a score of 80. Mike Kashnicki finished with a score of 81. Jon Else had 83 and Curtis Haley had 87. On April 14, Dom Castrignano medaled twice for the men's golf team. In their match against College Misericordia and University of Scranton, Castrignano added a score of 78 in the first round. In the third round, he scored a 74 to medal again against the same two teams. In the second round Jason Pantzar medaled with a score of 78. The Colonels earned a spot at the MAC Championships held at the Par-72 Shawnee Country Club. The men's golf team finished fifth out of fourteen teams. They finished with a team total of 971 during the 54 -hole event. Dom Castrignano and Mike Kashnicki finished in a three-way tie for tenth place in the individual field. They both finished with a score of 238. Jason Pantzar ended the tournament in 24th place with a score of 245 . Curtis Haley finshed 54th with a score of 262 . Jon Else ended the tournament with a score of 263 and placed 58th in the individual fields.

The men's golf roster included: Dom Castrignano, Rob Diefenderfer, Jon Else, Curtis Haley, Mike Kashnicki, Dave Paden, Jason Pantzar, Tom Reynolds and Chris Yonki. They were coached by Head Coach Art Brunn.


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Pantzar finishes his swing
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## Women's Lacrosse

The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team had its first ever varsity contest on March 15. Last year they competed at the club level. Their first game was against Elizabethtown where they lost 21-8. Maria Currier and Kathryn Currier each had two goals, while teammates Kyla Campbell, Danielle McDonald, Alicia Conner and Sara Ciotoli each added one goal. Their next game was on March 24 against Monteclair State and they suffered a 16-6 loss. Wilkes scored their first three goals in a span of 34 seconds. The first two goals made by Melissa Quinn and Kyla Campbell were unassisted. The third goal was made by Alicia Conner with some help from teammate Kathryn Currier. Maria Currier scored the fourth goal for Wilkes to start off the second half of the game. Danielle McDonald and Sara Ciotoli scored the last two goals for Wilkes. Carissa Lyons had seven saves in the goal and Cassie Malone had six stops also in the goal for the Lady Colonels. The Lady Colonels finally saw their first win on April 15 against Moravian College, 8-7. This improves the Lady Colonels to $1-8$ overall and 1-7 in the conference. Maria Currier led the Wilkes offensive attack with three goals, her final goal being the game winner. Sara Citoli also added two goals. Jessica Hinkel, Lyndsay Asinelli, and Alicia Conner each added a goal for the win. The Lady Colonels won their last two games of the season. Their second to last game was on April 26 against FDU-Florham and Wilkes won this game 14-4. Wilkes' first goal came at the $4: 15$ mark in the first half by Danielle McDonald. Maria Currier, Kaythryn Currier, Stephanie Dluge and Jess Hinkel each had a goal for Wilkes. Lyndsay Asinelli and Sara Ciotoli each added two goals in the first half. In the second half of the game Lyndsay Asinelli, Maria Currier and Melissa Quinn each had a goal for Wilkes to conclude the Lady Colonel scoring. Carissa Lyons stopped five shots in the goal for Wilkes and Cassie Malone stopped three goals in the Wilkes goal. Their last game was on April 29 against Centenary College. Wilkes won this game 10-9. Carissa Lyons stopped nine shots and Cassie Malone had three saves in the goal for Wilkes. Melissa Quinn had three goals. Sara Ciotoli and Danielle McDonald each had two goals for Wilkes. Alica Conner, Lyndsay Asinelli and Maria Currier each added a goal for the Lady Colonels. The Lady Colonels ended their season with an overall record of 3-10 and a record of 2-8 in the conference.

The women's lacrosse roster included: Carissa Lyons, Jess Pezolano, Stephanie Dluge, Alicia Conner, Kyla Campbell, Melissa Lavelle, Sara Ciotoli, Jess Hinkel, Lyndsay Asinelli, Robin Shillingsford, Lorey Molick, Jamie Malt, Maria Currier, Melissa Quinn, Candice Adams, Jennifer Compton, Erica McGraw, Amanda Andreas, Danielle McDonald, Kathryn Currier and Cassie Malone. Their Head Coach is Kristin DiMarzo and their assistant coach is Mary Jo Hromchak.


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Right Picture: Lorey Molick runs away from an opponent with the ball in her net.



## Thanks to all of the Wilkes Athletic Teams for Another Exciting Year of Colonel Sports

A special thanks goes out to John Seitzinger for his pictures and game recaps. We appreciate your dedication to Wilkes Athletics.


## Clubs and Organizations

Besides classes, homework, and earning a degree, there are many clubs and organizations to get involved in at Wilkes. Wilkes has a variety of clubs to make you a well-rounded person. You can do anything from clubs pertaining to your major to clubs that organize campus entertainment. All of the clubs and organizations are community oriented and they offer a variety of projects to get everyone involved. There are about 70 active clubs with the number growing every year. These next few pages will give you a look back on the

## Running Club

The newest club to the Wilkes University family is the Running Club. The purpose of this club is to renew interest in cross-country running and continual physical exercise in the form of running. Whether you are just starting to run or have been running for years, the Running Club welcomes you.

## Programming Board

The Wilkes University Programming Board (WUPB) brings all kinds of entertainment to the campus. If you would like to be a part of the behind the scenes action this is the club to join. This club brings bands such as Hoobastank, Blind Slide and Greenwheel to the University. They also offer comedians, hypnotists, virtual reality programs, discounted Friday night movie tickets and other discounted tickets for various activities. This club bring the enjoyment to college life

## Inter-Residence $\mathcal{H}$ all Council

The Inter-Residence Hall Council (I.R.H.C.) provides an opportunity for resident students to voice their concerns on maintenance of their residence halls, policies, parking, security, food, and many other areas of resident life. I.R.H.C. works closely with Student Government, Commuter Council, and Off-Campus Council in planning social events and activities. The Residence Life Office works closely with I.R.H.C. to develop and administer residence hall policy in conjunction with the Student Affairs Cabinet.

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Campus Interfaith is a place for the students, faculty and staff to express and practice the faith of their choice. It is a way of getting involved in the Wilkes-Barre community and the world community. This goal is achieved through a variety of programs throughout the year.

Campus Interfaith is also a great way to continue and strengthen your spirtiuality, to restart a past spirituality, or to begin a new life of spirituality. Prayer and meditation are great and essential ways of speaking to God and figuring out God's Plan in your life. Campus Interfaith is a way to get in touch with the spiritual life of all faiths through prayer services, Interfaith dinner/discussions, retreats and individual inquiries.

## Student

## Government



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Wilkes University Student Government is the governing body of the students. Our mission is to promote the general welfare among the university community, provide for the proper and adequate management of student affairs, provide for a broader intellectual and cultural development of students, and protect the rights of the student body. We are the voice of the students, and the liaison between administration and students. Student Government also organizes Homecoming, Winter Weekend, Casino Night, and Spring Fling.


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## Wulticultural Student Coalition

The Multicultural Studen Coalition (MSC) is a diverse group of students from many racial and ethnic backgrounds who are dedicated to the celebration of diversity on the campus and in the community at large. To that end, the MAC participates in community service projects, ethnic celebrations, scholarly presentations, and other activities that help to increase intercultural understanding.

Currently this active group consists of African American, Asian American, Latino, and Caucasian students from all over the United States as well as international students from Ghana, Gambia, the Congo, Romania, Armenia, Japan, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Pakistan and Jordan.

The 2002-2003 officers of the MSC are President Selena Bednarz, Vice-President Francesca Montelione, Treasurer Kofi Gbomita, Recording Secretary Rajitha Devadoss, Corresponding Secretary Marvelyn Brentum, and Public Relations Chair Amanda Leigh Brozana.

## Circle K

Circle K International is the world's largest collegiate service organization. Circle K is a club, which promotes service and fellowship to its members and to teh communities they serve. Kiwanis International sponsors the club as part of its youth-services programs. It allows the young people of today to become the responsible leaders of tomorrow.

Circle K Clubs provide thousands of service hours each year in a variety of projects onlacal and worldwide levels. It is often said that the most important person in Circle K is the individual member. What you can do as a memeber is not only help Circle K, but better yourself as well. The true purpose of Circle K is to let college students give something to the community and show that there is more to school than studying.

Leadership positions are a facet of Circle K. Members are encouraged to take responsibility for the club by working on committees and serve as members of the board at the club, or even District or International, levels. These positions give members a chance to learn more about their weaknesses and strengths and to develop skills that will serve them in the future. Circle K is for you to run it as you desire. You can make a difference as an individual member. By feeding the homeless, visiting the elderly, cleaning a park or raising money for a charity, you can make a difference that will change the world.






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