

Fall Brings Several Campus Dedications

Several dedications were celebrated on campus during ceremonies in September and October.

Passan Hall

On Saturday, Sept. 27, as the campus celebrated Family Day, members of the Passan family and friends gathered to re-dedicate Passan Hall. The building has recently been re-purposed to house all Student Development services.

Wilkes takes great pride in providing each student with the personal attention they need to succeed. And bringing together Student Life and Health Services in Passan Hall will only enhance that level of care and devote it to better serving our students as they begin their adventure in adulthood. Thanks go to John and Ann Passan and their families for their generosity to Wilkes.

Roth Residence Hall

The residence halls long known as Chesapeake and Delaware, located on Northampton Street, were dedicated and renamed the Lawrence W. Roth, Esq., Residence Hall on Friday, Oct. 3, a fitting component of the weekend bearing the title “Ties that Bind.” Designed to enhance the first-year



Pictured at the re-dedication ceremony are, from left to right: Scott Custello, Ann Passan, John Passan, Richard Passan, Debra Passan and Melody Passan. PHOTO BY SUSAN JOLLEY

Wilkes University Labyrinth

The University now proudly hosts a labyrinth modeled after that found in the Chartres Cathedral, near Paris, one of the most famous in the world. Made possible by the gift of Trustee William R. Miller '81, the labyrinth was dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 4. Further celebrations of the labyrinth with community spiritual leaders are anticipated in the spring. The labyrinth joins other landscape features contributing to the green space now central to the main campus, thanks to the vision and hands-on guidance of Patty Gilmour.



The family of the late Lawrence Roth, Esq., dedicated the former Chesapeake and Delaware halls in his name. PHOTO BY ©KDP STUDIO

experience for Wilkes students, common areas provide space conducive to residential community gatherings and mark Roth as the first-year cornerstone of the campus. Recent renovations were made possible by the generosity of the Roth family, including father and Trustee Emeritus Eugene Roth, Esq. '57, in memory of Lawrence.

Those attending the dedication of the greenway labyrinth, donated by William Miller '81, try out the walkway. PHOTO BY ©KDP STUDIO

John G. Reese

Sunday, Oct. 5, marked the dedication of a plaque in the Marts Center commissioned by the Ancestral Colonels in recognition of Coach John Reese's remarkable career. Given in honor of long-term, distinguished contributions, the plaque is a fitting tribute to the man who as teacher, coach and athletics director created a legacy of achievement and excellence.

Reese established Wilkes as a college wrestling power, winning the institution's first national championship in 1974. He became only the second wrestling coach in NCAA history to surpass 500 wins, with a record of 515-170. His induction into eight prestigious halls of fame is highlighted by being elected a distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



A plaque in Marts Center commemorates the outstanding career of Coach John Reese. PHOTO BY CURTIS SALONICK

Regional Group Forms in Northeastern Pennsylvania

The first meeting of the northeastern Pennsylvania regional alumni group was held in August to begin planning events.

This group will work with the Office of Alumni Relations to offer a variety of events to all alumni in the NEPA region. More than half of all Wilkes alumni live in northeastern Pennsylvania, and the regional group is excited about getting more alumni to events in the area.

In September, Fred '61 and Janet Demech hosted a gathering for alumni at their Glenmaura home. More than 50 alumni enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks and had the chance to mingle with many members of the Alumni Association board of directors. The board held its September meeting prior to the gathering. Look for more information on events in the NEPA region or in other areas at <http://community.wilkes.edu>.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR ALUMNI BENEFITS

Wilkes alumni can benefit from numerous discounts and special programs. These programs give alumni a way to express their Colonel spirit.



- Show your Wilkes pride with your own Wilkes University Alumni license plate, available for alumni currently residing in Pennsylvania.
- Dress up your mailings with Wilkes personalized address labels.
- Take advantage of alumni discounts for professional development courses through Wilkes' Sovereign Center for Leadership and Management Development.

- Keep in touch with Wilkes and fellow graduates via The Colonel Connection, your online alumni community. It's used to announce upcoming events and provides for easy registration for alumni events.
 - Enjoy social events and travel. Contact us to learn about other benefits, as well. Be sure to check The Colonel Connection for the latest alumni news or to search for fellow alumni in the online directory.
- More information on these and other alumni benefits can be found on The Colonel Connection at <http://community.wilkes.edu/benefits>. If you have questions concerning any of these offerings, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@wilkes.edu or at **(800) WILKES-U Ext. 7787**.

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Above: The Golden Horde football players celebrated their first-ever reunion with a banquet in the Marts Center.

Left: Rich Roshong '67 greets Al Groh '41 at the tailgate party.

Bottom: An auction of the late Dean George Ralston's signature neckties highlighted the 75th anniversary dinner and dance at the Irem Temple.



Right: Megan Fulmer, Jenna Strzelecki and Alysha Nicholls reunite at Saturday's Tent Festival on the Fenner Quadrangle.

Far right: The pregame tailgate offered opportunity for fellowship in brilliant sunshine. Left to right are Mary Lou Graziano, Jane Ditullio and Renate Dargel Kerr '72.





Left: The 2008 Colonels salute Rollie Schmidt, coach of the Golden Horde, during pregame festivities.

Right: Members of the Golden Horde take the field.



Left: The BUJC Ladies enjoyed their annual luncheon. Back row from left are hostess Patty Gilmour, Alberta Novick Killian '46, Charlotte Waters Rowland, M.D. '42; Charlotte Reichlin Cutler '42, Louise Hazeltine '44, Doris Gorka Bartuska, M.D. '49 and Alice Pawlowski. Front row from left are Helen Bitler Ralston '52, Marjorie Honeywell Cummins '37, Elizabeth Womelsdorf Mitchell '42, Kathrine Freund '42 and Phyllis Eichler Berger, O.D. '42.

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Above: The Lebanon Valley College Dutchmen bested the Wilkes football team 28-21.

Right: The History Club was among 32 individuals and groups represented in the parade.

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