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## A Student Union, A University United

The opening of Wilkes University's new \$7.7 million Student Union presents a world of opportunities for alumni and students.

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## From the Editor

### What's Your Wilkes?

The City of Wilkes-Barre should really erect signs on both corners of South River and West South Streets that read - *Caution. Be Prepared to Stop*, because sure enough, every morning on my commute into work, over the Market Street bridge, down South River and when I make a left onto West South Street, it happens. The minute the line of cars ahead of me turns the corner, everyone practically comes to a complete stop when they catch sight of the new Student Union.

Now that it's finished, I can honestly say it lives up to every expectation, and then some. If you were impressed with the size of the Stark Learning Center, mesmerized by the Maris Center, or flipped over the Fenner Quadrangle, you haven't seen anything yet.

It may sound like a cliché, but you truly won't believe it until you see it. You can't appreciate it until you walk into it. But, it will feel like home as soon as you spend some time in it.

The opening and dedication of the Student Union is just one of three momentous events to happen on campus in the past four months. United States Attorney General Janet Reno and Voice of America Director Sanford J. Ungar joined the ranks of Wilkes alumni at May's Commencement. They received honorary doctorates and were the guest speakers.

What was more touching than the fact that Janet Reno is now a fellow alumna of ours, was the feeling of pride in Wilkes and Wilkes-Barre that she and Ungar stirred with their speeches.

"This morning I looked out the window, looked across the river and felt I was looking at America. This is a wonderful city and a wonderful University," said Reno. "The people you have met here you will draw strength and wisdom, understanding and faith that will be with you all the days of your life. And you will have friends that will be with you for all of your life."

That's her Wilkes.

"Although I don't get to Wilkes-Barre very often anymore, it's still my place, and I cherish my connections to it," said Ungar. "It's where I got my values, my security, and my curiosity, not to mention the best pizza in the world. I can, in an instant, conjure up familiar faces and easy tones of voice and crazy moments at favorite spots, some of them long gone but others utterly unchanged even today."

That's his Wilkes.

Hearing these sentiments got me thinking - what is it about this area that makes it so special when you're here, so memorable when you leave, and so distinctive that it brings you back?

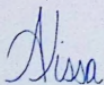
**Charlie Butler '59**, from Aston, Pa., summed it up simply, yet eloquently during Reunion Weekend last June. "The people."

If anyone can be considered an authority, it's Charlie. He and wife Millie, who President Breiseth designated an honorary alumna, drive two hours from the Philadelphia area, 5-6 times a year, and pay for a hotel room, to attend as many Wilkes alumni events as possible. Whether it's for Alumni Association Board Meetings, Homecoming, Reunion Weekend, the Scholarship Dinner Dance, or a basketball game, Charlie and Millie are here. It's no wonder why they received the *Alumni Excellence Award for University Service* at the inaugural awards ceremony held over Reunion Weekend. Which, incidentally, was the last of the three big events.

Charlie is also one of several featured alumni who will take you on a nostalgic walk through the history of student life at Wilkes, from the 1940s to the present, in the center profile, starting on page 7.

So, what's your Wilkes? Where was your special place? And, more importantly, what would bring you back?

Sincerely,



Alissa M. Antosh '91



### ON THE COVER

After more than a year in the making, the new 48,000 square-foot Student Union is completed and open.



The power of independent thinking.™

### Presidential Perspective

This year at Wilkes University already promises to be memorable, starting with the May 1999 Commencement honoring the 365 graduates, their families and featured speakers Attorney General Janet Reno and Voice of America Director (and Wyoming Valley native) Sanford J. Ungar, and ending in May of 2000 with the graduation of our first Doctors of Pharmacy, a splendid group of sixty-two students led by a talented, dedicated faculty.

We begin this academic year with a stunning new Student Union Building, which was publicly dedicated on September 24. It symbolizes a new openness and striving which characterize Wilkes at the dawn of the 21st century. Positioned in the very center of campus and providing essential services for both commuter and residential students, the Student Union will bring us together as an educational community as never before. Or, at least not since the 1930s and 1940s when we were united by just three buildings (Conyngham, Chase and Kirby) and were much smaller in numbers of students, staff and faculty.

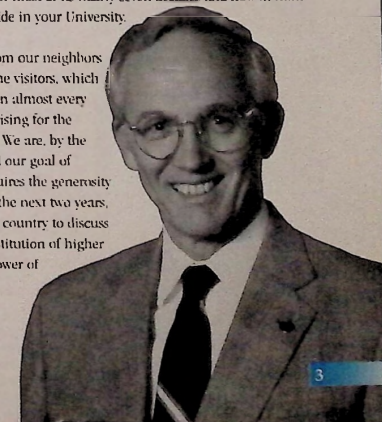
The Wilkes Student Union will afford our students the opportunity to connect with each other in many ways: while shopping in the bookstore, checking the mailroom for letters from home, eating lunch in the dining commons or catching a snack in the first floor cafe, watching TV in the lounge or withdrawing money for the weekend at the branch of Pioneer American Bank (run by Wilkes Business students).

Already, there is a change in the pace of activity. Students seem less concerned with moving around campus as quickly as possible, and are taking time to stop and enjoy each other's company in the Student Union. Not only our students, but faculty and staff have been enjoying the new complex. So has the Wyoming Valley community.

The excitement of our neighbors as they have watched this structure rise has been gratifying. The Student Union beckons the passerby to come in. Whether by day or night, its beautiful design allows one to see into virtually the whole building and catch what is going on. By day, from inside, one can see out in all directions and gain a whole new perspective on the Wilkes campus and neighborhood. At night, lights illuminate both the interior and exterior, showing the building in all its beauty.

In addition, Kirby Hall, known to all students since 1941, has been renovated with generous funding from the Kirby family. If you personally visit just these two buildings, one brand new, the other perhaps the most recognizable building at Wilkes for most of its nearly seven decades and now in mint condition, you will have a renewed feeling of pride in your University.

Wilkes is receiving a new kind of recognition from our neighbors for our quality facilities, as well as from first time visitors, which should redound to the strengthening of Wilkes in almost every way, including student recruitment and fund raising for the current "Endow the Future" Capital Campaign. We are, by the way, approaching the \$20,000,000 mark toward our goal of \$30,000,000, an ambitious objective which requires the generosity of all good friends and alumni of Wilkes. Over the next two years, I will be meeting with many of you around the country to discuss the importance of investing in this splendid institution of higher learning which continues to emphasize "the power of independent thinking."



Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth

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# A Commencement to Remember



Mayor General Janet Reno surprised the graduates by congratulating each one personally after President Lewis handed out the diplomas.

How can you really hard, can you remember who the speakers were at your graduation? The Class of 1999 won't ever forget theirs, and neither will Wilkes. That's because amid a Quadrangle filled with FBI agents, police and security officers, television and newspaper reporters and 3,500 guests, Janet Reno and Sanford Ungar delivered emotionally charged commencement speeches to Wilkes and to the world last May.

Covered by the Associated Press, Wilkes's Spring Commencement found its way onto the pages of The New York Times, Newsday, and was broadcast on CNN. First to the podium was Ungar, Voice of America director and former dean, school of communications at The American University, Washington, D.C.

"I have had many unusual assignments over the years, but I never expected to serve as the warm-up act for Janet Reno," joked Ungar, Kingston native and self-proclaimed Son of Wilkes-Barre.

"As you launch a new, probably more complex phase of your lives and strike out on your own great adventures, remember the place you are from — where you learned to ride a bike, to keep an ice cream cone from dripping, to do long division, and, no doubt, to do many

other things. Keep that place close to you, even when you are faraway, and remember what it gave you. Don't get so swept up in what is new that you cannot appreciate your own original spot and some of the essential grounding in life that it provided."

"It may be true these days that we could all live anywhere — at least for a while — but to keep our balance in confusing moments, we need a sense of our own place."

"Every once in a while — and perhaps more often in middle age than before — I reach back and find extraordinary comfort in my memories of this place. These touchstones are every bit as important in my life as my experiences working as a reporter in Paris, visiting some two dozen countries in Africa, or having a ringside seat for great historic events in Washington."

Although a very public figure, Reno shared her personal life with the graduates, weaving experiences from her childhood into some very significant lessons for them.

"Don't let the vastness of the world overwhelm you. Take it one problem at a time, one day at a time, and don't let it intimidate you."

To accomplish this, Reno suggested four simple rules to follow: "First of all, be yourself and believe in yourself. Build your life the right way, brick by brick, piece by piece, lesson by lesson, and you will have the strength to withstand adversity."

Reno learned these lessons at the age of eight when her mother learned how to and actually built with her own two hands a new house for their family. When Hurricane Andrew wreaked havoc on Miami in 1992, the house lost only a shingle and a few screens.

"Stand for what you believe to be right, don't let people

push you around," Reno added.

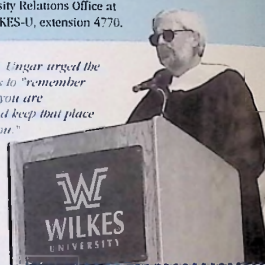
Reno passed on this advice which was given her by a close friend during an election in which Reno was running. She lost the election, but has carried this lesson with her throughout her career.

"Thirdly, make sure there's somebody there to keep you on the straight and narrow. Poke fun at yourself, laugh at yourself." Reno's two brothers filled this position for her.

"Finally, I comment to you a promise I made to myself when I graduated from law school — never do anything you don't enjoy doing. Life is too short and there are too many interesting things to do."

Complete transcripts of Reno's and Ungar's commencement speeches are available on the Wilkes website ([www.wilkes.edu](http://www.wilkes.edu)) and in a special 52nd Annual Commencement Celebration booklet recently printed by the Wilkes University Press. To request your copy, contact the University Relations Office at 1-800-WILKES-U, extension 4770.

Sanford J. Ungar urged the graduates to "remember the place you are from...and keep that place close to you."



## Dr. Brian T. Redmond Returns to Crisis Corps Duty in Choluteca, Honduras

When the Crisis Corps, a subdivision of the Peace Corps, needed the nation's top experts in groundwater supply for a recovery effort from Hurricane Mitch, in Honduras, they called Dr. Brian T. Redmond, of Strassstown, Pa., professor of geology, chemistry, geoenvironmental sciences and engineering at Wilkes.

According to the Crisis Corps, Hurricane Mitch hit most of Central America, causing 6,000 deaths, and leaving 400,000 homeless. A third of the 6 million inhabitants were affected by water and food shortages, loss of electrical power and destruction of over 70% of the country's infrastructure.

Local women wash clothes for one cent per item, but Redmond prefers to do his own. The tub must be filled manually as city water is unreliable.

Redmond, a "return Peace Corps volunteer" for the Crisis Corps, spent two months this summer working and residing in Choluteca, the poorest area in Honduras, with a population of approximately 100,000 people. Initially, he planned to help develop groundwater sources for SANAA (Servicio Autonomo Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados, translation - National Autonomous Water and Sewage Service). As it turns out, he was able to combine this knowledge with his command of the Spanish language to teach other engineers about ground water and how to exploit it.

"An important part of the job was to transfer information and skills, part of which was accomplished in various formal training sessions," said Redmond.

In mid June, Redmond traveled to Siguatepeque, Honduras, to instruct a dozen Peace Corps Volunteers from the water and sanitation sector on how to use geology to locate drilling sites in Western Honduras. In late June, he explained the regional geology and how to locate drilling sites to the staff and invited guests of the French agency Action Contra le Faim. For two days in July, he was the featured speaker at a week-long course on groundwater, presented by the regional SANAA office in Southern Honduras.

"I was very active in pushing cooperation and collaboration between SANAA and any other agencies that were involved in finding water supplies, especially for displaced persons and communities."

Redmond was involved in finding a water supply for part of the new housing currently being built east of Marcovia for the country people displaced by Hurricane Mitch. He also helped locate drilling sites for Nueva Marcovia and Piedra de Agua, Southern Honduras, for Plan International, visited La Pita, San Marcos and Villa Cirica, Northern Honduras, and pointed out a few drill sites for FUDECIIT (Fundacion para el Desarrollo de la Cultura y Turismo), and participated in the inauguration of 11 aqueducts completed by Vision Mundial and SANAA.

Redmond's service with the Peace Corps began in 1969, with training in Puerto Rico. He hoped to teach science in



Ethiopia, but ended up looking for water in the Dominican Republic. He served consecutively until 1974, took time off to pursue doctoral studies, then served an additional year with the PC in 1975 and outside of the PC in 1976.

Redmond's wife, Lois, joined him in Honduras and worked for three weeks in a medical clinic. Twenty-five years ago the couple, both volunteers, married on the Peace Corps lawn in the Dominican Republic.

Redmond initiates a meeting between SANAA and FMI (a French relief agency) about drilling sites. The meeting moved to the field for well-drilling demonstrations, but first they had to dig the drill and air compressor out of the mud.

## Wilkes News Goes (Inter)National

Dr. Carl J. Charnicki and Dr. Francis X. Brennan study "The Effect of Sexual Behavior on Immune System Function" (Approximately 150 items of national/international exposure to date)

Newspapers:  
International Medical Telegraph, Paris, France  
Daily Telegraph, London, England  
The Daily Mail, Britain  
Edmonton Observer, Canada  
New York Times/New York Post  
Los Angeles Times  
Boston Herald/Houston Globe  
Chicago Tribune  
Denver Post

Magazines:  
Nurse, New York  
Nurse, Germany  
Science, Brazil  
Mademoiselle (France)  
Glamour  
Men's Health  
Men's All  
New Woman  
Finesse  
Redbook  
Playboy  
Penthouse  
Men's Journal  
Woman's Day (France)

Television:  
Good Morning America  
The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (two appearances)  
CBS TV, Seattle, Washington  
CBS TV, New York City, New York  
EBC TV, Iceland  
EBC Television "Scientia", Washington, D.C.  
KSMI TV, San Diego, California  
ABC News Website

Radio:  
National Public Radio  
BBC Radio  
PA Radio  
CBS Radio, Seattle, Washington  
WGST, Atlanta, Georgia  
WTRK, Syracuse, NY  
CJQB, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
KXII-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
PAX, Kansas City  
KTOH, Las Vegas, Nevada  
WKMG, West Palm Beach, Florida

United States Attorney General Janet Reno receives honorary doctorate from Wilkes during Spring Commencement.

Associated Press: Philadelphia  
New York Times (National Edition)  
Newsday (New York Edition)  
Long Island News  
Sunshine Star Gazette  
Elmira, New York  
Pittsburgh-Sunday Tribune  
Kentucky News Record  
Journal Tribune, Balford, Maine  
CNN-TV

Michael Frantz, Dean of Enrollment Services, Offers College Advice to High School Students:

Boyer Homes and Gardens August 1999 Issue



Dean Bonnie Bedford hands Jeremy C. Nightingale '99, of Arlington, Virginia, the Outstanding Graduate for Professional Studies Award. He is the 29th student in Wilkes history to graduate with a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average, thus also earning him The Noble Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award at graduation.



Beth Ann Fedor '99, from Kingston, is congratulated by Dean Bedford for earning The Noble Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award as the woman who attained the highest academic average for all four years at Wilkes. Fedor also walked away with the Outstanding Graduate for the Arts Award.



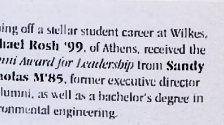
Kimberly Marie Kutch '99, of Plains, completes the trio of academic award winners. Here she poses with a friend after receiving the Outstanding Graduate for the Sciences Award.



Kingston resident Clayton J. Karambelas '99 (right) accepts the Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award from G. Garfield Jones, Jr. '72 (left).



Having flown in all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. Karen Dragon Devine '87 poses with her Distinguished Young Alumna Award and Jones.



Topping off a stellar student career at Wilkes, Michael Rosh '99, of Athens, received the Alumni Award for Leadership from Sandy Nicholas M'85, former executive director for alumni, as well as a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering.



## Annual Fund Surpasses \$950,000 Goal

The success of the 1998-1999 Annual Fund Campaign was truly a team effort. Alumni volunteers worked tirelessly and fellow alumni gave generously, helping surpass the \$950,000 goal by more than \$20,000.

## Top New York and Pennsylvania Executives Named to Board of Trustees

Don E. Wilkinson, Jr. '58, is president of the Don Wilkinson Agency, Inc., and its sister corporation, the Central Tax Bureau, with 27 offices and over 300 employees throughout Pennsylvania. The Centax Group, as the companies are collectively known, is the Commonwealth's oldest and largest professional tax collection entity.



Don E. Wilkinson

A resident of Pittsburgh, Wilkinson is a partner of Donzi's Nightclub and Cresser's Restaurant. He is also active in numerous philanthropic endeavors as a patron of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, the Benedict Trust, and the Civic Light Opera.

As executive vice president, Catalog and Marketing, for FMI Schwarz, New York, William R. Miller '81 oversees the Fifth Avenue store and Catalog Operations — a \$22 million business.



William R. Miller

Miller is active with the New York Pediatric AIDS Committee and is a member of The Guggenheim Circle, a group that helps raise funds for the Guggenheim Museum. He is also a board member for the Wilkes Alumni Association.

John (Jack) R. Miller '68, from Byx, N.Y., is a partner and a vice chairman of New York-based NPMG LLP, an accounting, tax and consulting firm. He is the firm's executive responsible for its health care and public sector practice in the United States, and a member of its management committee. Miller is a leading national authority on public sector accounting and management and was recently a candidate for the position of Comptroller General of the United States.



John R. Miller

Miller is a certified government financial manager and a certified public accountant.

## Wilkes and Penn State College of Medicine Announce New Affiliation

Dr. Dwight Davis, Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs of the Penn State College of Medicine (standing), and Dr. Bretzeth (seated) announced the establishment of a "Pre-medical Scholars Early Assurance Program" at Wilkes University, during a news conference in the Arnold C. Marks Sports and Conference Center.

This program selects exceptional high school seniors from rural and/or medically underserved areas of Pennsylvania and provides them an opportunity to pursue a career in Family Practice Medicine. Two selected candidates are simultaneously accepted to Wilkes University for their undergraduate education and to The Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey for their medical school education.



**FOOTBALL SQUAD HOPES EXPERIENCE PAYS DIVIDENDS IN '99**



Senior running back Mike Hankins

The football team is relying on a bevy of experienced players for their 1999 season. The Colonels, who finished 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League a season ago, are led offensively by senior running back Mike Hankins, a three-time Freedom League first team All-Star. Hankins, who rushed for 867 yards and 11 touchdowns a year ago, amassed 3,472 yards during his first three seasons to become the school's and MAC's all-time leading ground gainer. Sophomore receiver Brian Miller, junior tight end Ryan James, and senior wide receiver Jason Phillips join Hankins on offense. Defensively, the Colonels will be led by senior Brandon Carlin and junior Brian Bader. The linebacking corp is anchored by senior Tony DaRe. In the secondary, junior Mark Hendry leads an experienced group of returnees.

**FIELD HOCKEY VETERANS TEAM WITH NEWCOMERS TO DO BATTLE IN 1999**

Thirteen letterwinners, including seven starters from last year's squad, returned to the Lady Colonels lineup. They finished with an 8-10 mark and earned a berth in the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs in 1998. Capitalizing on scoring opportunities is the key to success in '99. Last season, they scored only 22 goals in 18 games, an average of just 1.22 goals per game. Five veterans - seniors Sara Clause and Alicia Cymbala, juniors Jill Wilson and top scorer Beth Abrams, and sophomore Jill Henry will provide the leadership on the front line.

In the midfield, coach Malatesta welcomes back a pair of returnees, Megan Fogle and Kristin Yarrish, and freshmen Maria Currier, Kim Whipple, Robin Shillingford, Sara Ciatoli, Kyle Gostony and Melissa Babcock.

First team Freedom League All-Star Suzanne Fisher leads a host of returnees on defense - senior Heather Stevens and juniors Karen Bradley and Danielle Flock.

At the goal keeping position, senior January Johnson assumes the starting role after having served as a backup the last two seasons.

**MEN'S SOCCER TEAM GEARED FOR PLAYOFF RUN**

The men's soccer team had an up and down 1998 season, finishing with an overall record of 11-8, and an MAC Freedom League mark of 4-3.

Sophomore Bill Schneider and senior Tim Seymour lead the list of returning scorers. Schneider scored five goals and dished out six assists as a rookie last season. Seymour, a second team All-Freedom League selection, had three goals and six assists. Senior Jarrod Max will also play a pivotal role for the Colonels after tallying three goals and handing out three assists last season.

The Colonels have a great deal of depth in goal with sophomores Seth Nye and Brian Mac. Nye started 18 games last year, posting a 10-8 record and 1.68 goals against average.

Defensively the Colonels should be solid thanks to the return of seniors Heath Meidner and Josh Hite, along with junior Bill Smith.

Senior defender Tim Seymour

**LADY COLONELS HOPE TO CHANGE VOLLEYBALL FORTUNES THIS SEASON**

Last season, a very young volleyball team took to the court. The lady Colonels lack of experience showed as they finished with a 4-18 record overall, while going winless in six Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League matches. Now, first year head coach Mike Grandchamp is hoping that the experience the squad gained last season will lead to a more successful 1999 campaign.

Sophomore Mandy Kehler and junior Carin Smurl are two of the team's top returnees. Kehler had a team-leading 119 kills during her rookie season, while also contributing 218 digs, 43 solo blocks and 31 block assists. Smurl was second on the team with 107 kills, while also adding 125 digs.

Sophomore Missy Polka also returns after totalling 32 service aces and 173 digs. A pair of sophomores, Courtney Tindal and Deanna Roulinavage, will once again handle the setting chores. Tindal led the Lady Colonels last season with 255 assists, while Roulinavage ranked second on the team after handing out 162 helpers.



Senior defender Kim Vance

**LADY COLONELS BOAST EXPERIENCE AND DEPTH THIS SEASON**

Last season, the women's soccer team enjoyed the most successful campaign in the program's history, posting an overall record of 12-7. With 10 starters from that team returning, head coach Kevin Vrihel eagerly anticipated the start of the new season.

Offensively, the Lady Colonels, who scored a school-record 58 goals last season, welcome back their top three scorers, junior Donna Rothrock and sophomores Larissa Giza and Jill Lacy. Rothrock, the team's starting goalkeeper during the first seven games last season, moved to the forward line and established a new school record for points in a season (34) after tallying 11 goals and 12 assists.

Returning defensively are seniors Alyson Joralemon and Kim Vance, along with sophomore Nina Kocjowski. The Lady Colonels, who allowed just 1.10 goals per game last year, also return their top goalie, junior Adrienne Corrigan. Corrigan had a record-setting season after taking over the starting job with 10 games left. During that span Corrigan posted five shutouts and allowed just 0.86 goals per game.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM LOOKS TO PUT 1998 SEASON BEHIND THEM**

Like a bad nightmare, the women's tennis team is looking to block out the memory of the 1998 season. The Lady Colonels fashioned an 0-9 overall record, while struggling to an 0-6 mark in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League.

Under the direction of second year head coach Bill Van Der Sluis, the Lady Colonels are hoping that 1999 will be a more successful campaign.

Sophomore Valdara Harba, the team's top singles player a year ago, is one of a handful of veterans that should bolster the Lady Colonels fortunes this season. Senior Nicole Weiss, who was the team's number two singles player, is also back to team with Harba at the number one doubles position.

Junior Sontcha Septhabmixay, who occupied the number three singles position, along with Jozica Vodlan, who played out of the number four singles slot, also return. Lori DeMarco, who played fifth singles, and the junior duo of Cathy Dorbin and Angie Cardoso, who split time at sixth singles, give the Lady Colonels added depth.

Colonels of Excellence articles by John Seitzinger, Sports Editor



John Reese and wife Patricia

**REESE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME**

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame inducted four new members, including former Wilkes coach John Reese, at a ceremony on Saturday, June 5, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Reese is joined in the 1999 class by 1984 Olympic gold medalist Jeff Blainick, three-time NCAA Division I champion Mark Churella from the University of Michigan, and Art Martori, a former wrestler at Arizona State University and founder of one of the best international wrestling clubs in the United States, Sunkist Kids.

In a career that spanned 44 years, Reese collected 541 wins as a coach, becoming only the second coach in NCAA history to reach the 500-win plateau. Reese also has the longest tenure of any wrestling coach at one institution after spending 42 years at Wilkes. From 1953 to 1996, he led the Colonels to five undefeated seasons, 38 consecutive winning campaigns and 15 Middle Atlantic Conference titles in 19 years at the Division III level. His 1974 team won the NCAA Division III national title, and his 1966 squad placed second. In 1976, he moved the program to the Division I ranks and produced four All-Americans, eight Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) champions, and 74 other place-winners. He also began the Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament, one of the nation's longest running events.

Reese served as a member of the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee for six years and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Committee for eight years. He has previously been elected to the EIWA Hall of Fame, the Wilkes University Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame and Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Reese has also received the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's Pennsylvania State Chapter Lifetime Service Award. In 1988, he was honored as the Penn State University Alumni Wrestling Man of the Year.

**A Student Union, A University United**

By Deena Guadagno '99  
Photography of Student Union provided by Michael Thomas

After 66 years and \$7.7 million, Wilkes now has a singular, specific and special place for its family to socialize, eat and celebrate. It's your Student Union. And it's open.

"Seeing the new Student Union made me realize that I definitely graduated too soon," said Sarah Stone, Class of '99.

Dedicated on September 24, the new building represents a new era for Wilkes University. It represents progression and change. It represents confidence and convenience. It is literally concrete proof that all the checks alumni write out are going toward something tangible and something you can all be proud of.

It opens up a world of possibilities for future generations of Wilkes students. One of the main obstacles campus had in the past was a lack of interaction between resident and commuter students. The new Student Union presents the perfect venue to finally break down those walls. And, at long last, Wilkes has found the glue to hold the entire campus together.

Throughout the years, many buildings on and off campus have served as the dining hall, "Grab N' Go" fast food spot, student lounge, bookstore, information/reception area, mailroom, and dance/entertainment area. Your new comprehensive structure will house all of these areas and so much more. What better way to celebrate the future of Wilkes than by taking a look back into its rich culture and history.

"Back then, the whole campus was really only two buildings - Chase Hall and Conyngham Hall," recalled Alfred Groh '41. "The first floor was where we ate. I remember Mrs. Brennan was the cook. There was a counter where we all sat for meals, almost like a diner, but only about 10 to 12 people could fit at it. The campus was very small."

The Student Union encloses two eateries - a food court dining hall, fast food spot on the first floor and a state-of-the-art dining commons on the third floor. The commons features individual serving stations for deli sandwiches, garden and pasta salads, tacos, pizza, burgers, cereals, waffles, and more, positioned in the shape of a horseshoe.

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Paul Adams '77

"The third floor was the meeting room," added Groh. "We used to have dances there weekly. The whole campus would participate." He fondly recalled how Dr. Farley used to arrange for speakers and events to create an atmosphere where students could get to socialize outside of the classroom.

Students, alumni and the rest of the Wilkes family are making good use of the reception/entertainment area located on the second floor of the Student Union. With two exterior terraces and enough space to accommodate nearly 150 people, the area is complete with a stage, giant TV screen, audio/visual room, and a fireplace.

Also on the second floor, is the campus mailroom, a large meeting room, and a TV lounge with a motorized screen that descends from the ceiling.

"During my days at Wilkes, the whole campus was basically situated between River, Franklin, South and Northampton Streets," said **Charlie Butler '59**. "Chase Hall was the center of the college. It contained the office buildings. Farley Library used to hold classrooms, and Kirby Hall was our library. There was also a building called the Commons that served as a meeting place for students."

Butler has very high hopes for the Student Union. "It is so much more than we ever had. I think it really will anchor that whole end of campus."

And anchor it does. The first floor sees the highest amount of traffic. There's an information area, bookstore, receptionist desk, security office, meeting room, billiard room, restrooms, fireplace, and a full branch of Pioneer American Bank, run by Wilkes students.

"The Commons was a great place to get together," recalled **Patricia Skibbs '60**. "We used to study there, or should I say cram? A lot of social arrangements were made in the Commons - a lot of coffee drinking and cigarette smoking as well. Since I was a day student, it really was a hub for my group of friends."

Skibbs grew up in an area where everyone was primarily the same race. "The Commons was a melting pot. It was really nice for me to get to know students of different races."

Unlike the three-story Student Union, the Commons was set up on two floors. The first floor was a cafeteria and the second floor was a meeting place or student lounge. "Outside the Commons was a bulletin board," explained Skibbs. "I remember how we would always have to stop at the bulletin board and check out who was selling what or who needed a ride where. It was a great conversation piece."

Skibbs thinks the new building will be a wonderful addition to campus. "It just boggles my mind to see all the progress that Wilkes has made over the years. It just boggles my mind. I thought the Commons was neat, but this is unbelievable."

The entire Student Union is handicap accessible, with two elevators. The stairways are lit with sconces and an emergency generator is on reserve.

"Everyone speaks fondly of the Commons because it was a focal point and a gathering place," said **Paul Adams '77**, dean of student affairs. "The Commons was a social place. You could always get something to eat, and there were always people playing cards. It was very open and in a glance you could see everyone who was there."

"Church Hall was considered a student center, but it never really took hold the way the Commons did. It was filled with lounge furniture; there were meetings and parties in the basement, but it was never really a major hangout."

"I remember that going to the bookstore was always an adventure," said Adams. "It was located in the basement of Pickering Hall, very hidden and not very well marked. And then there was the ever-present Millie Gittins. She ran a tight ship."

The bookstore is now located on the first floor of the Student Union, with one entrance inside the building and one outside next to Bedford Hall.



*"Back then, the whole campus was really only two buildings - Chase Hall (left) and Conyngham Hall (above)."*

Alfred Groh '41.

Adams feels it is a refreshing change to have a Student Union that houses so many different groups. "I think it's a wonderful addition. It changes the culture of campus, giving everyone new opportunities for meeting and interacting."

"I started in 1972, right after the flood," said **Barbara King '80**, associate dean of Student Affairs at Wilkes. "I was a commuter, so I spent a lot of time in the Commons. Everyone had his or her own table. You could leave your books there all day and no one would bother them."

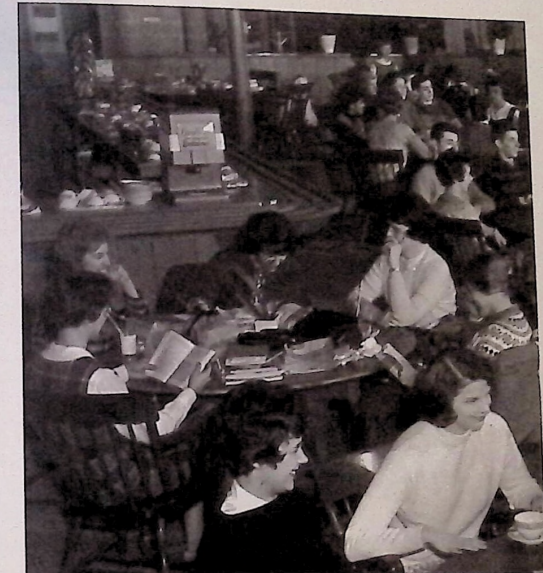
"We had a jukebox," recalled King. "The same two songs would play all day everyday - *Rockin' Pneumonia*, *Boogie Woogie Flu* and *Killing Me Slightly*. To this day, I still can't hear those songs without laughing. There were ping-pong tables and a perpetual game of bridge upstairs." For King, the Commons was a place that really defined the Wilkes experience.

"I think the new Student Union offers the same kind of possibilities that the Commons did for me. It provides students with a more comfortable and relaxed setting. The whole ambiance will help to integrate the commuter and resident population."

Guests of the Student Union are taken with the beauty of the atrium. At night when you enter the concourse on the first floor and look up, you can see the stars and moon through the glass ceiling. The large windows on each floor also allow visitors to see who and what's happening on the other floors.

Prior to the opening of the Student Union, the residence halls were the hot spots for socializing in the late 90s. "Before I moved off campus, the dormitories were where most of the action took place," said **Doug Snyder '00**. "I can remember many nights watching *Scooby Doo* and violating quiet hours in the Evans Hall lounge."

It seems that no matter when you attend Wilkes, you can always find your niche and have a special place all your own. From now on, the new Student Union presents a new place for all of us to call our own.



*That was then  
An Amnicola photo shows student life in the Commons, circa 1962 (top).*

*This is now  
The new dining commons offers diners everything from a garden salad to a gourmet pizza.*

*For 33 years, Wilkes students and faculty have called Pickering Dining Hall home for breakfast, lunch and dinner.*



# Reunion Weekend Wrap-up



Wilkes President Dr. Christopher N. Bresch, Harry L. Fierverker '49 and wife Gloria (Farkas) Fierverker '46



Charlie '59 and Mille Butler



President Bresch, R. Wayne Walters '59 and Dr. Thomas F. Kelly '69

## Fierverker, Walters, Kelly and the Butlers Receive Inaugural Alumni Excellence Awards

Three alumni and one honorary alumna took home more than memories from Reunion Weekend '99 last June. **Harry L. Fierverker '49**, **R. Wayne Walters '59**, **Dr. Thomas F. Kelly '69**, and **Charles '59 and Mildred (honorary alumna) Butler** accepted the first-ever *Alumni Excellence Awards* for achievements in their chosen professions and service to both Wilkes and their communities.

A generous supporter of Wilkes, **Harry L. Fierverker '49**, from Kingston, Pa., received the *Alumni Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement*.

He became involved in the jewelry business in downtown Wilkes-Barre, and took his first retirement in 1986. He was later offered a position as manager of the Gruen Watch Factory in Exeter, Pa., from which he retired again in 1994.

For his international success in musical performance, music education and his composition of choral and instrumental music, **R. Wayne Walters '59** earned the *Alumni Excellence Award in Music*.

A bass-baritone, he performed in concerts, recitals, oratorios and musical comedies in Europe and the Eastern United States. Walters has also performed with The University Men's Glee Club of New York, the Princeton Opera Theatre, and the New Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Thomas F. Kelly, Ph.D., '69** was recognized for his work in philanthropy, teaching, community relations, management, and overall dedication to learning with the *Alumni Excellence Award in Education*.

Kelly was director of Evening and Summer College and assistant-to-the-chancellor at Wilkes, and dean and associate dean of the School of Management at Binghamton University. He is currently vice president and a tenured Professor of Management at BU.

Aston, Pa., residents **Charles S. Butler '59** and wife **Mildred, honorary alumna**, are the 1999 recipients of the *Alumni Excellence Award for University Service*. The Butlers were singled out for their dedication, undying love and service to Wilkes.

Charlie retired from Lockheed-Martin in May of 1998. Parents to four children and grandparents to six, the Butlers enjoy travelling, touring the United States to visit with family and friends, and of course, attending Wilkes alumni events.

## Nicholas Resigns Post As Alumni Director

Alumni Association President **Bill Goldsworthy '76** presented **Sandy Nicholas M'85** with a commemorative "Flying W" keepsake sculpted out of authentic for her 23 years of service to Wilkes. Nicholas, former executive director for alumni, accepted a position as director of Luzerne County Community College's new Corporate Learning Center, in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

"She began several new initiatives in the Alumni Office to lead us into the future," said **Jennie Bullock, newly appointed director for alumni**. "Her work with Chapter Development, the credit card program, and the Harris On-Line Community are just a few of her pioneering efforts."



## Come "Home" to Wilkes and Say Farewell to Pickering Hall

Homecoming '99 is not only the last one of this millennium, it will be the last one that Pickering Hall ever sees. The "New Men's Dorm" that many alumni called home will be torn down to make room for Student Union parking spaces.

The Alumni Association knows what this special place means to you, so, a Farewell to Pickering Party will kick off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 15, with live fare and beverages served at 7:30 p.m. Meet with past roommates to say good-bye to this Wilkes icon and welcome the future of Wilkes, the new Student Union. Guided tours are planned.

Before the Colonels shine on the football, soccer and field hockey fields, all eyes will be on Joseph H. Kanner and Dr. Robert C. Rice. They are the 1999 recipients of the Colonel of Excellence Award. Together, they have dedicated 100 years of loyal service to Wilkes.

Other weekend events include the Annual Golf Tournament at Irena Temple Country Club, the Fifth Quarter at Murry's Inn, A Multicultural Alumni Reunion in the Student Union, and a special exhibition, "A Pictorial of Works by William Sterling," in the Sordani Art Gallery. Dr. Sterling retired in May.

For more information on Homecoming, contact Jennie Bullock at 1-800-WILKES-11, extension 1130.

## Golden Colonels End Weekend with Annual Brunch

Front Row Left to Right: Raymond B. Williams '49, Pocono Lake, Pa.; Dr. Albert J. Stratton '49, Wyomissing, Pa.; Robert Anthony '49, Wilkes-Barre; Joe Sooby '49, Dublin, Ohio

Second Row Left to Right: Cindy Lewis, Clinton, N.J.; Dorothy Wilkes Lewis '49, Staten Island, N.Y.; Eleanor Krutz Hickman '49, Morristown, Ariz.; Muriel Brandorf Minter '48, Manhattan, N.Y.; and Jerry Minter '49, Manhattan, N.Y.

Third Row Left to Right: J. Glenn Gooch '48, Kingston, Pa.; Bette Gooch, Kingston, Pa.; Gloria Farkas Fierverker '46, Kingston, Pa.; Harry L. Fierverker '49, Kingston, Pa.

Top Row Left to Right: Theresa Karambelas, Kingston, Pa.; Clayton Karambelas '49, Kingston, Pa.; and Jane Anthony, Wilkes-Barre



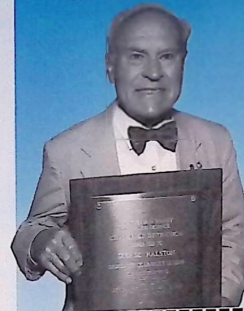
## New Alumni Board Prepares for Y2K and Beyond

The Alumni Association recently elected 11 new board members to a two-year term. Their responsibilities include attending four board meetings a year, volunteering for and attending alumni events, and supporting Wilkes efforts in admissions and fund-raising.

The new members are:

- Linda Black Kellock '89, West Chester, Pa.
- Tracy Goryeb '90, Lake Harmony, Pa.
- Dr. Theodore Gourley, Jr. '76, Mt. Holly, N.J.
- John Harrison '87, Kingston, Pa.
- Suzanne Keller '78, Larksville, Pa.
- Matt McCaffrey '94, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
- Rosa Khalife-McCracken '79, West Pileston, Pa.
- Andria Parker-Lloyd '96, Wilkes-Barre
- Andrea Petrusek, Kingston, Pa.
- Joe Sekusky '77, Jenkins Township, Pa.
- Paula VanFossen '97, Reading, Pa.

## Dean Ralston Joins Distinguished Group of Honorees

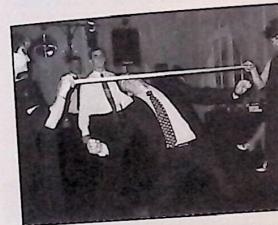


Distinguished. Dedicated. Outstanding. We at Wilkes have seen these qualities in **Dr. George Francis Ralston** for over 50 years. This past May, the City of Wilkes-Barre saw them as well, honoring Dean Ralston with the *Distinguished Service Award* for five decades of helping Wilkes-Barre area youth reach their full potential.

The Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council also celebrated Dean Ralston over the past year, awarding him a *Citation of Distinction* last fall for "exemplifying the high ideals of human dignity, compassion and friendship among all peoples."

Never one to rest on his laurels, Dean Ralston continues to work in the Alumni House as special assistant for alumni affairs and most recently, he and wife Helen have been moving into their new home, 5 Irving Place, Wilkes-Barre.

## Alumni Raised the Bar While Lowering the Stick at Scholarship Dinner Dance



Competition heated up as contestants waited patiently for their chance to limbo at the Westmoreland Club

Many thanks to the alumni who contributed to the endowed Alumni Scholarship Fund last year. More than \$20,000 in donations has been raised to help financially restricted Wilkes students, the highest total to date.

The peak of the scholarship season is the annual Dinner Dance held each spring. At the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre last April, it was difficult to tell where the dance floor ended and the table area began. Students, alumni, faculty and administrators made room to twist, slide (Electric, that is), swing dance and

jitterbug. The party really got in full gear when a friendly round of "limbo" ensued. **Brandon Berretta '99**, from Harding, Pa., stood his ground closest to the ground for top honors.

And, all this after a cocktail hour featuring everything from butterflied breaded shrimp to caramelized onion and Gorgonzola pizza to fried brie with raspberry sauce hors d'oeuvres. Dinner started with a crepes aubergine appetizer followed by salad and seared breast of chicken with spinach and sun-dried tomatoes and apple crisp ala mode for dessert.

## David Letterman Seeks Out Wilkes Alumni and Students



At the personal request of talk show host and comedian David Letterman, a group of 20 Wilkes alumni and students recently attended a taping of CBS's *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

A smaller Wilkes group drove to the Ed Sullivan Theatre in New York prior to this trip. When Letterman walked out, the Wilkes students greeted him with a standing ovation, making their presence known.

Letterman interacted with them and fed off of their energy so much, that he instructed his audience coordinator to find out who the group was and give them tickets to a second taping. **Matt Minielly '99** organized the ticket distribution, and **Jennie Bullock**, director for alumni, supervised the trip. The group was chauffeured to the Big Apple in a Wilkes shuttle bus.

## CHAPTER Chat



### New York

New York City Chapter members met for dinner at the Cucina and Company restaurant in May and took a Harbor Lights Cruise on September 10.



### Harrisburg

The members of the Harrisburg Chapter gathered at the Allenberry Dinner Theater to view the comedy, *No Sex Please, We're British*, in May.



### Luzerne County

**Jennifer Carey '83** and husband **Dave '83, M '98** grabbed a front row seat in the Luzerne County Chapter's party box at a Red Banners baseball game last spring.



**Bill Goldsworthy '76**, president, and **Sandy Nicholas M'85**, former executive director, inducted the 365 members of the Class of '99 into the Alumni Association before their graduation rehearsal last May.

Class Notes

BACHELOR'S

REUNION YEAR

1950 George Hudock, Luzerne County coroner, was a featured speaker at a national gathering of forensic experts held in Orlando, Fla. He resides in Gettysburg, Pa., with wife Helen.

John Nelson and wife Virginia '50 are enjoying retirement in Hampstead, N.C.

1954 Robert Blaerman is the coordinator of Cross-Sector Programs, Corporation for National Service, in Washington, D.C. Bob and wife Jane reside in Burke, Va.

Gerald Goughan, G.D., was appointed as a member of the Capital City Task Force by AARP, the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and older. He is also secretary of the Milton Herbin School Alumni Association. Gerald resides in Palmira, Pa.

1958 Juanita (Patience) Moss published an article about her family heritage and the work of art her father carved out of coal. She resides in Alexandria, Va.

Mary Louise (Onufer) Yuzek is a librarian for the East Orange Board of Education, N.J. She resides in Columbia, N.J., with her husband, Rudolph.

REUNION YEAR

1960 Jim Bogdan retired after teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 36 years. Jim has also owned Bogdan Electronic Research and Development for the past 17 years. He resides in Lakeside, Calif.

Lou-Ella Merin received a graduate degree from Columbia University School of Social Work and started a new career in social work with a private, growth-oriented relationship building and grief loss and bereavement. Lou-Ella and her family reside in New York, N.Y.

Andrew E. Roshin retired for a second time, selling his computer business, "Successful Business Solutions." Andrew resided from 1934 in 1991 and resides in Richmond, Va.

Cory (Caroline) Lyons took early retirement from AT&T and is part-time a second bachelor of arts degree in music. She resides in Rosking, Ridge, N.J.

1964 Richard Probert was chosen conductor of The Wyoming Valley Orchestra Society's fall concert. He completed his first book, "Annie's Way: A Memoir of Friendship and Craftsmanship," and is working on his second book, "Singing Songs in So Good a Thing." Richard resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Nelson R. Snyder, II, was named assistant president and chief financial officer for United Methodist Homes in Princeton, Pa. He resides in Harris Lake, Pa.

REUNION YEAR

1965 Madeño (Exposito) Logan is a professor at North Shore Community College, in Danvers, Mass. He and his wife, Scott '66, reside in Danvers, Mass. Logan worked with General Electric in Lynn, Mass. They have two daughters, Jenny and Kelly.

1966 Carol (Saldman) Greenwald, MS, SGE, is a freelance artist who specializes in the psychosocial impact of a cancer diagnosis and a certified Seminal, Arousal and Erotic Violence Educator. She is a member of Old Signa Beta - International Continuing, Academic and Professional Health Societies. She resides in Kingston, Pa., with her husband, David '66 and family.

1967 William G. Kimmel was presented Calverton University of Pennsylvania's Research Award for excellence in teaching, research and service at the school's biennial gala. He resides in Clarksburg, Pa., with wife Jane Jane.

Barbara Libersky-Nowicki was the featured soloist for the Magnolia Glee Club's closing selection, "Carnegie Hall" at their winter performance in Milltown, N.J. Barbara has been a soloist with the Pittsburgh Opera, the New York City Opera and the New Jersey Pennsylvania Opera. She resides in Baltimore, Pa.

Maureen (Savage) Salch is president of the Alliance of the Pennsylvania Dental Association and a medical assistant at the gift shop in the Reading Public Museum. She resides in Williamsburg, Pa.

Jerry Walker is a one-stop Clerk Book and Calligraphy dealer at Auto City in Hammonton, N.J. He resides in Allentown, Pa.

1968 Margaret Klein in married Jonathan Keaton, a retired principal from New Zealand. They live in Vero Beach, Fla.

Thomas Peter Reis was appointed director of corporate compensation for Georgia Pacific Corp. in Atlanta, Ga. Thomas resides in Clarksburg, Ga., with his wife, Pamela (Eustis) '67.

1969 Robert W. Hooper is president of IMS Health for North America, the world's largest drug industry research firm. He works out of the company's Phoenix office. He resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

REUNION YEAR

1970 Georgiana (Cray) Bari moved Manhattan from International Magazine's "Award of Excellence" in New York City, and was accepted into nine exhibitions in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Delfonite, Pa., Williamsport, Pa., New York and New Mexico. She also won second place in painting by the Wyoming Valley Art League, Kutztown, Pa.

Robert E. Burke, Ph.D., accepted the position of section chief of Commonwealth Edison at Scott and White Clinic, Temple, Texas. Robert is also an assistant professor at Penn State University, College of Medicine. He resides in Temple with wife, Bonnie (Rood) '70. They have four children, Chris, Robert, Glen and Lanna.

Thomas, Clark-Jones is the organic chemist for The Music Department of Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Elaine (Landy) Epifani is the lab supervisor, Department of Lab Medicine, at the Robert Packard Hospital in Sayre, Pa. She and the group "Sam Black" proved the special music at the Standing Stone Community Super Center. She resides in Sayre, Pa.

Joseph R. Kohn is controller at RTS Wireless, Flamingo, N.Y. He resides in Melville, N.Y., with wife Gail and three children, Joseph, Tara and Jenna.

Frank Michaels was honored by the Knights of Columbus Assunta Chapter 3987 of Luzerne, Pa. He is assistant principal at James M. Goughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. Frank resides in Hickory, Pa., with wife Dolores and two children, Krista and Assistant.

1973 Shirley K. Alters, vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of First Columbia Bank & Trust Co., graduated from the American Bankers Association's Senior Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware. She resides in Bloomsburg, Pa., and has two children, Jennifer and Daniel.

Anthony M. Cardinale, J.D., was the principal speaker at the annual 100-year anniversary of the Wilkes-Barre Hotel and Convention Center, Wilkes-Barre. The event was dedicated to Tony's father, the late Frank Cardinale. Tony operates a firm in Somerville, Mass., and continues to practice law. He is married to the former Laura Barbera.

Alfonso L. Pellegrini was named administrative assistant of the county, Pottsville, Pa.

1973 Frank Gallati, principal of Dallas High School, Dallas, Pa., assumed presidency of the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary Schools. Principals during his state conference in Pittsburgh.

Janice (Janey) Kivak spoke at Kutztown College, Kutztown, Pa., in recognition of the 1993 Woman of the Year for the American Biographical Institute. Janice resides in Swensenville, Pa.

Eric Mayer and wife Mary Reed wrote One for Science, a motion picture novel from a Personal Pen Press of Scribner, Inc. It is available through used bookstores and from online sites on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Bruce Yurko, member of the 60 piece Maryland University Wind Ensemble, conducted two of his works, "Night Breeze" and "In Memoriam." Annapolis.

1974 James Burns is a Doctor of Arts candidate at Carnegie Mellon University, a restaurant manager at Jagan's Place Inn, and co-owner and founder of Time-In Movies, an electronics and video business located in Kingston, Pa.

Craig Deacon is the wrestling coach at Central Bucks West High School, Doylestown, Pa. He and wife Jo Ann have three daughters, Jessica, Wendy, and Lindsay.

Deborah E. Dunleavy was named assistant vice president of Marketing for First Liberty Bank and Trust. She resides in Hughesville, Pa.

Ann Morgan Williams, Ph.D., was named dean of arts and sciences at Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, Pa. She also serves as associate professor, psychology and is coordinator of the college's union in Wilkes-Barre.

Barry H. Williams is a licensed certified public accountant, chairperson of the Division of Accounting at King's College, and a member of the Wyoming Valley West Bank Parents Association.

REUNION YEAR

1975 Ann Bartuska, Ph.D., was selected the USDA Forest Service Agency's first woman director of forest management.

Janet (Morton) Mark is assistant to the president of Firstchild Graphics Corporation, a company that designs and manufactures direct mail and environmental control systems for retailers. She resides in Frederick, Md.

1976 Susan M. Brimo-Cox, APR, is a public relations account executive at Barton Campbell Farley and Mansfield, Virginia Beach, Va., where she also resides.

Doreene (Pikus) Gombik is a music teacher for Hingham Public Schools, Hingham, Mass., and received an M.A.T. from Pennsylvania State University in Doylestown, Pa., with husband Mark and son Joshua.

Barbie Ann Sabalesky married John Januszewski, she is teaching

music education at Thunkinnick Area, grades K-4. They reside in Kingston, Pa., with their three children, Jason, Christian and Zachary.

William H. Urosvetich, O.D., associate professor of biology at Pennsylvania College of Podiatry, was named the U.S. Army Reserve Opportunity Consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army. He is also the senior partner at Urosvetich Associates in Levensburg, where he resides with his family.

1977 Edward R. Ackerman, executive director of Institutional and Resource Development at Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, Pa., was chosen as the principal speaker of the Autumn Breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Jackie (Huzar) Bacon, a kindergarten teacher, was selected by the Connecticut State Department of Education to receive a Celebration of Excellence Award from the state for a project titled, "This Little Drum Went to Kindergarten." She and her husband, Kaci '76, reside in Naugatuck, Conn.

Mannel J. Evans, PHRM, CPA, was nominated to the Healthcare Financial Management Association's Board of Directors. He resides with wife Elaine and their children Kristin, Alicia and Joshua.

Victoria (Duff) Gallagher is vice president of marketing/communications for the Morton Chamber of Commerce, Durham, N.C. Her husband, Paul '78, is a computer software writer at Red Hat Software. They reside in York, N.C.

REUNION YEAR

1980 Joseph H. Angeletti, M.B., is senior vice president, in charge of Luzerne County First Liberty Bank Corp. He married Anne Nagyszta and they reside in Kingston, Pa.

Ronald J. Gromski announces the birth of his second son, Nicholas Alexander. They reside in Philadelphia.

Mark S. Justick and wife Lisa announce the birth of their second daughter, Haley. He is a program engineer with Reftek, Inc., Tampa, Fla., where they also reside.

William Lewis, Jr., Ph.D., was elected to the national Board of Directors of the American Red Cross and serves as a vice chairman of the Northern Pennsylvania Regional Blood Center. William resides in Jenkins Township, Pa., with wife Dr. Mary Ellen Judge and three children, William, Thomas and Ann.

James M. Whelan was named director of project engineering at Fort Belvoir Army Depot, Tazewell, Va. He is vice president of the Association of the U.S. Army, and a member of Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association, Tyngsboro, Mass. James resides in Fort Belvoir, Pa., with wife Aileen.

Michael Miller, D.O., joined the Penn State Geisinger Health Group at the Wilkes Medical Building and Penn State Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Plains Township as an associate in obstetrics and gynecology. He and wife Debra reside in Dallas, Pa., with their five children, Stephanie, Michael, Erica, David and Megan.

Maria M. Miscavage graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's post-master's Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program and began work at Medical House, PC, Mount Carmel, Pa.

James E. Mordica, Lt. Col., assumed duties as commanding officer with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 365, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Eddie White married Angela Berry. He is vice president of Team Properties for Logo Athletic/Puma/Starline in Indianapolis, Ind. The couple resides in Carmel, Ind.

1981 Paul Covello, president of Linden Financial Services and branch manager of First Sunbank Securities in Scranton, Pa., addressed a group of 300 investment professionals on State College, Pa.

Peter J. Steve formed IDEAWORNS, a marketing and graphic design division of Migrating Corp. Corporation, Plymouth, Pa. He resides in Dallas, Pa., with wife Judy and two sons Peter '81 and Tyler '84.

1982 Linda Ann D'Amario was promoted to controller of First National Community Bank. She resides in Nicholson, Pa.

Bruce Fendler and wife Marie announce the birth of daughter Bailey Adams. They reside in Lakeside, Pa.

Keith R. Kleinman was appointed to financial consultant to A.G. File and Sons, Inc. in Scranton, Pa. office. He and wife Joan have four children Kimberly, Sarah, Allison, and Ross.

Paul E. Smith was promoted to LA Colonel in the United States Air Force. He is currently in Kuwait where he flies combat missions in Operation Desert Fox against Iraq. Paul resides in Layton, Ut.

1983 Dave Garey, MBE, is director of engineering for Instrumentation Engineering Inc., Wilkes-Barre and his wife Jennifer '83 is the office manager.

Janice (Angie) Pettinato and husband Jim announce the birth of son Luke. They reside in Carlisle, Pa.

Mark Radziewicz, O.D., D.D., joined the Penn State Geisinger Mountain-top-area health group as an associate in family medicine. He is board certified in family medicine and a diplomate of the National Board of Ophthalmology Examiners.

Ellen M. Van Riper returned Irvine Van Riper Public Accounts, in Denver, Colo., with Thomas K. Irvine. The law firm specializes in compliance, real estate, land use, zoning, municipal and election law. They reside in Cave Creek, Ariz.

Thomas Urosvetich, O.D., M.S., was appointed Center Director of Levin Eye Center, an affiliate of Truitt Health Systems, Inc., in Allentown. He is a member of the Wilkes University Council. He resides in Allentown, Pa.

1984 Jane (Johnson) Ferris announces the birth of two daughters, Leah and Jean. They reside in Allentown, Pa.

Alumni Close-Up

Denise S. Cesare '77 Takes the Reigns of Blue Cross of NEPA as First-Ever Female President and CEO



For the past 17 years, Denise (Schultz) Cesare has climbed the corporate ranks of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Northeast Pennsylvania one step at a time.

A magna cum laude alumna from the class of 1977, Denise was recently appointed as the fifth, and only, woman President and Chief Executive Officer in the organization's 60-year history.

Denise has held a number of powerful positions on her way to the top - Manager of Internal Audit, Electronic Data Processing Auditor, Senior Auditor, Vice President of Managed Care, Chief Operating Officer, and Executive Vice President.

She directed all aspects of traditional and managed care business, for BC, including establishing strategic direction for all business segments. Since the Plan's Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) First Priority Health inception in 1987, Denise has been instrumental in its growth to nearly 200,000 members in 13 counties in Northeast Pennsylvania.

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Alumni Close-Up



Alumni Partnership Gets an A+ at Southern Lehigh Middle School

Southern Lehigh Middle School in Center Valley, Pa., was selected as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence thanks in part to a distinctive partnership developed between three Wilkes alumni.

Southern Lehigh was one of 166 public and private secondary schools honored for excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement and parental involvement.

The trio of Elizabeth (Waznick) Andrejko '77 (left), Southern Lehigh's principal, Jay Hankes '85 (middle), special studies Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, Pa. She also serves as associate professor, psychology and is coordinator of the college's union in Wilkes-Barre.

Through Transparent, they provide tutoring, mentoring, teacher assistance, and specialist expertise to the students. Transparent serves as a liaison to the community, bringing the school issues home and connecting issues to school.

Lisa, a music major at Wilkes, received a master's of education degree in 1994 and a principal certificate in 1991 from East Stroudsburg University, an instructional technology specialist certificate from Maryland University in 1989, and is a doctoral candidate at Lehigh University. She and husband Jack have two sons, Brett and Burke.

She was also an RA, and was president of the Woman's Activity Association. She taught business education at Allentown Dieruff High School for five years. She and husband Alan have two daughters, Julie and Debbie. Alan owns an accounting firm in Allentown.

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Sharon Domzalski married Tom Bellavia. She received a master's degree from Bloomsburg and is an audiologist with Audiology Consultants of Conowingo, New Haven, where she also resides.

Karen (Dragon) Devine announces the birth of son Paul. They reside in Allentown, Pa.

Tillitzy A. Frateschi joined the law firm of Bond, Scherack & King, LLP as an associate in the firm's Business Law Department.

Gary Flanagan, O.D., is the owner of Crystal Vision Center in Bloomsburg. He and wife Ann Marie have four children, Aubrey and Marilee.

Charles Montgomery was promoted to customer service manager for Allied Signal Specialty Films - Linden and Cranbury, N.J. facilities. Charles resides in Bethlehem, Pa., with wife Alison and children Myra and Ian.

Jane (Hudak) Tomko and husband Ronald announce the birth of son, Ronald III, Nicholas and Anastasia.

1988 James Klock was named a director at Integrated Marketing Services Inc., Trenton, N.J.

Mary (Roelck) Kudry was promoted to senior commercial loan officer at Omega Bank's Fort Mifflin Office, Port Matilda, Pa.

William Lloyd, Capt., assistant professor of military science at Shippensburg University, announces the birth of his third son, Christopher. They reside in Shippensburg.

James Macklin was chosen director of admissions at Maravan College, Allentown, Pa. He resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

Karen B. Natishan, financial consultant for Schenck Smith Burns, Wilkes-Barre, is a member of the Blue Cross Council and is the recipient of the Lifetime National Spirit Award.

Gerald P. Pernet was named vice president, National Director of Client Services, of Financial Investment Retirement Services, Scranton, Pa. He resides in Duryea, Pa.

Joseph Salkin was named head football coach at Lakeside High School, Kimmelville, Pa., and is a physical education teacher at the Wilkes Area School District.

Carl J. Vassila was promoted to director, product management for General Instruments' digital cable set-top box products. He resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

Glen R. Whiteman received the 100th victory of his career as head wedding coach at Emerald Hills School.

1989 Janelle (Sauerker) Crapparo is a corporate trainer for Bell Atlantic, Bensalem, Pa. Her husband, John '90, is a financial advisor for CNA, Monaca, Pa. They reside in Harrisville, Pa., with daughter Emma Lynn.

Dr. Renee J. Maltzer joined the medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Good Samaritan Medical Center and opened a medical practice at the Good Samaritan Medical Arts Building, Johnstown, Pa.

Kurt Pridgen was promoted to product supervisor for Web Markets. He resides in Mountaintop, Pa.

Joseph Pickett is director of operations for Corporate Express Call Center Services, Wilkes-Barre.

Robert A. Ursula was appointed to Generalist in Denville, N.J., where he resides with wife Donna and two children, Melissa and Matthew.

Susan (Harvill) Wassercott is management training coordinator at Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick, Maine, and a design assistant at the Human Resources Administration from the University of Scranton, and is also a graduate of Leadership Wilkes-Barre and Maxwell Management Institute. She resides with her husband Paul in Woodstock, Mass.

Guy Zebner, a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, was named vice president of sales for US Foodservice.

1985 Alan Melusson and wife Mary announce the birth of daughter Madison. They live in Scranton, Pa., where they also reside with wife Mary.

Susan (Barber) Rosenbaum, O.D., is sole proprietor at 1994 Street Optical, Tunkhannock, Pa.

Donna A. (O'Toole) Sedor is communications director for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and teaches communication courses at Wilkes. She resides in Lakeside with husband John and two sons Sean and Evan.

1986 Bill Guzik is employed as senior loan officer for Crystal Mortgage, Patuxent, N.J., and is the owner of Goddard. He resides in Franklin Park, N.J., with wife Elana.

Jack Kennedy Kraft, M.D., attended the post-graduate U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Sam A. Prudente is vice president, functional operations of Prudential Real Estate Services, Scranton, Pa. He resides in South Abington Township, Pa.

Eric Reidinger and wife Stephanie announce the birth of son David. They reside in Mountaintop, Pa.

James Schutawie and wife Stacy (Toslosky) '86 announce the birth of daughter Madison. They reside in Colesville, Pa.

1987 Dawn Marie (Fioduck) Chalk was promoted to customer service manager at a financial services representative for the United States Postal Service, Wilkes-Barre. She resides with husband Joseph in Mountaintop, Pa.

1988 Anthony J. Gabello, CFA, was promoted to vice president credit department manager at First National Community Bank, Scranton, Pa. He resides in Colesville, Pa., with wife Lisa.

Mary E. Gould-Vogel, is assistant chief, Regulatory and Operations for the Wilkes County Economic Action Agency. She received a master's degree in Health Administration from Grand Valley University, and has traveled to Asia, Europe and South Africa.

Bill Hurligan married Cynthia M. Grand and is vice president of National Trust Foundation for Allentown Capital Management, Scranton, Pa. They reside in Colesville, Pa. with two children, Mike.

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1991 Joseph W. Arcadiello, D.D.S., joined Dr. Peter T. Davis in a dental practice in Bethlehem, Pa.

1991 Angela E. Tama completed a postdoctoral residency at Montefiore Medical Center/West Einstein College of Medicine and is an attending pediatrician in the North Central Breast Hospital Pediatric Clinic. She resides in Brent, NY.

1992 Michele DeSantis married Brian Loy '92. Michelle is an assistant controller with Eastman, Hickory, N.C., where they also reside. Brian is self-employed.

Joseph Dubinski is director of religious formation for Bishop Hehan High School, Wilkes-Barre, and teaches freshmen and senior theology. He is also a pastor at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Scranton, Pa.

Robert Hawkins passed the Certified Public Accountant Examination and is controller for Gettysburg Chocolates, Gettysburg, Pa. He also teaches at Gettysburg College.

Michelle '93 received her master's degree in Nursing from College Misericordia, Hazleton, Pa. She resides in Bear Creek, Pa., with her two children Bobby and Madelyn.

Lari Frettenberg and husband Scott announced the birth of daughter Isabel Dorothy. Lari completed a master's degree in Nursing from WSU and is a director of Critical Care Orientation and a clinical nurse specialist for the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., where they also reside.

Wayne Henninger (husband) and president of WVE Public Relations, Inc., Washington, D.C., with his former David Wente.

Robert Lugliano, Jr. married Mary Ann Kasko '93. Robert is a fund director and general music teacher at Reynolds Senior Center School. He is also an adjunct faculty member of Wilkes University. Department and director of jazz band. Mary Ann is a junior high music teacher with the Jim Thorpe Area School District, Jim Thorpe, Pa. They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

Marianne Reiss-Annell was promoted to internet communications manager and resides in Vinings, Ga.

Armando R. Salavati, D.O., joined Physicians Health Alliance, Inc., Old Forge, Pa., a physician partnership of 11 primary care doctors in Lackawanna County.

Sabrina P. Spanglich, Jr., M.D., was appointed full-time family physician at the Georgetown Primary Care Clinic, Georgetown, Pa., by the Greater Health Health Alliance. He resides in Duane, Pa., with wife Marianne.

Becky Steinhilber is a teaching associate in the English department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she is completing her Ph.D. in English literature and criticism. She also received a master's degree in English from the University of Scranton. She resides in Indiana, Pa.

Linda Wierowicz married Brian J. Boherek '93. Brian is a captain in the United States Air Force and graduated from USU Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., as a Flight Test Engineer.

Ching-Ling Yang received a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, N.C.

1995 Karen Lynn Balzaroni married Robert Absard. They reside in Wayne, N.J.

Robert Anthony Castlerline married Danielle Marie Proccato '94. Robert is president and CEO of Pica Properties Retail Art Galleries, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and was president of Fire Art Partners, Myrtle Beach, and Myrtle Beach. Danielle is director of operations of Pica Galleries, Myrtle Beach.

Rubin Farrell II employed by the Dallas School District, Dallas, Pa. She resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Bonnie Howell received a Ph.D. in molecular biology from Lehigh University and holds a postdoctoral position at The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Her husband, Chris Patacki '94, is a project engineer with the consulting firm, of Camp Dresser & McKee. They reside in Durham, N.C.

Girard Krutzler's original conception, "Which Hand" was played by the Cleveland Krutzler Symphony at Cleveland State University.

Melissa Margis married Brian Kohn. She is currently a flight representative for British Airways/United Express Market Center Corp., Philadelphia, Pa. They reside in Williamsport, Pa.

1991 Pamela (Jones) Angelozzi and husband Gino '95 reside in Bethlehem, Pa. Pamela is a registered nurse on the nephrology floor of St. Luke's Hospital and Gino is a network engineer for Westmanamer Systems Corporation.

1991 Joseph W. Arcadiello, D.D.S., joined Dr. Peter T. Davis in a dental practice in Bethlehem, Pa. He earned his doctorate from Temple University School of Dentistry and completed post graduate training in the dental residency program at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

1991 Scott Calozaro married Rebecca Golden '95. Rebecca is a physical therapist at the Medical Center at Princeton, Jamesburg, N.J. Scott is a police officer in Lawrence Township. They reside in Voorhees, N.J.

1991 Edward G. Dudick, Jr., Sr., was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding service as acting howitzer section chief during annual training. He is a process technician with Carleton Midwest Aluminum, Mountaintop, Pa.

1991 Brian J. Kobles graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, Philadelphia, with a doctoral degree in podiatric medicine. He resides in Taylor, Pa.

1991 Stephen Francis Lynch received a medical degree from Allegheny University of Health Sciences/MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia.

1991 Dean B. Mulhern graduated from Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at Maxwell Air Force Base, Maxwell, Ala., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard.

1991 Judi Lynn Powell received a medical degree from Allegheny University of Health Sciences/MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia.

1991 Joseph Skizicki received three awards at the Twenty-Ninth Commencement of the Penn State Harrisburg University College of Medicine, The Wilkes St. Joseph's Medical Center. He was awarded the Howard E. Morgan Award for outstanding achievement in basic research, the Langue Medical Association Award for excellence in academic work, and the Annual Student Research Symposium Award.

1995 Michael E. Evans was promoted by First Pennsylvania Services Inc., Monaca, Pa., a subsidiary of the First Financial Group, to assistant vice president and manager, standby letters of credit in First's Trade Services Department. He resides in Avoca, Pa., with his family.

1995 Charles B. Maglich, Jr., M.D., is a nurse anesthetist at Greater Bethlehem Medical Center, Bethlehem, Pa.

1995 William M. Murphy is attending Governor Bankers Association Graduate School of Retail Bank Management at the University of Virginia. He is also assistant vice president of Marine Military Bank, Hazleton, Pa., where he also resides.

1995 Sandra Riggers was promoted to behavior specialist at Allied Services' (IGABR) program. She resides in Dickson City, Pa., with her new daughter.

1995 Bryan W. Shadle was promoted to quality control manager of World Electronics' new facility in Reading, Pa. He resides in Fleetwood, Pa.

1995 Kathleen M. Schwenker joined the Corporate Communications staff of Josic Transportation, Inc. as a public relations supervisor. She resides in Secane, Pa.

1995 Tim Tenasco accepted a full-time social studies teaching position at Lehigh Valley High School, N.H. He resides in Lehigh Valley, N.H.

1995 Tommy Yeager, II, completed an eight month course on F-15E (Strike Eagle) training at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., in the 33rd Fighter Squadron, "The Redbirds." He is stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and the 90th Fighter Squadron, "The Thunder."

1997 Ann Marie Blasek completed a master's in mechanical engineering degree at the Georgia Institute of Technology and is a mechanical engineer with United Technologies, Rockford, Ill.

1997 Chris Jennifer Carling has begun first-year studies at The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

1997 Cynthia Charneval was awarded a doctorate of science degree from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, Philadelphia. She resides in Elkins Park, Pa.

1997 Glenda Joy Rice began work at the Arany Language School in Pundarik, Seattle, Korea. She works as a conversational English instructor and teaches students from pre-kindergarten through adult.

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1997 George K. Halama is director of patient accounts for Biographical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, Pa., where he also resides, with his wife and three children. George is also a member of Healthcare Financial Management Association and serves as a referee and coach in the American Youth Soccer Organization.

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In Memoriam Graduates

1937 Joseph G. Donnelly

1941 Dr. Henry (Harry) G. Gallagher graduated from the University of Scranton and Thomas Jefferson University Medical College and started a private practice from which he retired in 1960. He served a term as president of Mercy Hospital's Dallas, Pa. Home served a term as president of Mercy Hospital's Dallas, Pa. Home served a term as president of Mercy Hospital's Dallas, Pa. Home served a term as president of Mercy Hospital's Dallas, Pa.

1942 Louise (Wilkes) Van Biber was employed as a junior engineer for Curtis-Wright Corp., N.J., doing stress analysis on airplane propellers. She also worked for Haverly Systems, Inc., and retired after 20 years as the company's vice president of system support. After retirement, she moved to Arizona and was employed by SynTellect, Inc., Phoenix, as a software system tester.

1942 Morton Schlotzky was a lieutenant, participating as a bombardier in the U.S. Air Force in the European Theater during World War II. Morton was the owner of General Supply and Paper Co. and War II. Morton was the owner of General Supply and Paper Co. and War II. Morton was the owner of General Supply and Paper Co. and War II.

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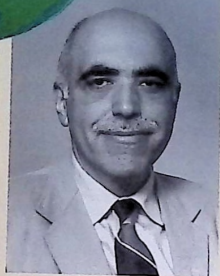
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## GOT MILK?

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*In a perfect world, the lizards would snare the Budweiser frogs, Charlie the tuna would finally get grilled, and the Energizer bunny would run out of steam.*

In these days of sensitivity, compassion, and enlightenment, it is no longer acceptable to voice one's disdain for any other person or persons. There are, of course, obvious exceptions to this rule: foreign dictators, Howard Stern, armed felons, and the Boston Red Sox.

There is, however, one category of creatures for whom I can, without risk of retribution to my person or property, exclaim my abhorrence. These are the trade characters.

You are probably familiar with the entities to which I refer. Created in the minds of marketers, these hideous beings regularly appear on television, in magazines and newspapers, and on billboards. Their presence is meant solely to induce us to spend excess dollars on the products and services which they represent. Often, however, their existence accomplishes the exact opposite result.

I detest all of these. I must admit that the Pillsbury Doughboy, for example, with his cutesy persona, makes me wish I was alone with him in a room, armed with a rolling pin. Ditto for Snuggles, the

bear whose grating laugh can be compared to an ill placed fingernail on a chalkboard.

The cigarette companies have their share of these ogres. Thank goodness the Marlboro Man has finally been laid to rest. And what kind of a name for a camel is "Joe"? Surely the nations on this planet in which camels are indigenous contain very few individuals with this particular moniker.

I would thoroughly enjoy a moment with Ronald McDonald. I would forcibly remove his strangely colored wig and false nose, exposing him to the entire world as the clown he really is. As far as Mickey Mouse is concerned, well, let's just say he would be served up as a tasty dish for my hungry cats.

In a perfect world, the lizards would snare the Budweiser frogs, Charlie the tuna would finally get grilled, and the Energizer bunny would run out of steam. I must also state that pink is a positively *gauche* color for a panther. Are you listening, Owens Corning?

Whatever happened to the lovely

and gentle older woman who represented Aunt Jemima? In their shameless nod toward political correctness, the makers of the mix and syrup replaced her image with one that looks positively ageless and raceless. I confess that it's enough to make me regurgitate my pancakes.

Finally, why am I putting Tony the Tiger in my Exxon gas tank? The resemblance of the two felines actually has pitted two corporate giants in a protracted court battle. I guess we'll all be paying more for cereal and gasoline so that these companies may have a taxpayer-financed court resolve this issue of vital national importance.

It is my sincere hope that I have not offended anyone by any statements made in this column. It is my humble attempt at being, er, goofy!

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