



# WILKES COLLEGE

## Report ...

Fall, 1975

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND – OCTOBER 10-12

### STARK LEARNING CENTER TO BE DEDICATED

Whether you arrive by car, bicycle, bus, or foot you are bound to be delighted with the program which has been planned for the 28th Annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend, slated for October 10-12.

Highlighting the extensive Homecoming list of events this year is the formal dedication and convocation of the Stark Learning Center and W. B. Schaeffer Hall on Saturday morning.

The chairman of this year's Alumni Homecoming, Dr. Richard Rees '62, and a dedicated committee have been hard at work putting the final touches on what promises to be the top reunion of all time.

The weekend will take a special meaning for the class of 1950 since it marks their "Silver Anniversary" celebration. Art Hoover '55, director of alumni relations, also notes the planned five-year milestones for the classes of 1940, 1945, 1955, 1960, 1965, and 1970.

While not at Ralston Field but close to home, the Wilkes College soccer team will get a head start on the hectic weekend agenda, by meeting the Royals of Scranton University in Scranton at 3 p.m.

First order of business on campus is the judging of the various Homecoming floats and displays. The judging committee will start from Weckesser Hall at 7 p.m.

Later at 9, the scene switches to the Blue Room of the Hotel Sterling where the traditional "Homecoming Huddle" has been dedicated as an appreciation night to former Wilkes College president, Dr. Francis J. Michelini. "I Like Mike Night" will be informal and include door prizes, souvenirs, refreshments, and of course, Millie Gittins, in her annual sing-a-long at the piano.

A busy day awaits the alumni on Saturday and the grads can start the day by meeting officers and the executive committee of the Wilkes College Alumni Association at the Alumni and Faculty House. Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 9.

Several years of plans and dreams will finally reach fruition at 10 with the formal convocation and dedication of the Stark Learning Center and W. B. Schaeffer Hall. The academic procession and convocation of the new multi-million dollar edifice will take place in the courtyard. Dr. Eugene Farley, Jr., son of the late first president of Wilkes

College, will be the principal speaker. Tours of the building will follow.

Also filling the morning agenda is a women's tennis match, pitting the lady Colonels against Baptist Bible College.

Athletic activities will continue at Ralston Field in the afternoon when the MAC Northern Division champion Wilkes gridders take on the Upsala Vikings in a 2 p.m. encounter. While the important MAC game is in progress, the Colonel cross country team will battle the Broncos of Rider College.

Win, lose, or draw the "Fifth Quarter" mixer will commence at Artillery Park immediately following the football game. As usual beer and pretzels will be served.

Activity shifts back to the Hotel Sterling for the remainder of the day. The ever popular Sterling smorgasbord will be offered to alumni in the Crystal Ballroom at a special price between 6 and 9 p.m. You can arrive at anytime and eat as much as you like.

Another new twist in Homecoming 1975 will find the traditional "Homecoming Dance" serving to honor the current acting president of the college, Robert S. Capin and the newly elected board chairman, Atty. Joseph J. Savitz, and their wives. Both men are alumni of the college. Dance music, provided by the All-Stars, begins in the Grand Lobby at 9:30. There is no admission charge and a cash and carry bar is available.

After a banner start last year, the "Bloody Mary" brunch, featuring breakfast and cock-



Some of the committee members planning the 28th Annual Alumni Homecoming are shown after a recent meeting on the steps of Weckesser Hall. Pictured from left to right, first row: Art Hoover '55, director of alumni relations; Jennifer Morgan '74, Lauren O'Hara '74, Virginia Zikar '70, and Rick Rees '62, homecoming chairman. Row 2: Carol Drahos '75, Carol Zambetti '75, Andrea Petrask '69. Row 3: Terry Blum '75, Jim Ferris, vice president, region 1; George Pawlusch '69. Row 4: Garl Jones '71, and John Zikar '70.

tails, will greet alumni Sunday morning at 11 at the Alumni and Faculty House. Advance reservations and payment is necessary.

Visitors back to campus can also take advantage of two fine arts presentations which will be offered throughout the weekend.

The Wilkes College Theater will present

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## HOMECOMING 1975

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00 p.m.

Judging of the Homecoming Displays.

9:00 p.m.

Homecoming Huddle and "I Like Mike" Night — Hotel Sterling.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 a.m.

Meeting with Officers & Executive Committee—Alumni & Faculty House.

10:00 a.m.

Convocation & Dedication of Stark Learning Cntr. & W. B. Schaeffer Hall.

10:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis—Wilkes vs. Baptist Bible—Ralston Field.

2:00 p.m.

Cross Country—Wilkes vs. Rider—Ralston Field.

2:00 p.m.

Football—Wilkes vs. Upsala—Ralston Field.

4:00 p.m.

Post-Game "Fifth Quarter"—Artillery Park.

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Smorgasbord—Hotel Sterling.

9:30 p.m.

Homecoming Dance—Hotel Sterling.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:00 a.m.

Bloody Mary Brunch—Alumni and Faculty House.



## BE AN ACTIVE ALUMNUS

Do you want to play an active role in Wilkes College alumni affairs? Meet with other fellow graduates in your area? If so, these national and regional officers are waiting to hear from you!

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## Beers Completes Profile In Pennsylvania Sports



PAUL BEERS

As an undergraduate at Wilkes College, Paul Beers was a member of the Colonel soccer team which suffered through the trials and tribulations of an 0-28-1 record during its first four years of existence.

Since then the 1952 Wilkes grad has gone on to bigger and better things in the field of journalism and recently completed his third book "Profiles in Pennsylvania Sports," which outlines the careers of many fine athletes who were born and bred in the Keystone State.

Beers, who presently is the associate editor of the Harrisburg Patriot News, grew up in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Girard College in Philadelphia.

Returning to Wyoming Valley, he matriculated at Wilkes College and built a solid foundation in the writing profession by serving two years as sports editor of the Beacon, the college newspaper, and held the position of editor-in-chief in his senior year.

Also at the same time, Beers took an active part in the Wilkes athletic program and was a member of the soccer team when the sport was introduced at the college in 1949. Unfortunately Beers missed all the thrills of ever being in a winning game for it was not until 1953 that the Colonel squad was able to capture its first victory and finished the season with a 4-3 log.

Beers received his master's degree from Columbia University in 1956 and before joining the Harrisburg newspapers in 1957 was employed by the Binghamton Press and the Pottstown Mercury.

He will celebrate a special milestone on Sept. 12 when his long running local column will mark its 2000th appearance in the Patriot-News. While covering the local news beat, Beers, nevertheless, has maintained a strong interest in sports.

Prior to writing "Profiles in Pennsylvania Sports," Beers completed "The Pennsylvania Sampler" in 1970 and was a Pulitzer Prize nominee for his writing of "Profiles from the Susquehanna Valley" which was published in 1973. Beers is married to the former Joan Shoemaker of Exeter and they are the parents of a son, Philip Benjamin.

## EIGHT PROGRAMS FILL CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES

This year's Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series promises to be the most interesting in history with eight separate programs slated during the 1975-76 school term.

Launching the series on Sept. 16 is General Moshe Dyan, Israel's legendary soldier and former Minister of Defense, who will speak on "Peace in the Middle East: Some Solutions."

"The Owl and the Pussycat," a comical play performed by the Repertory Ensemble of Pennsylvania will be offered on Sept. 29.

Prominent Wyoming Valley physician, Dr. Paul Griesmer will present a lecture entitled "Abortion and the Right to Life," on Oct. 20. Dr. Griesmer will offer a conservative point of view regarding abortion.

Filling the Oct. 30 slot is Dizzy Gillespie, noted jazz king of trumpet, who will entertain in concert.

"W. C. Fields, 80 Proof" is scheduled for the CPA on Nov. 1. It is a pre-Broadway try-out of a live theatrical performance in authentic costume with a stage setting in a Los Angeles bar and poolroom in 1945. W. C. Fields relates his classic tales on his wife, budgets, children, and concludes with a temperance lecture.

Two performances, at 2 and 8 p.m., have been arranged for the Dec. 2 presentation of "1776." The Broadway musical won the Tony



GENERAL MOSHE DYAN

and New York Drama Critics' award as the "best musical."

Following a brief mid-winter break, the Wilkes Concert and Lecture series will resume in 1976 with "The Cincinnati Ballet" on Feb. 29. The final program will list Dr. Margaret Mead, America's most distinguished anthropologist in a lecture at a date to be announced in the spring.

All of the programs will begin promptly at 8 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts and are being offered free of charge to all alumni and the general public.

## MICHELINI Praised in Congressional Record

When Dr. Francis J. Michelini officially left his post as president of Wilkes College on August 31, he did so with the knowledge that his accomplishments over five years as the institution's chief executive officer were permanently recorded in a glowing tribute printed in the Congressional Record.

A copy of the Congressional Record of Friday, August 1, was forwarded to Wilkes College and contained an address made on the floor of the House of Representatives by Congressman Daniel J. Flood.

Congressman Flood became a close friend of Dr. Michelini's over the five-year period and more particularly during the recovery period immediately following the Agnes flood in 1972. In a tribute to Dr. Michelini, Congressman Flood indicated he was deeply moved by the news that the 49-year-old college president was leaving.

A colleague of the congressman said Flood "had mixed feelings about Dr. Mike's decision to leave Wilkes College. He felt that the college and Wyoming Valley were losing an individual who had contributed greatly, but at the same time he was pleased by the fact that Dr. Michelini's decision meant an upward shift in his career as an educator in higher learning."

Dr. Mike, as he has been affectionately known for more than 20 years as a teacher, dean of academic affairs and as president, notified the board last May that he had, after much consideration, decided to accept a post that would allow him to continue his work in a critical area of higher education.

The local educator will assume his new duties on September 1 as the president of the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU) with headquarters in Harrisburg. His mission will be aimed at calling the public's attention to the critical problems and issues which face the private sector of higher education in the state and nation.

The Congressional Record of August 1 shows the following tribute to the Wilkes College president by Congressman Flood:

"Mr. Speaker, during the course of the approaching recess of the Congress, the tenure of one of the Nation's truly outstanding college presidents will come to an end. Dr. Francis J. Michelini, for the last 5 years the president of Wilkes College in my home city of Wilkes-Barre, will complete his service as head of this great institution of higher learning in the heart of northeastern Pennsylvania.

"Dr. Mike," as he is warmly referred to by his many friends, is turning his vast energy resources to a new direction, as he assumes the presidency of the Pennsylvania Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, another challenging position which calls for the abilities of a dynamic leader, such as I know Dr. Michelini to be.

"The mantle of power and the insignia of office were entrusted to Dr. Michelini in 1970, when he was named the second president of Wilkes, succeeding Dr. Eugene Far-

ley, the founding president whose reputation and name linger among the giants of educators. To fill the shoes of a man like Gene Farley was a gamble where the odds were difficult. But Dr. Michelini rose to the occasion, as he soon exhibited the same characteristics of the man he followed. Dr. Farley told me before his death that Mike Michelini was his personal choice for the president's job, because his years of experience and sensitivities to the needs of the human spirit and man's pursuit of education were well embodied in his successor. How right he was, as the years to follow would illustrate.

"Scarcely had enough time lapsed for the burdens of office to confront the new Wilkes president, when in June 1972, the worst natural disaster in the history of this Republic, tropical storm Agnes, thrust down upon 17 States in the Nation, hitting hardest in the Wyoming Valley and the district which I am privileged to represent in this Congress. Property damage alone in my region went well over the \$1 billion mark, and the beautiful, sprawling Wilkes College along the banks of the Susquehanna lay in the eye of devastation.

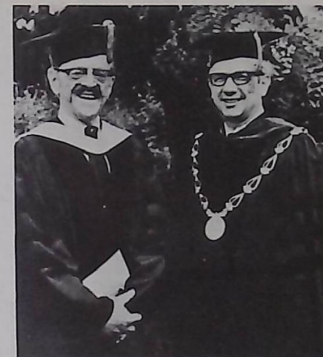
"On a hot and trying night following the disaster, Mike Michelini came into my emergency command post headquarters at the U. S. naval training station near the Airport at Avoca. It was then, in the moments of conversation, that the real meaning of tragedy set in. 'I don't know where to start this discussion, Dan, because it is all so hard to believe.' With hipboots laden with mud and clothes which became the flood victims' uniform, brown and dusty, Mike Michelini laid out for me the impossible task which lie ahead. Yes, it was hard to believe, and the realities seemed like a bad dream. But we began, and because of Dr. Mike Michelini, adversity once again became progress.

"All 50 Wilkes buildings were under water to the second story level, the college president told me. The damage estimate? Neither of us could guess, except that it was well into the millions.

"In the next 2 months there ensued a human undertaking such as I had never experienced. Like a man inspired by the diety, Dr. Michelini worked, led, organized and encouraged, day and night, week after week. The desolated book collection in a brand new library was hauled out. Walls were scrubbed. Mud was shoveled. Furniture thrown away. The rebuilding was underway.

"I cannot answer how it was all accomplished. But by some miracle the fall session began in September, only 1 week later than scheduled.

"As part of the historic Agnes recovery legislation which I sponsored, there were several forms of relief to colleges and universities. Dr. Mike Michelini was the spearheading force behind the regional effort to assist in my legislation, and it should be recorded in the annals of this Congress that his leadership and dedication inspired those with whom he worked, his colleagues, and



Congressman Daniel Flood (left) reacted to the news that Dr. Francis J. Michelini was leaving his post as president of Wilkes College on August 31, by delivering a 15-minute tribute to the regional educator on the floor of the House of Representatives. Congressman Flood is shown with Dr. Michelini during a recent Commencement program at Wilkes College.

his representative in this House.

"The departure of Mike Michelini from Wyoming Valley will leave its mark elsewhere than at Wilkes College. His community will feel the loss as well. He found time to serve as president of the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, and on the boards of directors of the Nesbitt Hospital, the United Way, the Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic Society, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Education Television Association, and the Osterhout Free Library. All of this, while pursuing significant assignments in numerous professional and educational associations and societies.

"As this unusual and dynamic leader of men departs of Northeastern Pennsylvania, I salute him for what he has done for higher education, and for the trustees, faculty, students, alumni, thousands of friends and associates, I say, many thanks, and 'Ad Multos Annos.'"

## Alumni Trips Scheduled

The Alumni Relations Office will continue to offer exciting and reasonably priced trips for alumni and their families and friends. To help in your planning for 1976, the following travel programs have been arranged for your consideration.

While the brochures for each trip have not as yet been received from the travel agency, the basic information is firm. Should you desire further details on any of the following offerings, please direct your inquiries to the Alumni Relations Office.

JANUARY 22-30, 1976 —

Ski the Austrian Alps at Innsbruck  
Olympic Area — \$549.00

APRIL 9-17, 1976 —

London Adventure — \$299.00

JULY 8-15, 1976

Hawaiian Holiday — \$399.00

AUGUST 7-22, 1976 —

Paris-Rome-Florence Holiday — \$579.00



## WILKES CAMPUS CHANGES WITH TIME

Wilkes College alumni, who will be returning to the Wilkes-Barre campus for the 28th Annual Homecoming festivities set for the weekend of Oct. 10, 11, 12, will notice a definite change in the nearby surroundings.

The College grounds have taken on a new look with the school's campus improvement and the razing of some nine buildings.

The history of the campus buildings and the people who owned them are sometimes lost in the files of an old cabinet or on the shelves of a library.



**MINER HALL** — A 105-year-old building, Miner Hall was recently razed on the Wilkes College campus. The stately mansion, at one time, was used as a women's dormitory and mathematics department.

The eight buildings that have been razed include the first Wilkes College playhouse, Chase Theater. Built in 1917 by Frederick Chase, then president and general manager of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, the structure originally was constructed as a garage for the Chase family, behind Chase Hall.

Located at the rear of 184 South River Street, Chase Theater was one of the first Wilkes College buildings, donated in 1937 by Rear Admiral Harold R. Stark to Wilkes College, when it was known as Bucknell University Junior College, as a memorial to Frederick Chase and his wife, Admiral Stark's sister.

Numerous one-act plays were presented by the college Thespians, the Cue 'n Curtain Society, until 1965 when the Dorothy Dick-



**SLOCUM HALL** — Named after Frances Slocum, the building at 115 South Franklin Street, also has been razed.

In 1778, when Frances Slocum was six years old, she was captured by marauding Indians. After she was adopted by foster Indian parents, she travelled with them and eventually married a Delaware Indian brave.

When her original family found her in 1835, she was 62 and declined the invitation to return to them.

The property was acquired by Wilkes in 1961 from F. Noretta Howarth.

son Dart Center for the Performing Arts was completed.

Pickering Hall, 181 South Franklin Street, also has been razed. The former property of the late Dr. S. P. Mengel, Pickering Hall was purchased by the college in 1949 from Jessie and Harley Gritman. Renovated during the same year, the building housed classrooms and offices for the Commerce and Finance and Art Departments.

The building was named after the famous soldier, Timothy Pickering, who was an early supporter of the Revolutionary movement in Massachusetts. He led a contingent from Massachusetts to join Washington's army in the winter campaign of 1776-77 in New York and New Jersey.

Adjutant General of the U. S. Army, Pickering later accepted the responsibility of Quarter Master General. In addition, Pickering's letters constituted an invaluable commentary on the course of the Revolution.

In order to preserve the history of the military man on campus, the Wilkes College New Men's Dormitory has been charged with the name of Pickering Hall.



**PICKERING HALL** — The former property of Dr. S. P. Mengel, Pickering Hall was named after the famous Revolutionary soldier, Timothy Pickering, from Massachusetts.

The two-story building, once located at 181 South Franklin Street, housed the commerce and finance and art departments.

A Wilkes College double-block dwelling also has been demolished at 76-78 West South Street. The women's dormitory, known as "76", was acquired by the college in 1965 from the estate of Hamilton and Lieuwene Chase, then the Chase Apartments.

The old Fenner property, 78 West South Street, was purchased in 1965 also. At one time this part of the structure was one of the Wilkes-Barre finest ladies boutiques.

With the construction of the new Stark Learning Center and the new third-floor nursing facilities, the old nursing department building also has been razed, at 248-250 South River Street.

This property was acquired in 1967 from the Simon Grossman estate.

Ashley Hall, 252-254 South River Street, also has met the hands of the demolition crews. This was the college's second building dubbed with the Ashley name.

The first, which was located at 164 South River Street, was received by Wilkes from heirs of the Ashley estate. This building was destroyed to accommodate the Stark Learning Center.

The most recent Ashley Hall was a men's dormitory that originally was known as Bruch Hall, named after a former Wilkes environmental science teacher, Dr. Alvan Bruch, a friend of the students.

The stately mansion, 264 South Franklin

Street, also has been destroyed. Known as Miner Hall, the 105-year-old building was acquired as a gift from the Miner family in 1961.

The college obtained only 90 feet of the 160 feet frontage of the property since the family constructed another home on the adjacent plot.

The building was occupied by the late Dr. Charles H. Miner and was built by his father, Charles A. Miner in 1870.

Dr. Miner was recognized as a distinguished physician, serving as State Secretary of Health during Governor Pinchot's administration. He also served as Luzerne County Director of Health. Since Dr. Miner's death, the home was occupied by Grace Lea Shoemaker Miner before donation to Wilkes College.

At first, Miner Hall was utilized as a women's dormitory. Later, the building was occupied by the mathematics department for offices and classrooms.

Doane Hall, 237-239 South Franklin Street, also is gone. At one time a women's dormitory and school infirmary, Doane Hall was acquired by Wilkes in 1966 from Joseph and Marguerite Eagen.

The eighth home to be removed from campus is Slocum Hall, 115 South Franklin Street. One of the oldest buildings used as a women's dormitory, Frances Slocum Hall takes its name from one of the earliest residents of Wyoming Valley, adding to the historical lore that surrounds the institution.

### Keep In Touch!!!

*Someone, somewhere at some time has wondered where you are, what you are doing and maybe how to get in touch with you. You have probably experienced the same thought at one time or another. Why don't you do something about it? Right now, while the idea is still fresh, drop a few lines to the — Alumni Office, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703.*

### Homecoming (cont'd from pg. one)

"Three Men on a Horse" at the Center for the Performing Arts, Friday through Sunday. Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee slated for Sunday afternoon. Reservations and tickets are available at the box office.

During the Homecoming weekend the Sordoni Art Gallery will feature an exhibit, "19th Century European Paintings." The Gallery is open Sunday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 to 5 p.m.

Assisting chairman Rick Reese with arrangements for the 28th Annual Homecoming are Terry Blum '75, Ed Comstock '65, Carol Drahus '75, Jim Ferris '66, Millie Gittins '46, Ralph Hahn '74, Carl Havira '60, Bob Howes '75, Ed Johnson '50, Garf Jones '71, Tom Moran '49, Jennifer Morgan '74, John Mulhall '60, Lauren O'Hara '74, George Pawlusch '69, Andrea Petrask '69, Pat Ratchford '73, Jim Sabatini '70, Rick Simonson '69, Carl Urbanski '57, Robert Waters '50, Ray Yanchus '60, Carol Zambetti '75, John Zikor '70, Virginia Zikor '70, Carl Zoolkoski '59.

### College Initiates Writer-In-Residence

Wilkes College will have its first writer-in-residence on campus this fall, as Hugh Seidman, distinguished author and recipient of last year's Walt Whitman Award, given by the Academy of American Poets, occupies the Allan Hamilton Dickson Chair of English Literature.

This position of distinction was created by Dorothy Dickson Dart in memory of her father, Allan Hamilton Dickson, to encourage enlightened teaching, extended scholarships, and creative writing in the field of literature.

According to Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairman of the English Department, Seidman will teach two courses — Creative Writing and a Seminar in Contemporary Poetry — and will be available for consultation three days a week. A reading of his works also will be scheduled during the Fall for the general public.

Before seriously turning his interests to writing, Seidman prepared an entirely different style of life as he completed advanced studies in mathematics and physics and even worked in the world of computer programming.

He began to gain a strong reputation as an author and a poet when his first major work, "Collecting Evidence," was selected as the winning volume in the 1969 Yale Series of Younger Poets.

In 1974, Seidman gained new success when Doubleday and Company published his book, "Blood Lord." Leading up to this accomplishment, Seidman was co-editor of poetry anthologies, "Equal Times" and "Westbeth Poets."

He has received numerous grants, has served as a consultant and judge in the field of poetry, and has steadily built a reputation that is still growing in today's literary world.

### Executive Committee Busy

The national executive committee of the Wilkes College Alumni Association met in New York City on Friday, Sept. 12 to map out activities for the coming year.

Included on the agenda was the scheduling of alumni meetings in the various regions and the publication of an alumni directory.

### BE A RECRUITER

Do you know a high school student who may be interested in coming to Wilkes College?

If you do, the Admissions Office would appreciate hearing from you. As an alumnus of Wilkes, you are the best "resource person" we have.

Upon receipt of the form below, the Admissions Office will follow up from there. Mail to the Office of Admissions, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703.

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Student's name .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

Phone: Area Code (.....) .....

Will graduate from high school in .....

Name of high school .....

My name is .....

I was a member of the class of .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

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## Campus Happenings

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	WHERE	TIME
Sept. 17	Concert and Lecture Series	Moshe Dyan	Gymnasium	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Football Game	vs. Clarion St.	Ralston Field	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 20-Oct. 19	Fine Arts Exhibit	"19th Century European Paintings"	Sordoni Gallery	
Sept. 24	Soccer Match	vs. Baptist Bible	Ralston Field	
Sept. 29	Concert and Lecture Series	"The Owl and the Pussycat"	CPA	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Soccer Match	vs. Muhlenberg	Ralston Field	
Oct. 9-12	Theater Production	"Three Men on a Horse"	CPA	
Oct. 10-12	Homecoming	28th Annual	Wilkes Campus	
Oct. 11	Convocation	Stark Learning Center		
Oct. 11	Football Game	vs. Upsala	Ralston Field	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Concert	Wilkes Concert Band and Chorus	CPA	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Soccer Match	vs. Wagner	Ralston Field	
Oct. 20	Concert and Lecture Series	Paul Griesmer, M.D.	CPA	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Soccer Match	vs. Madison FDU	Ralston Field	
Oct. 30	Concert and Lecture Series	Jazz with Dizzy Gillespie	CPA	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 1-Nov. 23	Fine Arts Exhibit	"Associated American Artists"	Sordoni Gallery	
Nov. 1	Concert and Lecture Series	"W. C. Fields, 80 Proof"	CPA	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	Football Game	vs. Susquehanna	Ralston Field	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Soccer Match	vs. Elizabethtown	Ralston Field	
Nov. 15	Football Game	vs. Delaware Valley	Ralston Field	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 20-23	Theater Production	"Hot I Baltimore"	CPA	



## COLONEL GRIDDERS GIRD FOR MAC DEFENSE



If the Colonels have any one major strength going for them in 1975 it is the offensive line where no less than seven skilled lettermen return. Members of the unit shown in pre-season practice sessions, from left to right, kneeling: Senior Joe Dettmore, junior Frank Wengen, senior Bill Metzger. Standing: Junior Len Dalmás, sophomore Ken Sickler, senior Bob Para, and sophomore Greg Wild.

If anyone knows how to deal with pressure it's Wilkes College football grid chief Rollie Schmidt, who begins his 14th year at the Colonel helm with a 69-34-1 record.

Wilkes opens the 1975 season as the team to beat in the Middle Atlantic Conference's Northern Division after winning their sixth circuit title last annum.

With only five starters missing from the lineup this fall the pot of gold looks bright again for Schmidt this time around? Wrong! According to Schmidt, "games are won on the field and not on paper."

"Attitude is going to be our biggest problem early in the year. Sure we have the horses to repeat, but its going to take a lot of effort to duplicate last year's 7-2 record."

The Colonels were 6-0 in the Northern Division competition, but five of the six games went right down to the wire. While the Blue and Gold looked solid in a 30-9 trouncing of runnerup Juniata the Wilkesmen had to battle for their lives against Susquehanna, 20-14; Delaware Valley, 24-14; Lycoming, 10-8; Albright, 14-10; and last place Upsala, 15-8.

"It's going to take a real good team to pull off another unblemished record," Schmidt forecasted. "I think the times are long gone when one team will ever dominate the scene again."

In warning that each team in the rapidly improved Northern Division can beat another, the Wilkes grid chief confides that the conference may be one of the toughest in NCAA III Division circles.

Offense will probably be the Colonels strongest department with 14 veteran personnel back. Seniors Chuck Suppon and Greg Snyder have shared the quarterback duties the past two years with neither being able to nail down the job. It's a toss up again this time around.

Senior fullback Fred Lohman is the second leading rusher in Wilkes history while tailbacks Rodney Smith, a senior, and junior Mickey Calabrese are both speed burners.

Since end George Abraham has decided not to return to school, the pass receiving corp will have to rebuild with senior John Matusek and sophomore Paul Wengen providing the nucleus.

Frank Wengen was an All-MAC choice at guard as a sophomore while Joe Dettmore

and Bob Para are secure at tackle. Coach Schmidt will also get a big boost from Bill Metzger, All-MAC in 1973, who returned to school after one year's absence.

Schmidt's big job in pre-season practice sessions was to find another defensive tackle to compliment senior Tom Bradshaw. All-MAC Lou Maczuga and Don Kulick, both seniors, are probably the best pair of ends in the conference.

The defense will be anchored by All-MAC linebacker senior Steve Leskiw, the Colonels best bet for post-season honors. Despite the presence of Leskiw, the linebacker corps may be the Wilkesmen's lone weakness although Schmidt was tinkering with the idea of converting two-time MAC defensive back Fred Marianacci to corner linebacker.

With or without Marianacci the defensive secondary will be solid as a rock with seniors Tony Schwab and Dave Trethaway. If Coach Schmidt can pull together the loose ends then the Wilkesmen will be heard from in 1975.

The Colonels complete slate: Sept. 20, Clarion St., home; Sept. 27, Lycoming, away; Oct. 4, Bloomsburg St., away; Oct. 11, Upsala, home; Oct. 18, Ithaca, away; Oct. 25, Albright, away; Nov. 1, Susquehanna, home; Nov. 8, Juniata, away; and Nov. 15, Delaware Valley, home.

## BONITA BROTHERS OPEN PRACTICE

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael E. Bonita of Exeter are wearing an extra smile these days with the return of their sons to Wyoming Valley.

Dr. Raphael J. '68 and Dr. Louis B. Bonita '70, both honor graduates of the college, recently announced the opening of their office for the practice of medicine in Plains.

Dr. Ray Bonita, who graduated magna cum laude from Wilkes in 1968, received a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1972.

Dr. Louis J. Bonita was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree cum laude in Physics from Wilkes in 1970 and a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the Tulane University School of Medicine in 1974.

## Wilkes Sports Shorts

Joining Rollie Schmidt and the football Colonels as an assistant coach this year is Jim Fennell, who achieved phenomenal success as coach of Kingston and Wyoming Valley West High School grid fortunes. Fennell, who is the linebacker coach, produced a 147-47-7 record during his 20 years at the two schools.

Final NCAA III Baseball statistics released in late August revealed that Wilkes as a team plus Colonel stalwarts Steve Leskiw and Jim Stehle ranked among the best in the country. Wilkes hit .327 to place eighth in the nation while Leskiw batted .410 (23rd), and produced 1.33 runs batted in per game (third), and 0.28 triples per game (third). Stehle, who was continually plagued by wildness, was the top strikeout artist in the land with 15.5 whiffs per nine inning game.

With interest running high on the Wilkes College wrestling team's move into the NCAA University ranks for the upcoming 1975-76 campaign, here is an advance peek at the grapplers 1975-76 schedule: Dec. 3, Lehigh, away (PBS Television Network); Dec. 7, Binghamton Invitational (Gettysburg, Bucknell, Wilkes, Binghamton), away; Dec. 11, Oregon St., home; Dec. 13, Navy, away; Dec. 29-30 Wilkes Open; Jan. 10, Yale, home; Jan. 14, Montclair St., home; Jan. 17, Syracuse, home; Jan. 21, Delaware Valley, away; Jan. 24, Western Maryland and Oswego St., home; Jan. 28, Elizabethtown, away; Jan. 31, Lycoming, home; Feb. 4, Binghamton St., away; Feb. 7, Hofstra, away; Feb. 11, East Stroudsburg St., away; Feb. 14, Army, home; Feb. 21, Franklin & Marshall, home; Feb. 27-28, E.I.W.A. Tournament at F&M; Mar. 11-13, NCAA I Tournament, Arizona.

Despite the loss of three super veterans including 1000-point career men Greg Buzinski (1174) and Clarence Ozgo (1100), basketball mentor Rodger Bearde won't be crying the blues with an outstanding group of freshmen on hand. Forming the keystone of this winter's team will be senior Jack Brabant and sophomore Ken Hughes. Brabant broke the 1000-point barrier last year and starts the year with 1026. The 6-5 forward will be chasing Ozgo, Buzinski, George Gacha (1235), Bill Umbach (1266), Herb Kemp (1286), George Morgan (1349), and Len Batrone (1629) on the all-time Wilkes scoring list.

## Region Six Alumni Meet

Alumni from the Greater New York City and Long Island area held an informal meeting at McQuade's Pub, Rockville Centre, L. I., on Saturday, August 3.

Responsible for arranging the meeting was Stephen Paradise '65, regional vice president of region 6. Also in attendance were Art Hoover '55, director of alumni relations; Fred Lohman '76, co-captain of this year's football team; and Judy Simonson Arenstein '68, national executive vice president.

According to Paradise, plans are underway for another meeting in the Hempstead, L. I. area following the Wilkes-Hofstra wrestling match on February 7, 1976.

## ALUMNI NOTES

A daughter, Rachel Ann, born on April 17, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Kachurak. Mrs. Kachurak is the former EDITH MILLER '67. She received her master's degree from the University of Scranton in June and is presently employed as an English teacher at Whippany Park High School, Whippany, New Jersey.

KATHY JAKEN '75 recently became the bride of John Yarnus. They are residing at Wilkeswood Apartments in Wilkes-Barre.

MARJORIE KASZUBSKI '71 and RICHARD CASEY '71 were married recently. He is employed as an elementary teacher in the Central Bucks School District.

NELSON L. HARTWIGSEN '63 was recently informed of his selection to "Who's Who in the East," a publication of the Marquis Publishing Company. Nelson currently holds the dual presidential positions at the Maryland Rubber Corporation and the Keystone Rubber Corporation. He resides with his wife and three children at 1506 Donegal Road, Bel Air, Maryland.

ANN LOVECCHIO '71 and KENNETH H. STONE '74 were married recently. Ken is a law student at Western State University College of Law in Los Angeles.

CAROL JEAN THOMAS '62 was married to Robert L. Mohr on July 6, 1975. Carol is a teacher in the Binghamton School District. The couple resides in Kirkwood, New York.

WYNNE ADONIZIO '72 was married to Dennis J. Kazmerski on July 25, 1975. They are residing in Philadelphia.

JOHN C. DUKES '74 was recently married to Patricia Zoeller. John is employed at the Small Business Administration, Wilkes-Barre.

ANTHONY GIUSTI '53 has been named controller at Sovirel, a French subsidiary of Corning International Corporation.

RICHARD F. CURRY '74 was recently married to Patricia Ann Thomas. He is an executive trainee with Sears, Roebuck & Co., Neptune, New Jersey.

CHARLENE M. VOLPE '74 was married to Garrick A. Barge on June 21, 1975. She is employed by Ide Air Equipment, Inc., Wilkes-Barre. The couple is residing at 22 Bryden Street, Pittston.

LAWRENCE G. STETS '68 was awarded a Master of Regional Planning degree from Pennsylvania State University on June 8, 1975.

VINCENT McHALE '64 has recently accepted an appointment as associate professor of political science at Case Western University. Vince had been on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania since 1969. He and his wife, the former ANN COTNER '61, and their son, Patrick, are residing at 3070 Coleridge Road, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland.

GEORGE C. YANCHIK, JR. '70 received his master's degree in education from the College of New Rochelle this past May.

ANN LYNN CAREY '75 was married to Lawrence Harding on June 29, 1975. The couple will be residing at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

Nora Donato, the former NORA ROSCO '66, is the head teacher at the YMCA Nursery School.

ANN ORZECOWSKI '73 received her masters of arts degree in psychology from the New School for Social Research in New York City. She will assume the position as an instructor in general psychology and psychology of childhood at Southeast Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.

LOIS GUARILIA '75 was married on May 31, 1975 to John V. Morreale. They reside at 403A Foote Avenue, Duryea.

ROBERT S. HOWES, JR. '75 was recently appointed to the newly created position of Community Activities Coordinator for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

W. BROOKE YEAGER, III '64 has been appointed to the position of Treasurer for the Luzerne County Conservation District. Named to the position of Executive Assistant of the same organization was RUTH ANN SWIGONSKI BALLA '75.

RONALD W. SIMMS '60 was recently named to the Board of Directors of The Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. Ron resides with his wife, Rhea, and three daughters at 116 Butler Street, Kingston, Pa.

ROSEMARIE KAZDA '73 was married to Leslie E. Taylor, Jr. on June 21, 1975. She received her masters of arts degree in librarianship from the University of Colorado in August and is presently employed as Health Sciences Librarian at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. The couple resides at 1319 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

CARLTON PHILLIPS '62 was married to Elberta Keeler on June 15, 1975. He is employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and resides at 4206-D King George Street, Colonial Crest Apartments, Harrisburg, Pa.

CAPT. PHILIP GASBARRO '69 has graduated from the Air University's Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

JANE FIRESTONE '72 was recently promoted to assistant cashier at the West Side Bank in West Pittston, Pa.

MARY CATHERINE BEHM '75 has received notification of her acceptance at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, where she will pursue a master of science degree in health services administration.

IRA K. HIMMEL '60 has been reelected Foundation president of Baltimore County General Hospital. Ira is a prominent attorney and community leader in Randallstown, Maryland.

DONNA OSTROFSKI '73 was recently married to Robert Rother. Donna is employed as a teacher in the Hanover Area School District. They will reside in Ashley, Pa.

REGINA SULZINSKI '73 and FRANK BRIA '74 were married recently. Both are employed as elementary teachers in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

ROBERT E. DAVIS '59 has been appointed associate regional manager of Royal-Globe Insurance Company in Richmond, Va. He resides at 11710 Bollingbrook Dr., Richmond.

ROY SHUBERT '69 has been elected Director of Educational Projects of The Philadelphia Chapter of The National Association of Accountants (NAA) for the 1975-76 year. He is employed as a senior tax accountant in the Philadelphia office of Price Waterhouse & Co.

GENE CAMONI '74 was married to Carole Urban on July 12, 1975. He is employed as a teacher in the Valley View School District.

TERRY A. BELLES '71 graduated from Temple University School of Medicine with honors on May 29, 1975. He has begun his residency in family practice at the Williamsport General Hospital.

JOHN R. BOROWSKI '74 has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. John is now at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for training and duty as a missile launch officer.

ELAINE OWEN '74 and ROBERT HOOLEY '74 were recently united in marriage. Bob is pursuing a masters' degree at Syracuse University and is employed by St. John's Lutheran Church of Syracuse, New York.

REBECCA CERESI '75 was recently married to Edward Grasavage, Jr. She is employed at Zollinger's in the Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre.

The following Wilkes College alumni are employed in various locations by Ingersoll-Rand Company: MICHAEL J. BANCHERO '74, Phillipsburg, New Jersey; WILLIAM R. KENNY '74, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey; and JOHN A. MAZUR, Scranton, Pa.

A. WESLEY BRYAN '70 was promoted to audit manager of Farmers Bank in Wilmington, Delaware.

NELLO AUGUSTINE '65 has been named director of the Tunkhannock United Services Agency. He resides with his wife and three sons at R. D. #2, Wilkes-Barre.

BETTY ANNE WOOD '74 and MATTHEW P. HUGHES '73 were married on July 12, 1975. They are residing in Ashley, Pa.

MICHAEL A. PETRILLO '69 recently announced the opening of his office for the practice of general dentistry at 35 Machell Avenue, Dallas, Pa.

MICHAEL E. SHOEMAKER '75 was married to Mary Lou Miller on July 19, 1975. The couple is residing in Dushore, Pa., for the summer.

Twin sons, Matthew John and Todd Douglas, born on August 14, 1974 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Scarpino. Mrs. Scarpino is the former BARBARA McNICHOLL '72. They reside at 119 College Street, Kirkcany Falls, New York.

SALLY KAZINETZ '73 received a master of science degree in Engineering Physics from the University of Virginia recently. She is employed by I.B.M. in Manassas, Va.

BARBARA TYRRELL '75 was recently married to Todd L. Wills. They are residing in Hatfield, Pa.

MARILYN A. LONG '55 became the bride of Edward F. Hirsch on June 7, 1975. She is employed by Eastern Airlines, Woodbridge, New Jersey.

A son, Jason, born on October 7, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. PAUL DAVIES '69. They reside at 59 Nicholson St., Wilkes-Barre.

JANICE J. YARRISH '75 was recently married to Harry A. Swepston. They reside at 1669 Wyoming Ave. Forty Fort.

MARGUERITE YEVITZ '67 has received her Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry and Crystallography from the Pennsylvania State University. She is on the staff of the Department of Chemistry at Stanford University. She resides at 228 O'Connor St., Menlo Park, Calif.

A daughter, Amy Beth, born on May 16, 1975 to WILLIAM '69 and ANN SOMERVILLE MONTGOMERY '69. Bill is currently Assistant Principal at Central Elementary School and Federal Funds Coordinator for the Port Jervis School District, New York.

ELLEN FEINSTEIN '68 was married to Capt. Allan Krueger on July 5, 1975. They are residing at 1315



Rue de Calais, Bellevue, Nebraska, where Ellen will continue as a staff writer for Daily TV Serials and TV Showpeople magazines as well as pursuing a career as a freelance writer.

**ROBERT L. BROWN '74** has accepted a teaching position at a high school in Togiak Village, Alaska.

A daughter, Elizabeth Stuart, born on June 29, 1975 to Mr. and Mrs. **NICHOLAS REYNOLDS '68**. They reside at 709 Chalfonte Dr., Alexandria, Va.

**GARY H. WILLIAMS '72** was recently married to Frances Armusik. He is employed in the Comptroller's Department of First Eastern Bank N. A., Wilkes-Barre.

**EDWARD GORSKI '75** was married to Janet Bartlow on July 26, 1975. Ed will begin to work on his master's degree at Catholic University, Washington, D. C., this month.

A son, Steven Thomas, born on June 19, 1975 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brownlie. Mrs. Brownlie is the former **JUDY MIKULICZ '71**. She is employed as a vocational evaluator by the Midland County Sheltered Workshop. They reside at 2001 Laurel Lane, Midland, Md.

**C. JULIE MORSE '73** has received her M.A. in Theatre from the University of Denver and will begin a Ph.D. in English there in the Fall of '75.

**STEPHEN BACHO '73** has been promoted to assistant cashier of Midlantic National Bank South, New Jersey.

**PAMELA J. FINK '74** was married to Thomas Zaremba on July 5, 1975. She is employed as a teacher at Northwest High School and resides at R. D. #1, Humlock Creek, Pa.

**LINDSAY GENE FARLEY '73** and **GEORGE B. GETTINGER '72** were married on August 10, 1975. George is employed by the Groton School Systems, Conn.

## Attention Parents!

If this magazine is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address at your home, please clip off the bottom of this page, including the address label, and return it with the correct address to the Alumni Office at Wilkes College. Thank you kindly for helping us to update our records.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### SYLVIA DYSLESKI — Class of '67

Sylvia Dysleski, 30, of Locust Street, Philadelphia, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, was killed on July 26, 1975 near West Chester when the car she was operating was involved in an accident.

Sylvia received her B.A. degree in History from Wilkes in 1967. She also studied at Schiller College in Germany; New York University; Harvard University and Temple University. She was an assistant administrator in the Health Education and Community Involvement Department of Philadelphia and for the last two years held the position of sight certifier with the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dysleski, Wilkes-Barre; sister, Cynthia Bhagat; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Fidyrych, Wilkes-Barre.

### PETER MARGO — Class of '54

Peter Margo, 240 West Lindsley Road, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, died on August 11, 1975 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, New Jersey.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, he was on the faculty of the Paterson School District for 20 years. A veteran of World War II, he served with the Air Force in the South Pacific. Pete received his B.S. in Elementary Education from Wilkes in 1954.

Surviving are brothers and a sister, Mrs. Anne Copelton, with whom he resided; Michael, Plains Township; John, Wilkes-Barre; Charles, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

A son, Sean Christopher, born on June 28, 1975 to Dr. and Mrs. **WOODROW L. HERRON '67**. He has accepted the position as Educational Director of The Columbia Schools (for socially and emotionally maladjusted) in Philadelphia. They reside at Walnut Hill Apts., B-19, 1410 Manley Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN MANDELL, JR. '72** was recently married to Mary Psoras. John is employed by General Services Administration in Falls Church, Va., as an accountant. They reside in Fairfax.

**GLENN LANDIS '75** was married to Suzy Dodd on May 31, 1975. They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

### RAYMOND STEPHENS — Class of '55

Raymond F. Stephens died on May 26, 1975 at Veterans Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he received his B.S. in Commerce and Finance in 1955. He was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Sales and Use Tax, Wilkes-Barre office.

Surviving are his wife, the former Cecelia O'Neill; children, Thomas and Donald at home; Raymond, Jr., Wilkes-Barre; Suzanne, Stinson Beach, California; and Sheila Lugauer, Bronx, New York.

### THOMAS J. CRONIN — Class of '74

Thomas John Cronin, 24, of 410 Main Street, Conyngham, died on August 3, 1975 in the Hazleton State General Hospital from injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

Tom was a 1970 graduate of West Hazleton High School, where he was president of the student council and co-captain of the wrestling team. He received his B.A. degree in Psychology from Wilkes in 1974 and also served as a residential assistant.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cronin, Conyngham; sister, Mrs. Barbara Yencho, and a brother, Michael, both of Conyngham, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Downer of Bradington, Florida.

**ALAN F. PAWLENOK '74** was married to Jane O. Emerick on August 2, 1975. They reside in Bellville, New Jersey.

**SHERRY E. RODIN '75** was married to Jay O. Ochreiter on August 3, 1975. They are residing in Evanston, Illinois.

The following Wilkes graduates received advanced degrees from Rutgers on June 5, 1975: **DONNA L. GEORGE '69**, Ph.D.; **PAUL R. KOSLOWSKI '69**, M.A.; **JOHN G. PARRA '71**, M.S.; and Kathryn Seigel, the former **KATHRYN KRUTE '72**, M.S.