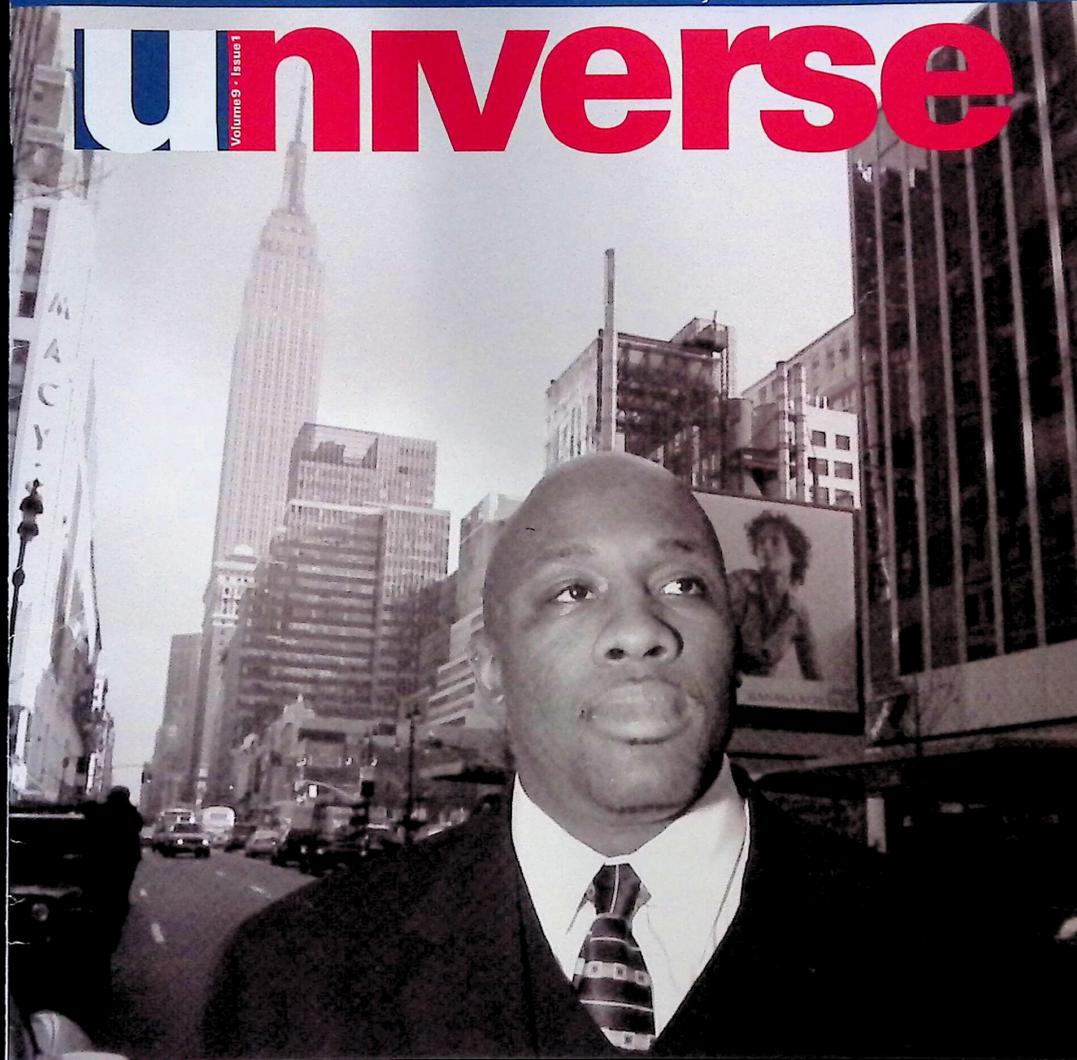


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## President's Cocktail Party

Dr. Gilmour's Home  
30 West River Street  
By invitation for: Class of 1952, Class of 1977, McClintock Hall Reunion Attendees, BUJC Air Cadets, Professors Emeriti.  
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## BUJC Air Cadets 6th CTD Reunion

At Trustee Emeritus Arnold Rifkin's Home  
200 Riverside Drive  
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By invitation.  
6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:30 p.m. Dinner  
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**Reunion Memorial Service led by George Ralston**  
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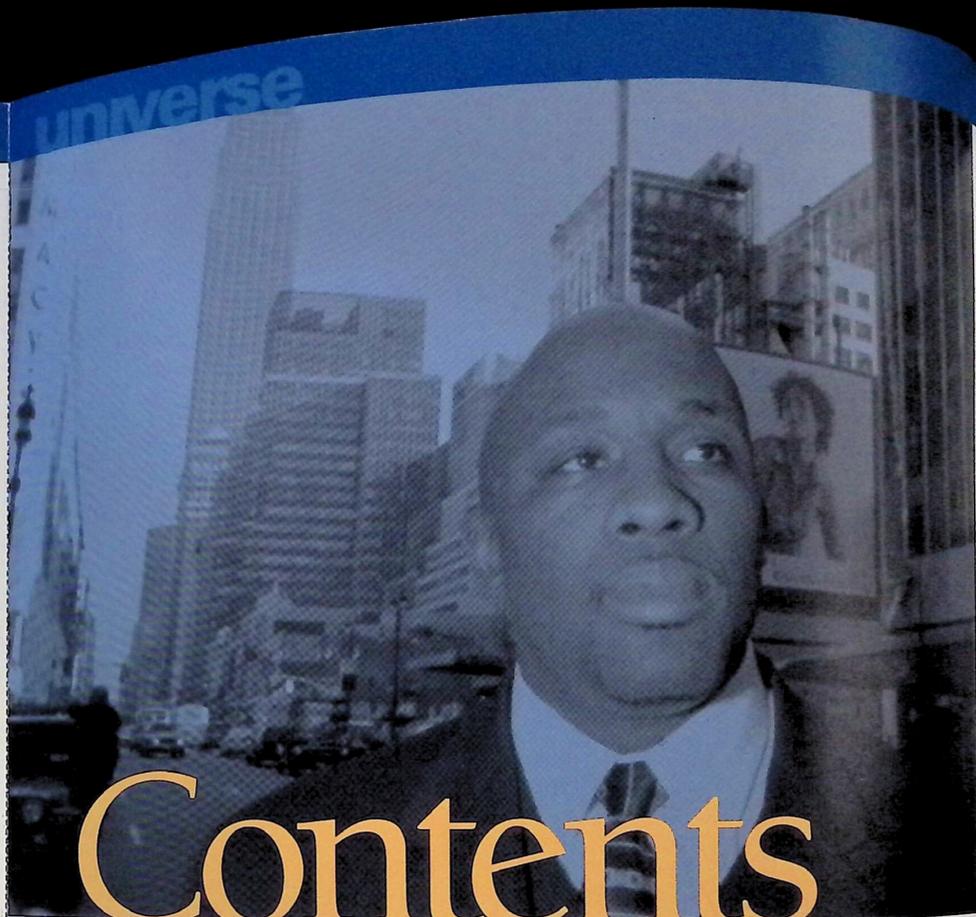
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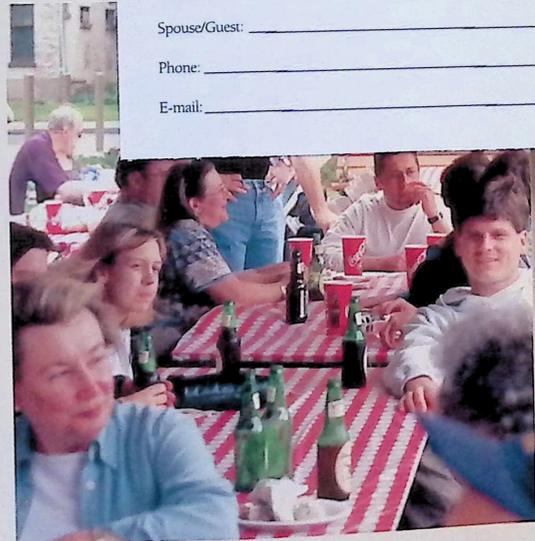
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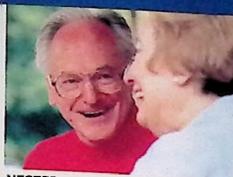
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### ARMY

Major General John D. Thomas, Jr., '68 recently handed over the reigns of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca (Arizona) to Brig. General James A. Marks. Thomas is currently in the Washington, D.C. area finalizing plans for his retirement.

Highly decorated, Thomas' awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

A native of Plymouth, Pa., Thomas enlisted in the United States Army in 1968



THOMAS



KANE

and was commissioned following his graduation as a Distinguished Graduate from the Field Artillery Officer's Candidate School. Initial assignments included command and staff positions in the 7th and 2nd Infantry Divisions; an AIT Company at Fort Bliss, Texas; and a Field Station in Augsburg, Germany.

### MARINE CORPS

Joel P. Kane '80 was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Marine Corps and is a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. He is also completing the Senior Acquisition Course and a master's degree in National Resource Strategy. He will report to the 2nd Marine Division, in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, after graduation.

Kane enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in June 1975. After completing basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., he was assigned as a Cadet Candidate at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. He then attended Wilkes and enrolled in the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class Aviation Program. Kane was designated as a Naval Aviator in February 1982. He was promoted to Captain in 1985 and earned an MBA in Telecommunications from National University, San Diego, California.

For his service during the Persian Gulf War, he was awarded a Single

Mission Air Medal, Strike Flight Air Medal with Numeral "2" and the Navy Commendation Medal. His personal awards also include the Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, a second Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

### AIR FORCE

At the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Harper is Chief of the CINC Airlift Support Branch, in the Special Air Missions Division of the office of the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. His office supports the executive travel requirements of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, the Cabinet, Congress, and other high-ranking dignitaries of the United States and foreign governments.



HARPER

Harper entered the Air Force in 1981 through the ROTC program at Wilkes. After commissioning, he attended Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather Air Force Base. In 1982, he was assigned to the 305 ARW, Grissom Air Force Base, flying KC-135 aircraft. Harper was selected by the White House Military Office to be an Air Force One Presidential Advance Agent, traveling worldwide in support of the President and the aircrew of Air Force One.

Lieutenant Colonel Harper is a Master Navigator with more than 2,300 flying hours. He's earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. !!!

## TEAGLE RECEPTIONS

Empower alumni to be a positive force for the good of Wilkes.

**I**N FEBRUARY, THE ALUMNI RELATIONS AND ADMISSIONS OFFICES KICKED OFF A NEW VENTURE THAT EMPOWERS WILKES UNIVERSITY'S ALUMNI TO CONVERT PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS INTO CURRENT WILKES STUDENTS. Teagle Receptions, made possible through a grant from The Teagle Foundation, Inc., New York, are two-hour open forums in which alumni share their personal experiences from Wilkes with high school students.

### WHERE ARE TEAGLE RECEPTIONS HELD?

Teagle Receptions can be held anywhere. Previous receptions were held in Binghamton, N.Y.; Central and Northern New Jersey; Connecticut; Maryland and Delaware; the Greater Philadelphia Area; and the following counties: Lackawanna, Lancaster/York, Lehigh/Northampton,

Monroe, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Wayne/Susquehanna.

### HOW CAN I BECOME A HOST?

Contact Erica Trowbridge '00, G.O.L.D. coordinator, at 1-800-WILKES-U, extension 4136, or Dara Coslett, alumni coordinator for Admissions, at extension 4466. They'll walk you through it. !!!



GREATER PHILADELPHIA EVENT HOSTED BY TED TRAVIS-BAY '65.

## SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE

The Mother of Wilkes' Women's Athletics will be honored April 27th.

**D**ORIS "DORIE" SARACINO, THE MOTHER OF THE WOMEN'S ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT WILKES AND PROFESSOR EMERITA WILL BE HONORED FOR HER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27.

At a time when women's sports scores were generally reported on the society pages, Saracino laid the foundation for women's athletics at Wilkes. In 1960, she was the first full-time coach of the women's basketball team and guided it for its first 10 years of existence. In 1962, she turned her attention to starting a field hockey program, which she coached for its first eight years. The next year, she organized the letterwomen's club.

In 1975, Saracino started the volleyball team. She guided the fortunes of the Lady Colonels team, reaching the MAC playoffs in 1982 with a record of 16-6.

Saracino is also credited with organizing the first women's softball and women's tennis teams.

In recognition of her perseverance and dedication to the advancement of women's athletics, Saracino was chosen to serve on the NCAA Games Committee from 1981-1986. In that first year, Wilkes sent her to the NCAA Convention in Florida to vote to officially bring women's athletics into Division III.

Saracino explains that at the time, members of the NCAA organization, consisting of mostly men, announced that "it would be a cold day in hell" when women's athletics would make it into the NCAA. Ironically, she recalls, it was unbelievably cold in Florida that day in January.

At the NCAA Convention the following year, women's Division I and Division II athletics were to be voted in. Again, the same message was declared. Not only was it uncharacteristically cold that day,



Mark your calendar for the Annual Alumni Beach Bash

The Annual Alumni Beach Bash is July 20 at Bar Anticipation in Belmar, N.J.!!! Call the Alumni Office for information on hotel reservations, directions, and scheduled events. You can also check out Bar A on the web <http://www.wbar-a.com>

an ice storm caused the whole town of Houston, Texas, to shut down. Saracino still keeps two pins she received at the convention close to her heart. They read, "NCAA is for Women," and "NCAA - Make Love Not War."

Saracino earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree from East Stroudsburg State College. She retired from coaching in 1990 and was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995. She and husband Michael have three children: Michael '85, Maria '88, and Edward "Buddy" '98 M01, three grandchildren, and another grandchild due in August.

The Annual Alumni Scholarship Dinner Dance will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. in the Henry Student Center ballroom. Tickets are \$75 each. Proceeds from the event benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Call the Alumni Office to make your reservation. !!!

## MEET STACY M. SMULOWITZ '93 DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



**W**ILKES UNIVERSITY RECENTLY WELCOMED STACY M. (HECK) SMULOWITZ AS ITS NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Smulowitz graduated from Wilkes with a B.A. in interpersonal and organizational communications and a minor in marketing. She earned an M.S. in Corporate Communications from Ithaca College, N.Y., in 1995.

Smulowitz comes to Wilkes from InterMetro Industries, an international manufacturer of storage options located in Wilkes-Barre. As a Segment/Product Manager, she developed marketing plans for foodservice industry segments, marketing materials for new products, and literature, job aids, programs, and research to assist the sales team.

From 1997–2000, Smulowitz worked as a Communications Specialist for A. Rifkin Co., Wilkes-Barre, a manufacturer and international distributor of fabric bags and related products. She spearheaded the marketing activities of the company, as well as managed the website, quality team, advertising, sales training manual, and public relations activities. She also produced a bi-annual newsletter mailed to more than 20,000 customers across the country.

Smulowitz is currently President of the local chapter of the International

Association of Business Communicators (I.A.B.C.). She joined the Association as a student member while attending Wilkes and has held the positions of Media Relations Coordinator and VP of Professional Development. Smulowitz has taught Communication Research Methods at Wilkes and is an avid fan of equestrian sports, football, and gardening. She resides in Luzerne County with her husband John '92. ❏

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## A MOVING EXPERIENCE

What happens when a new VP moves in...literally.

By Dawn Atwater-Haight

**I**MUST ADMIT WHEN MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED INTO 253 SOUTH RIVER STREET ON A WONDERFULLY CRISP DAY THIS FALL I HAD MY CONCERNS. As the new kid on the block at Wilkes, my mind was reeling with all I wanted to do and accomplish. So, although I gave it some thought, I figured living next to a dormitory of Wilkes students might be interesting. But I wasn't really worried. I remembered my own college experience as an 18-year-old in Peabody Hall at Wheelock College in Boston, when I regularly used the window right over the front door to communicate with friends, the pizza man, and dates alike.

The first few days in Wilkes-Barre went by without incident. Not a single

beer can had been thrown casually on my lawn. Nor were there loud noises of youthful camaraderie in the middle of the night and there were no wild Saturday night parties. Just talkative, nice students going to and fro.

The second or third night after I moved in, I awoke with a start and remembered—or should I say couldn't remember—whether I had locked my new car. Coming from a rural berg in upstate New York where there were more cows than people, we rarely locked the house, never mind the car.

Without bothering to redress, I grabbed my raincoat and threw it over my less than dignified cow print pajamas. Down the steps and outdoors I hustled

with my new set of push-button keys. I don't honestly remember the sequence of the next actions, but all of a sudden I heard this ear piercing horn syncopating to the full harvest moon.

I must have stood there for at least 10 minutes hitting every button 20 times trying to stop that sound. By then I noticed there were several lights on in the dorm. Finally I hit the right combination and literally ran into our house.

Such is the way the neighborhood goes downhill when the new Vice President of Advancement moves in.

I am pleased to report I have now lived on River Street for some time and I still really love living next to the students. Hope they feel the same about me. ❏

## NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM HAS THE EXPERIENCE TO ADVANCE WILKES

**O**NE OF THE FIRST INITIATIVES FOR PRESIDENT GILMOUR HAS BEEN TO PUT IN PLACE A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM TO ADVANCE WILKES FINANCIALLY.



BYERS

**Scott A. Byers Vice President of Finance and Support Operations**

In light of the recent retirement of Paul O'Hop—Wilkes' Vice President for Business Affairs and Auxiliary Enterprises for 15 years—Scott Byers joined Wilkes in February.

Byers provides leadership for the University's Finance and Operations staff and activities in the facilities management, financial management, contracting and purchasing, campus security and safety, and other institutional support service areas.

"I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that are presented here at Wilkes," says Byers. "It is my intent to enhance the support service units of the University, while increasing the asset base of the institution."

Byers joins Wilkes after serving as Assistant Treasurer for American University in Washington, D.C. for the past five years. He previously served as American's Director of Facilities Administration and Finance from 1989 to 1997.

A graduate of Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh and the Kogod School of Business at American University, Byers received his Juris Doctorate from American University's Washington College of Law.

**Dawn Atwater-Haight Vice President for University Advancement**

Dawn Atwater-Haight, former Acting Director of the SUNY Morrisville College (New York) Foundation and Director of its Alumni Association, joined Wilkes in October. She is now the University's chief fundraiser, providing leadership for the Development, Alumni Relations, and Marketing Communications areas. Her immediate task is to direct the conclusion of the University's \$30 million *Endow the Future* Capital Campaign.

"I believe in empowering everyone to be their professional and personal best," says Atwater. "Together, we will work to ensure that Wilkes University continues to grow and meet its financial potential."

At SUNY Morrisville she designed the Planned Giving Campaign, coordinated new Foundation board member training and education sessions, and completed the second largest single-gift solicitation in the history of the Morrisville Foundation.

Atwater received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Media Communication from the University of Illinois, Chicago, a certificate in International Management from Oxford University, England, and an MBA degree from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.



ATWATER

If you would like to make a gift to Wilkes, contact Atwater at 1-800-WILKES-U, extension 4300 or Jolley at extension 4305.

**Susan Dantona Jolley Director of Development**

Susan Dantona Jolley is responsible for the development of major gifts, capital campaigns, the planned giving program, and coordination of all University fundraising initiatives. She joins Wilkes after serving as Director of Annual Giving at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., for nearly 10 years.

Jolley is a member of several professional organizations, including the Greater Pocono Northeast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, where she served as past president from 1997–1999 and as a board member from 1993–2000. Jolley is also a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive and received recertification from the National Society of Fundraising Executives in 2000.



JOLLEY

Jolley is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School and Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She received her Master of Arts degree in Communications Studies from Bloomsburg University. ❏

## VPA RENAISSANCE GETS RAVE REVIEWS

By Elizabeth Skrapits



A DRESS REHEARSAL PRIOR TO OPENING NIGHT OF THE MUSICAL COMEDY *WONDERFUL TOWN* GIVES STUDENTS ONE LAST CHANCE TO FINE-TUNE THEIR PERFORMANCES. THE THEATRE ARTS MAJOR PROGRAM IS A STRONG PRE-PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM THAT PREPARES STUDENTS IN THE AREAS OF ACTING, DIRECTING, SCENIC DESIGN, LIGHTING, PRODUCTION, THEATRE HISTORY, PLAY ANALYSIS, AND DRAMATIC LITERATURE.

**A**S THE DARK AGES LED TO THE RENAISSANCE IN WORLD HISTORY, A DARK PERIOD LED TO THE REBIRTH OF THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT AT WILKES UNIVERSITY.

Two years ago the University made a new commitment to the arts by hiring chairperson Terry Zipay, Ph.D., to rebuild and develop the flagging Department. Zipay, who has taught music for 17 years and is an avid appreciator of all the arts, waxes highly enthusiastic when he discusses the improvements being made to the Department and where its future lies.

"We use the word 'renaissance' historically as a 'rebirth,' and I think it's a very good image for where we're at right now," Zipay says. "We are coming back strong, and part of this renaissance is a heightened awareness of the arts within the University and an awareness of what the arts can bring to the prestige and visibility of Wilkes as a whole."

"Our most recent major is Musical Theatre, which trains students to be a 'triple threat': a dancer, singer and actor.

It's very significantly demanding as a disciplinary major, and it's also the fastest-growing," adds Zipay.

Matt Smallcomb, a junior Music Education major, finds he increasingly enjoys his course of study, which involves theory, education, application, and practice with a private instructor. "It's definitely well-rounded," he says. "My instructors are very demanding and there's a lot of work involved, but that's a good thing. They keep you busy. You never stop learning. You're always incorporating something."

**STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY BAND REHEARSE IN GIES HALL, LED BY DR. TERRY ZIPAY. THE MUSIC PERFORMANCE MAJOR IS DEVOTED TO THE STUDENTS' POTENTIAL AS PERFORMING MUSICIANS WITH THE ABILITY TO REHEARSE, PERFORM, CRITICIZE, DISCUSS, AND ANALYZE MUSIC.**



Zipay says one of the reasons the Department is making such a major comeback is because of the caliber of the instructors, all of whom have strong professional and academic backgrounds. "It's an extraordinary faculty," he says. "And they combine that sense of excellence with realistic goal-setting for individual students."

"I'm having a ball," says Zipay. "I have a very clear sense of where I want us to be. We're headed in the right direction and I see some very exciting things ahead." ❗

## THE WORD'S OUT ON THE WILKES NURSING DEPARTMENT

By Elizabeth Skrapits

**T**HE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING AND THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION FOR GERIATRIC NURSING RECENTLY GAVE WILKES UNIVERSITY'S NURSING DEPARTMENT A THIRD PLACE AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL BACCALAUREATE CURRICULUM IN GERONTOLOGIC NURSING.

"I think for a long time we have known, and our accreditors have told us, that we have a good program," says Nursing Department Chairperson and 17-year teaching veteran Mary Ann T. Merrigan, Ph.D., R.N. "But I think when we got this award for the excellence of our geriatric curriculum, it was an extra pat on the back for the University, students, and faculty."

The Nursing Program at Wilkes was among the first in Pennsylvania to be fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, in the spring of 1999.

"One of the things that makes our program really strong is how the faculty work with the students," explains Merrigan. "Certainly it's different in this kind of practice/discipline, where you're not only with them in the classroom and the clinical. We're with them all the time. We get to know them on a professional level and on a personal level, and they get to know us."



**NURSING ALUMNI ROBERTA PRICE '78, M'99, RN, MSN, OCN, AND DAVE JONES '98, RN, DISCUSS A PATIENT ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO TRANSPORT.**

### THE STUDENTS SPEAK

"It's a small program, so you have more one-on-one time with your professors," says Alison McNulty, a sophomore from Effort, Pa.

"It's got a good reputation and it lives up to its reputation," says Tracy Mikula, a senior from Mountaintop, Pa. Mikula particularly likes the program's diversity, which allows students to get a taste of all different aspects of nursing. "What you learn Monday, you're putting into practice on Tuesday," she says.

### GRADUATES ARE EXCEPTIONALLY PREPARED

David Jones '99 of Plains, Pa., a Flight Nurse for the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia, primarily works with critically ill patients in emergency situations. He says Wilkes provided him with a strong background in nursing, plus he especially appreciated the discipline factor. As a Wilkes graduate, Jones is comfortable working on the same level as nurses from a variety of other institutions.

Roberta Price '78 M'99, of Kingston, Pa., is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, whose primary patient population is in oncology. "Where I felt I had the edge was the way Wilkes stresses development," she says. "Not just the fundamentals of nursing, but understanding the rationale and using critical thinking to plan for a patient's care." Price returned to Wilkes for her M.S. in the gerontology program in 1999.

"I chose Wilkes as a graduate program because it provided the flexibility of its curriculum and the support and respect from the faculty for individuals who were adult learners and professionals," she says.

### ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL NURSING SHORTAGE

"This nursing shortage is not something that's going to be cured overnight," explains Merrigan. "We need to recruit more people into nursing programs, and healthcare



**NURSING STUDENTS ERIN SEROCK '04, RECEIVING A MOCK INJECTION FROM PATRICIA SCHOLING '03, AND KIMBERLY HARRIS '03, HAVING HER INTRAVENOUS THERAPY MONITORED BY TRACY A. MIKULA '02, UTILIZE THE DEMO LABS IN THE NURSING LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF PEARSALL HALL.**

needs to be more responsive to these individuals as far as the way they're treated."

In order to interest young people in the profession, Wilkes holds free nursing camp programs for junior and senior high school students to show them what life is like as a nurse. There is also a program that allows high school students to "shadow" the Wilkes nursing students in their daily rounds.

"I personally love the profession I'm in, and I always feel that I want the students to love it as much as I do," concludes Merrigan. ❗

### Undergraduate Degree Programs (Bachelor of Science)

Traditional B.S. with a major in Nursing  
Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) to B.S.  
Registered Nurse (R.N.) to B.S.  
Registered Nurse (R.N.) to M.S.

### Graduate Degree Programs (Master of Science)

Registered Nurse  
Clinical Specialist with emphasis in Gerontology or Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

## WHAT YOUR GENEROSITY MEANS TO WILKES

Whether you designate your \$25 gift to an annual scholarship, or you have naming a building in mind, every gift to Wilkes helps to ensure the University's future.

By Susan Dantona Jolley, CFRE



THE GENEROSITY OF MR. AND MRS. FRANK HENRY CONTINUES WITH THE RECENT DEDICATION OF THE FRANK M. AND DOROTHEA HENRY STUDENT CENTER. LEFT TO RIGHT: FRANK HENRY, JR., SON, MRS. DOROTHEA HENRY, MR. FRANK HENRY, MARJORIE (HENRY) MARQUART, DAUGHTER, AND SCOTT HENRY, SON

**W**HETHER WILKES UNIVERSITY IS YOUR ALMA MATER, THE PLACE WHERE YOU WORK, YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, OR A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION THAT YOU RESPECT, CHOOSING TO MAKE A GIFT TO WILKES DEMONSTRATES YOUR FAITH IN THE UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE. There are many ways to support Wilkes through charitable giving.

### WILKES RELIES MORE ON UNRESTRICTED GIFTS THAN ANY OTHER TYPE OF SUPPORT

Unrestricted gifts allow for student financial aid, program development, student life enhancement, supplies, salaries, and more. The Wilkes Fund is the vehicle for these gifts, which can be in the form of cash, stock, or gifts-in-kind. Key to the success of The Wilkes Fund is giving societies:

- The John Wilkes Club (*donors who give \$1,000 or more annually*)
- The Eugene Farley Club (*donors who give \$100 to \$999 annually*)
- The Blue & Gold Club (*donors who give \$1 to \$99 annually*)

### PLANNED GIFTS ARE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SUSTAIN WILKES FOR THE LONG RUN

Planned giving vehicles allow donors to contribute cash or appreciated assets to benefit Wilkes, while earning income during their lifetime. Planned gifts can be in the form of bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, gifts of property with retained life estate, life insurance policies, and retirement plan accounts.

They are generous as well as smart ways to designate how your lifetime of

wealth and property will one day be distributed. They protect the inheritance of your loved ones and can save you income, estate, or gift taxes.

### A PERMANENT GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT PERPETUATES THE EXCELLENCE OF WILKES AND ENABLES FUTURE STUDENTS TO BENEFIT

Endowed scholarships, as well as other endowment opportunities, give philanthropists a chance to honor someone and help Wilkes students in many different ways. An endowed scholarship, for example, can offer immediate financial assistance to current students and also provide a giving option for future donors.

- A minimum gift of \$25,000 establishes an endowed scholarship
- A \$2,500 minimum gift establishes an annual scholarship.

### COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS STAND AS PERMANENT SYMBOLS OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO WILKES

Your family name, the name of a special person, even the name of a community business can be inscribed through the ages. Your commemorative gift will be a constant reminder of your generosity and your trust in our goals to offer quality, affordable education to students in our region and beyond.

### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

1-800-WILKES-U (945-5378)

If you want to make cash contributions, contact Carol Maculloch, extension 4302. For planned giving opportunities information, contact Susan Dantona Jolley, extension 4305. For endowed opportunities and commemorative gift opportunities, contact Dawn Atwater, extension 4300 or email [giving@wilkes.edu](mailto:giving@wilkes.edu) for more information. 111

## WILKES UNIVERSITY FACULTY CELEBRATED FOR THEIR WORK OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Wilkes faculty members were recognized by their national and international peers during the 2001–2002 academic year.

**Dr. Vijay Arora**, *Electrical and Computer Engineering*, represented the Electron Devices Society (EDS) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (IEEE) in its Distinguished Lecture Program to visit its chapters in India and Russia.

Arora visited IIT-Bombay (now Mumbai) and gave a technical talk on Quantum Engineering of Nanoelectronics. In addition, he gave a one-day course titled, *Innovate or Evaporate: Reviving the Entrepreneurial Spirit Among the India's Elites*.

**Dr. Robert Bohlander**, *Education and Psychology*, had a paper for presentation accepted titled, *Differentiation of Self, Psychological Adjustment, and Socially Desirable Response Set in a College Population*, at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Boston, Mass.

**Dr. Harold E. Cox**, *Graduate Studies*, and **Dr. Dennis P. Hupchick**, *History*, published two historical atlases through the trade division of Palgrave Press, New York: *The Palgrave Concise Historical Atlas of the Balkans* and *The Palgrave Concise Historical Atlas of Eastern Europe*.

**Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall**, *Communications Studies*, presented a paper at the 2001 convention of the National Communication Association in Atlanta: *Paul Boase: His Research on William Jennings Bryan and the Chautauqua Archival Project*.

**Dr. Ellen Flint**, *Visual and Performing Arts*, along with soprano **Lynda Krehbiel-McLain**, performed at the University of South Carolina Hilton Head Campus and at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Campus.

**Dr. Dennis P. Hupchick**, *History*, published the book, *The Balkans: From Constantinople to Communism*, through the trade division of Palgrave Press, New York.

**Dr. Douglas Lynch**, *Education*, has been selected to be a Delegate representing Pennsylvania Social Studies educators at the National Council for Social Studies Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. He also presented a paper, *Discussing Controversial Issues: Remembering the Harvard Public Issues Model*, at the Middle States Regional Social Studies Conference.

**Dr. James Maxwell**, *Business Division*, presented a paper, *Recommendations for Connecting West African Youth to Entrepreneurship and Small Business through a Multiple Level Strategy*, at the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship's 2002 National Conference in Reno, Nevada. Maxwell received a 2002 Coleman Scholarship from the Coleman Foundation as a 2nd-year scholar to attend the USASBE 2002 National Conference.

He had two papers accepted for presentation and publication at the Operations Management and Entrepreneurship Association's 2002 National Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. Sam Merrill**, *Math and Computer Science*, recently co-authored the paper *Computing Nash Equilibria in Probabilistic, Multiparty Spatial Models with Non-policy Components* that appeared in *Political Analysis*. He also co-wrote *Assimilation and Contrast Effects in Voter Projections of Party Locations: Evidence from Norway, France, and the U.S.*, that appeared in the *European Journal of Political Research*.

**Dr. Jim Merryman**, *Sociology*, was the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

**Dr. Marianne Rexer**, *Business Division*, was one of six individuals in America asked to write chapters for a book recently published by the American Institute of CPAs — *The Official CTP Review Manual*. Rexer was one of the first individuals in the U.S. to pass the Certified Information Technology Professional (CTIP) exam.

**Dr. Ed Schicatanò**, *Psychology*, recently published the paper *Lid Restraint Evokes Two Types of Motor Adaptation in The Journal of Neuroscience* (2002). He also presented a poster at two different conferences: *Caffeine Facilitates The Trigeminal Blink Reflex* at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association held this year in Boston, Mass., and *Manganese Exposure Increases Blink Reflex Excitability in Sprague-Dawley in Rats* presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology in Nashville, Tenn.

**Deborah Zbegner and Bridgett W. Zielinski**, *Nursing*, gave a *No Way Baby* presentation at the 17th Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference. 111

To catch up with your favorite professors, go to [www.wilkes.edu](http://www.wilkes.edu). They'd love to hear from you!



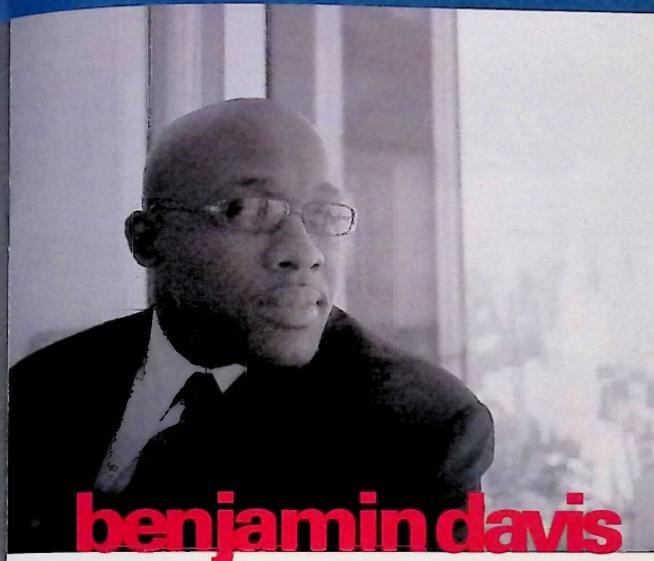
# Life must go on.

By Dawn Shurmaitis  
Photos by Gary Fabiano '89

At 8:48 a.m. on September 11, a seismic shift felt around the world changed forever the lives of four Wilkes University alumni living or working in New York City. Benjamin Davis '96, Michael Mariani '72, Jan Bronson-Bartlett '61 and Caleb McKenzie '70 survived intact the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, but their lives irrevocably changed.

Davis ran home from his midtown job to a shattered Tribeca neighborhood whose upscale and working-class inhabitants now included militia, police and Red Cross volunteers. Mariani returned to his adopted city after an arduous cross-country trek to confront a giant hole in the ground where his sky-high office once stood. Bronson walked back into her office determined to help her patients, knowing all the while she too was suffering the same feelings of sadness, loss and awful unreality. And McKenzie began the heart-felt task of memorializing 48 residents lost forever from his mile-square community of Hoboken, N.J.

Like different chapters in the same book, each graduate tells a distinct story of that terrible September day. But now, months later, each one sounds the same determined mantra: **Life must go on.**



## EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

**T**HE VIEW FROM BENJAMIN DAVIS' OFFICE AT ONE PENN PLAZA AFFORDS A COMMANDING VIEW OF NEW YORK, A VIEW THAT ONCE INCLUDED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. "When the first plane hit, believe it or not, we felt the vibration," says Davis. "I heard someone say 'Oh, my God, look—the World Trade Center is on fire.' I turned, and immediately had a bad feeling."

An institutional bond associate of First Albany Corp., Davis is a lifelong New Yorker. When the second plane hit, Davis had one thought: "home." When he hit the street after walking down 42 flights of stairs, Davis faced a giant tide of frightened, dust-covered office workers fleeing the terrorist attack. "Everyone was running uptown and I was the only one running toward the World Trade Center," he says.

He feared the most for his mother, a registered nurse who works just blocks from the towers, and for the home he shares with his parents in Tribeca. "I saw mayhem," he says. "People were crying on the street, and breaking down. I also saw a lot of unity—people who didn't know each other consoling each other."

The downtown air was thick with dust, choking every breath. Luckily, the

damage inside his apartment was minimal. Thankfully, his mother was already home and his father was also safe. Once united, the family stayed put, knowing the military now stationed on every street corner wouldn't let them return past the barricades. Because of its proximity to the fallen towers, Davis' neighborhood was now considered Ground Zero.

Spurred to help, Davis and his father volunteered with the Red Cross and Salvation Army, which set up temporary quarters on their block to offer food and supplies to emergency personnel and volunteers. "It was like a huge K-Mart," Davis says of the way-station. His mother worked at the hospital.

On Monday, Davis walked two miles north to work, passing familiar subway stations now shattered by the collapse. His lungs and nostrils burned, requiring him to wear a face mask outside and to keep purifiers from the Red Cross turned on to ward off the dust inside. Each night when he returned home, he faced a new reality: proving his identity to the police.

At work, it was anything but business as usual. Cantor-Fitzgerald, whose World Trade offices lost more employees than any other company, was one of First Albany's biggest clients. "There were a lot

"I heard someone say 'Oh, my God, look—the World Trade Center is on fire.' I turned, and immediately had a bad feeling."

of hard faces in here, not only because of Cantor-Fitzgerald, but because of the uncertainty of the immediate future," Davis says. "Everybody was affected."

For each business call, they spent the first five minutes discussing the attack. Employees did what work they could, all the while donating to a victims fund established by First Albany. At the same time, Davis' company helped its own, including Davis. "First Albany definitely proved their loyalty to me by standing by me through this crisis," he says. "They offered me counseling, people even offered me new sheets."

Today, most days are good days. "There was a time when nobody wanted to do anything with their money," Davis says of his company's business of buying, selling and trading bonds to institutions to help fund major projects. "Nobody had any confidence in the market because of the uncertainty of interest rates. But now, things are starting to return to normal, slowly but surely."

Despite the smell that still lingers in the air months after the attack, despite the closed businesses and the hole in the sky that confronts them every time they reach their corner, Davis and his parents are staying put. "It's my neighborhood," he says. "Yeah, I still look up every time I hear a plane. But I'm staying. Everyone has a role to play. If you consider yourself patriotic, you have to stick by your community. It's not totally in order, but it's almost there."



## EVERYONE GAVE 110 PERCENT

**M**ICHAEL MARIANI SAW HIS LIFE CHANGE ON CNN. In California on business, he turned on the TV September 11 to see... nothing. Instead of his office—on the 90th floor of World Trade Center Tower Two—there was nothing but a giant cloud of dust. “I saw the smoke billowing and saw Tower One with nothing next to it. I thought ‘Oh, God, we had staff in there.’ We lost 87. I was close to 40 of them.”

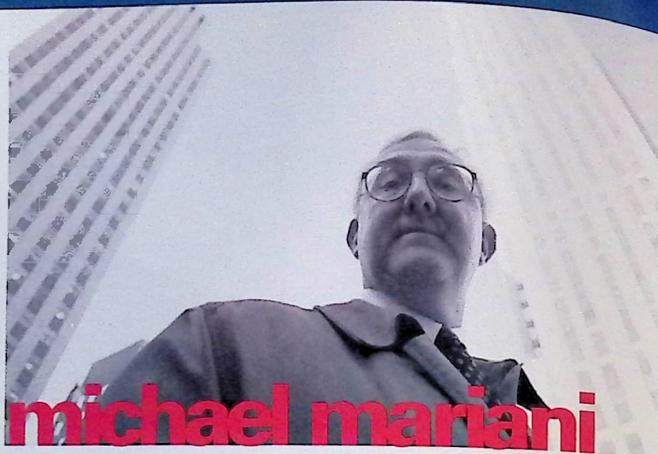
A senior vice president and trust counsel at Fiduciary Trust Company International in New York, Mariani has lived in New York since 1972, starting work at World Trade five years ago. Now, everything was gone, and Mariani—a self-confessed workaholic—was 3,000 miles away. His savior arrived in the form of a fellow Wilkes classmate, Charles Beckley ‘72, whose office helped Mariani navigate a near-impossible cross-country trip. He left Friday by plane, and later Amtrak, and arrived home 23 hours later. “My wife was frantic,” he says. “My children were concerned about me getting on a plane. I said ‘There’s nothing to worry about. That’s it. Good-bye.’”

“Why did I survive and the colleague who sat next to me did not?”

Reality didn’t sink in until he saw the billowing smoke. “I couldn’t actually feel the loss of 87 employees until I was back in New York,” he says. “I felt like I was in the Twilight Zone in California. That this was all one big dream.”

His office was obliterated and co-workers were dead. But Fiduciary Trust, says Mariani, “came through like gangbusters,” immediately relocating employees to an offset disaster site in Carlstadt, N.J. “Incredibly, ‘Business was as normal as possible, considering the circumstances, in 24 hours,’” Mariani says, attributing it to the huge effort made by surviving employees.

“Everyone gave 110 percent,” he says. “They knew it was their own future on the line and that everyone had to come through—and did come through—to keep our company up and running,” he says. “We got back to a state of normalcy. For



that to occur in such a short time is nothing short of miraculous.” Within days, files were re-created, new systems were put into place and clients were re-assigned. Mariani is even seeing to the return of a prized possession lost in the attack: an award from the Pope for his Catholic charity work.

Mariani attended one memorial after another, for colleagues he’d seen every day for five years. The woman who shared his newspaper. The guy from the elevator. The ones who heeded the call over the intercom to return to their desks, to return to work. The ones he’d never see again.

The guilt was inevitable. “We each had our own issues to deal with,” he says. “Why did I survive and the colleague who sat next to me did not?” Mariani shared those feelings with fellow Wilkes graduate Mike Calabrese ‘78, who also worked at World Trade and whose company lost more than 100 employees. Like Mariani, Calabrese wasn’t at work that day. For some survivors, that served as both a blessing and a curse.

In early November, Mariani’s company relocated to new headquarters on Fifth Avenue, two blocks from St. Patrick’s Cathedral, signing a long-term lease.

ROCKEFELLER CENTER



He couldn’t escape daily reminders, for St. Patrick’s is where an untold number of funerals and memorials took place, complete with hearses, horses and bagpipers. But like Fiduciary, Mariani is staying in New York. “It never even dawned on me to leave,” he says. “There’s a light at the end of the tunnel and that light is not in N.J.”

Still, Mariani’s business is the business of estate planning. He says more people have taken extra steps to make sure their estates are in order and that loved ones are provided for in the event of another tragedy. “It’s difficult enough coping with the death of a loved one without having to go through a second nightmare dealing with the disposition of assets with no estate plan in place,” he says.

In January, Mariani underwent a second crisis: open-heart surgery. Before he went to the hospital, he took his own professional advice, reviewing everything with his wife and contacting his attorneys and insurance agent. He also reviewed his living will and health care proxy in the event he was incapacitated.

Mariani insists little has changed in his own life. He trusts in his country, and his city, and has taken no precautions, bought no gas masks or Cipro tablets. “I won’t be intimidated by anybody,” he says. “I could have died the day before if I was hit by a beer truck, or when I had open-heart surgery, or when I flew to California. It didn’t change my outlook on life. Every day is still a gift and you could be snuffed out like a candle at any time. It’s God’s will.”

## WE LOOKED FOR WAYS TO COPE

**A**S A PSYCHOTHERAPIST, BRONSON HAS LONG BEEN IN THE BUSINESS OF HELPING PEOPLE DEAL WITH CRISIS. But after September 11, she found herself facing something wholly new: a crisis shared the world over. Her own first thoughts were the same as everyone else. “Where’s my daughter? Where’s my husband? Is he dead? There was that awful feeling of not knowing if he was O.K.,” says Bronson, whose husband worked near World Trade. “There was a moment of feeling what everyone felt: ‘Is someone we love in that cloud?’ It was a complete shared experience, which is very unusual for therapists,” Bronson says. “Every one of my clients asked me ‘Where were you? Did you lose anyone?’ It probably made us all closer.”

“Growing is living. Everyone grew from this experience. Everybody found something in this. It was a building block.”

Afterward, clients didn’t speak of trauma; they spoke of no longer feeling safe in the world. Three clients who lived near Ground Zero experienced complete disruption. Two saw the second plane hit, witnessed the buildings come down and were engulfed in the ensuing blackness. “For each, in their own different ways, it was their first near-death experience,” she says. “Everyone questioned his or her priorities. This was unprecedented.”

The sudden sound of a car door closing was enough to trigger heart palpita-

tions. If a subway stopped in the tunnel, panic set in. Everyone was engulfed in a state of high alert, a state that didn’t abate for weeks. “There was a fundamental loss of security,” Bronson says. “We all had to find a new grounding for feeling safe.”

Die-hard New Yorkers, long accustomed to living amongst the people of the world, also struggled with newfound prejudices. “These were people who considered themselves very global, very liberal, who found themselves frightened when they saw someone of Middle Eastern descent,” Bronson says. At the same time, non-citizens told Bronson they struggled with their own feelings of helplessness and fear. “They were terrified they’d be targets,” Bronson says. “They also said that if they couldn’t feel safe in New York, they couldn’t feel safe anywhere.”

Bronson also admitted to her own feelings of sadness, hopelessness and loss. Nearly everyone, she says, pinpointed the attacks as the primary experience of their lives. “Part of the trauma was how people had to die. They had to choose between burning to death or jumping,” she says. “Those people just went to work one day, people like me, and look what happened.”

Therapy, she says, allowed people to get out their feelings, whatever they may have been. “People could come here and cry or be really angry,” Bronson says. “Or,



just talk about loving their children.” Clients who lost friends experienced very definite stages of grieving: shock, anger, fear, sadness and, finally, action. One client volunteered to help children who lost parents. Another found comfort in cleaning up her child’s school.

To get past initial panic, clients forced themselves to assume familiar routines, ride the subway and even fly in airplanes. No one was immobilized. Alcoholics didn’t start drinking. Ex-smokers didn’t rush out and buy cigarettes. “People found ways of coping without feeling shame or falling into self-destructive behavior,” Bronson says.

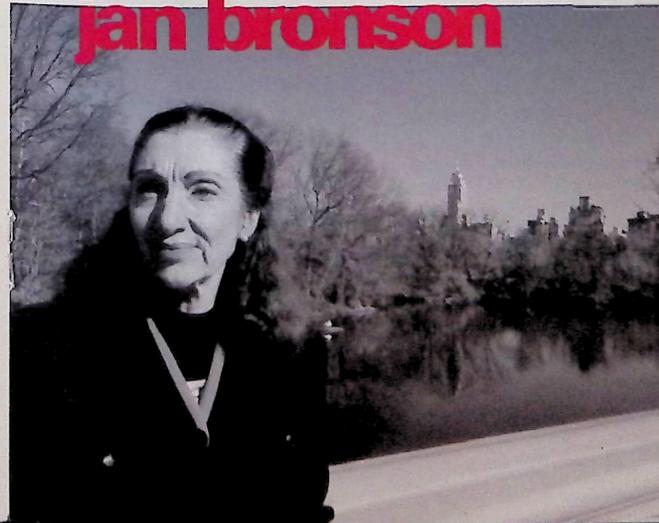
Some clients who worked in high-income jobs also began reassessing priorities. Some looked for spiritual guidance, read books on Middle Eastern politics. Others began doing things they’d always put off, like yoga or spending more time with family. “People began asking themselves ‘What’s important?’”

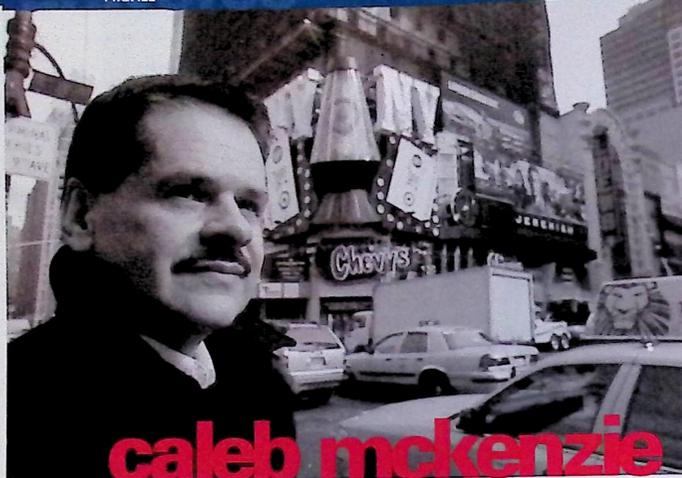
Some decided they’d had enough. On September 12, one client packed her kids in the car and drove to Massachusetts, never to return. Another client who was caught in the darkness and saw bloody body parts on streets she walked down every day is thinking of quitting her job and moving.

At one point, a shift happened. “The fear may still be there, but the panic is gone,” Bronson says. “Growing is living. Everyone grew from this experience. Everybody found something in this. It was a building block.”

## jan bronson

CENTRAL PARK





**caleb mckenzie**  
TIMES SQUARE

**THESE WERE NOT STRANGERS**

**O**N SEPTEMBER 11, MCKENZIE ARRIVED, AS USUAL, EARLY TO WORK AS SENIOR ASSOCIATE WITH T. KONDOS ASSOCIATES, WHICH PROVIDES ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING FOR BUILDING PROJECTS WORLDWIDE. By mid-afternoon, he was bound for Hoboken, N.J., on a ferry crowded with people fleeing New York. McKenzie says it wasn't until the ferry reached the middle of the river—where the smoke and fire were horribly close—that he knew with absolute certainty that life as he knew it had changed.

Living in Hoboken, so close to Manhattan, McKenzie is reminded every day of what happened. Of the scores killed on September 11, 48 lived in Hoboken, second only to New York in the number of residents killed. Everywhere he went—the dry cleaners, the PATH train station, the bus stop—McKenzie saw faces of the missing on posters littering the town. He attended 15 memorial services. "In a town like Hoboken, which is only one mile square, you know people," he says. "Some people I saw that morning. These were not strangers."

McKenzie says while people who lived outside the city were sympathetic, they were too far removed. "As much as we didn't understand what people in Oklahoma City were going through, peo-

ple outside New York didn't understand what we were going through," he says. "On TV it looks so small, compared to what really happened."

He returned to work that Thursday. "I was afraid if I didn't go back immediately, I'd be too scared," he says. But for the first few weeks, construction projects stalled and phones stopped ringing. So everyone at work chipped in, bringing much-needed supplies to a co-worker living in the Village and helping the Red Cross distribute goods like construction boots and socks to the volunteers digging through Ground Zero.

The week after September 11, McKenzie traveled to Florida. "Honestly, I was kind of glad to get on a plane, to get it out of the way," McKenzie says. But as a dark-haired man with a mustache, he also got a hard lesson in the new security. "It's not unusual for me to be stopped three times on my way to one flight," he says. "But I have no problem with it whatsoever."

In early February, he returned from a business trip to Beijing and Qingdao, a trip that brought home the far-reaching ripples of September 11 on all people of the world. "The first thing everyone asked me was

"Honestly, I was kind of glad to get on a plane, to get it out of the way. It's not unusual for me to be stopped three times on my way to one flight. But I have no problem with it whatsoever."

"Where were you that day?" in China, everyone has CNN and MSNBC. They were all watching it, live, in primetime."

The experience "definitely put things in perspective," McKenzie says. "I was more concerned about what happened to other people rather than what happened to me." He was also unnerved. "I kept thinking it would happen over and over again, that this was just the tip of the iceberg. We had no idea how many terrorists there were. Everybody was waiting for the other shoe to drop."

He still thinks about the what-ifs when he travels to work. "Where you are, who's around you, how many trucks are waiting to go into the Lincoln Tunnel," he says. Is he angry? Of course. "But I think you can feel anger about what happened and also feel sadness. The two are not mutually exclusive," he says.

McKenzie also found solace by joining a Hoboken memorial committee to determine what kind of tribute to erect to honor the dead. There may be a grove of trees. Or maybe a statue. The reverberations—some personal, some shared—continue. "I still cry," McKenzie says.

"If they hit a nuclear power plant, what are you going to do? There's no place to go and no place to hide. You just have to deal with it head-on. Taking time off wasn't an option for me. And I think most of New York felt the same way." ■■

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## GRYBOSKI '95 DEALT TO ATLANTA

Former Wilkes baseball star realizing some dreams can come true.

**W**HEN KEVIN GRYBOSKI GRADUATED FROM WILKES WITH A DEGREE IN EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, HE KNEW THAT HE WANTED TO PURSUE HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER. Well, sometimes dreams become reality.

Gryboski, a hard-throwing right-handed reliever, spent the last six seasons pitching in the Seattle Mariners farm system. The Plains, Pa., native worked his way up and has spent the last two seasons as a closer for the Mariners top farm club, the Tacoma Rainiers.

For his efforts, Gryboski was rewarded by the organization when it placed him on the major league 40-man roster, which meant he would have to be invited to

major league camp in the spring and be given a chance to earn a spot in the Mariners bullpen.

Because of his outstanding performance at the Triple-A level, the New York Yankees, Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves all showed an interest. The Braves opted to deal for Gryboski and acquired him in a trade in late January. He was immediately placed on the 40-man roster and he reported to spring training in Florida.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to be a part of the Braves organization," Gryboski says. "It has a great tradition and an excellent pitching staff. The opportunity to go to spring training with the major league team will allow me to try and earn a spot on its 25-man roster. I am looking forward to the challenge." ■■



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### CLOSE-UP: Fleisher advances to NCAA Championships.

For the second time in three years the Wilkes University wrestling team qualified an individual for the NCAA Division III Championships. Junior heavyweight Corey Fleisher earned a berth in the Championships by winning the Middle Atlantic Conference Championship.

Fleisher, who joins 133-pound star John Conte '01 as the only two Wilkes wrestlers to advance to the NCAA Championships since the Colonels return to the Division III ranks in 2000, opened the tournament against fourth-seeded Leroy Gardner III from Wartburg. Fleisher led throughout most of the match, but Gardner scored a takedown in overtime to come away with a 9-7 victory.

In the consolation bracket, Fleisher squared off with Greg Walker from M.I.T. After Fleisher took a 2-0 lead early, Walker came on to score the next nine points and post a 9-2 victory. Fleisher ends the season with an overall record of 27 wins and six losses.

## GRAPPLERS HIGHLIGHT WINTER SPORTS SEASON

Wilkes wrestlers tie for fourth at MAC Championships.

**T**HE WILKES UNIVERSITY WRESTLING TEAM ENDED ITS SEASON WITH A FOURTH-PLACE FINISH AT THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS—the highest MAC finish since rejoining the Division III ranks in 2000. The Colonels also ended the campaign with a dual match record of 18-12, despite wrestling one of the top schedules in Division III.

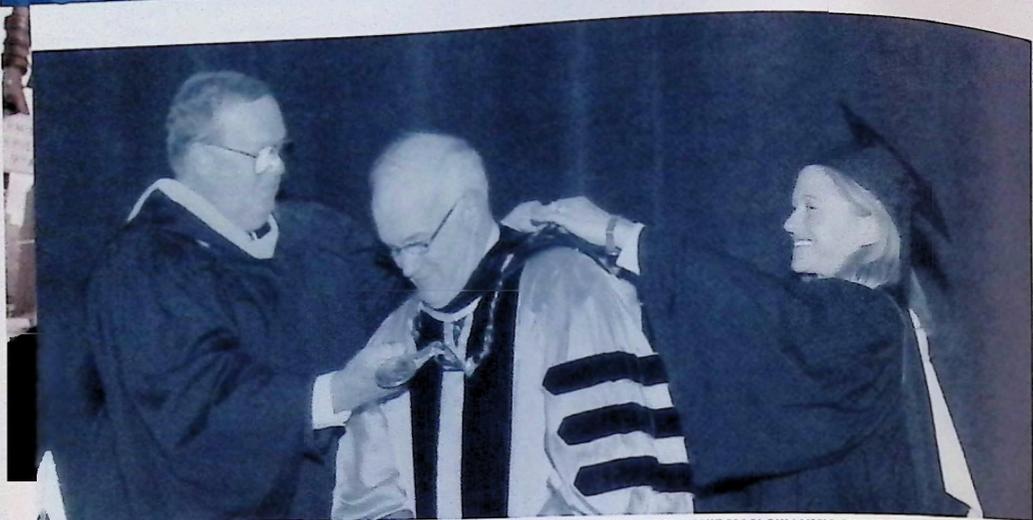
### BRIGHT FUTURE FOR LADY COLONELS

The Wilkes University women's basketball team finished with an overall record of 8-16 this season. With a host of returnees next season, head coach Jim Reed's Lady Colonels should be a more formidable foe next season.

Among the team's accomplishments this season were a thrilling 73-71 upset over playoff-bound Delaware Valley College.

### COLONELS CONCLUDE SEASON WITH 15-11 RECORD

The Wilkes University men's basketball team fashioned its 10th straight winning season by ending the year with an overall record of 15-11. The Colonels also earned their 10th consecutive berth in the conference playoffs, where they dropped an 89-84 decision to King's College to see their season come to a close. ■■



GERALD MOFFATT '63, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LEFT), AND TRUSTEE MELANIE MASLOW LUMIA BESTOW THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE UPON PRESIDENT GILMOUR.

# The Inauguration of Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour, Ph.D.

## The courage

**W**ILKES UNIVERSITY OFFICIALLY INSTALLED DR. JOSEPH E. (TIM) GILMOUR AS ITS FIFTH PRESIDENT BEFORE MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NEARLY 50 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2002.

"Dr. Gilmour, the Board of Trustees has chosen you as president of Wilkes University. Yours will be the great privilege and responsibility of leading this institution to the fulfillment of its great promise for years to come," said Gerald Moffatt, chairman of the board and master of ceremony.

In his inaugural address, *The Courage to Be Great*, Gilmour outlined the University's strategic vision through 2010. The initiatives are the result of a six-phase planning process that began in

August 2001 and included input from all members of the community.

"Since I was selected for the presidency," said Gilmour, "I have been clear that I wanted this day to be one in which I would have the honor of giving voice to a bold vision for Wilkes' future that builds on the thinking of the entire

TRUSTEE EUGENE ROTH '57, ESQUIRE, AND WIFE CONNIE HELP KICK OFF INAUGURATION WEEKEND AT A SPECIAL TRUSTEE-SPONSORED DINNER FOR PRESIDENT GILMOUR AT THE WESTMORELAND CLUB.



University family. It gives me great pride to say I can."

The vision calls for increased prominence throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, enrollment growth to 4000 full-time equivalent students, and a three-fold increase in institutional endowment. To attain these goals, the University will rally behind three strategic initiatives: strengthening academic programs, developing an exceptional support environment for students, faculty and staff, and building financial and institutional strength.

"By 2010, the core values that make us Wilkes will not change," said Gilmour. "But we will be a different institution because we will be more entrepreneurial and have the agility to meet the emerging educational needs of the Mid-Atlantic region at all levels and locations."

"Great courage has been a Wilkes hallmark throughout its history. The same kind of courage will be needed as we seek together, to make Wilkes a leading institution."

"Great courage has been a Wilkes hallmark throughout its history," he added. "From its hardscrabble beginnings, to the 1972 flood, to its recent budget challenges, there has been more than enough courage to prevail. The same kind of courage will be needed as we seek together, to make Wilkes a leading institution."

A personal introduction of Dr. Gilmour to the Wilkes community was delivered by Dr. Dean Hubbard, president of Northwest Missouri State University and a mentor and friend to Gilmour.

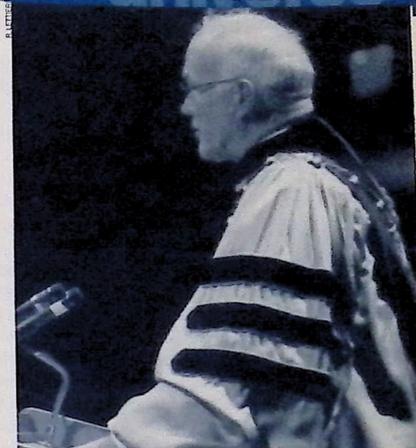
Greetings were brought by Student Government president Beth Danner '02, Faculty Affairs Council chair Dr. V. Ming Lew, Farley Library secretary Constance

Vecerkauskas, Alumni Association president Bill Goldsworthy '76, College Misericordia president Dr. Michael MacDowell, and Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus executive officer Dr. Mary Hines.

Gilmour previously served as provost at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo. He received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Michigan, and both a master's degree in Student Personnel and a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Delaware.

Gilmour, 57, has two grown children: a son, Jeffrey, of Baltimore, Md. and a daughter, Laura, of Richmond, Va. ❑

To review the entire *Strategic Long-range Plan* log on course: [wilkes.edu/plan](http://wilkes.edu/plan)



PRESIDENT GILMOUR GIVES VOICE TO WILKES UNIVERSITY'S NEW STRATEGIC LONG-RANGE PLAN DURING HIS INAUGURATION ADDRESS IN THE DOROTHY DICKSON DARTE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

# to be great

### DEAR ALUMNI,

I am delighted to write this first letter to you. Since I assumed office, I have worked hard to get to know you, visiting Association events, your offices and your homes. What I have found is truly remarkable. The level of commitment and enthusiasm for Wilkes—its past, present and future—among all with whom I've met has been incredibly strong. Each of you sees Wilkes as an institution that reached out to you in some special way and as a place that expected much of you—and got it. As a group, it seems to me Wilkes has more than its share of people who went on to do significant things in virtually every area of endeavor. It makes me proud to be the fifth president of Wilkes and preside over such a great alumni body.

My inauguration was an exciting event in which the Alumni Association

President, Bill Goldsworthy, challenged me "to lead Wilkes into the future in a way that maintains the pride we have in our school and that preserves the integrity and value of a Wilkes degree." I accept this challenge with enthusiasm. The University community just completed a vision statement that defines three strategic initiatives for Wilkes over the next five years:

- To gain the competitive advantage through exceptional academic programs
- To develop an exceptional support services environment
- To build financial and institutional strength

To do all this we're going to need your help. In a meeting with the Alumni Association board members in February, I asked them to work closely with the University staff to build an even more robust lifelong connection between Wilkes

and all who attended it. I asked for support in student recruitment, alumni events, fundraising and University leadership. In turn, I promised that the University would meet the evolving educational, social, and recreational needs of each graduate. These are high expectations for a strong relationship that must become even more powerful. I look forward to working with you to strengthen this bond in the years to come. ❑



**1939** *Helen (Couts) Graham* is a retired librarian from the La Marque School District. She resides in Canyon Lake, Tex.

**1947** *Dolores (Seitchek) Price* is a retired PRN physical therapist. She resides in Hershey, Pa.

**1949** *John T. Kelly* was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Carkhuff Institute of Applied Science and Human Technology in Amherst, Mass.

**1962** *Robert Benson* is studying literature at the University of Delaware. He resides in Newport, Del.

*Dr. Donald R. Law* and wife *Elaine* 54 welcomed their 10th grandchild. They have three sons, Douglas, Gary and Donald, four granddaughters and six grandsons. Donald is a retired professor. They reside in Augusta, Ga.

**1954** *Alfred M. Camp, Ed.D.* and wife *Jean* celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. They reside in Dallas, Pa.

**1956** *Dorcas (Younger) Koenigsberger* is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Babies and Children's Hospital-N.Y. Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia University Department of Pediatrics. She resides in Demorest, N.J.

*James Mitchell, Ph.D.*, participated in a 10-day interdisciplinary seminar at

the University of Wollongong in Australia. He is a biology professor and chairperson of Allied Health at Moravian College. He continues to work with W.C. Brown-McGraw Hill as a reviewer of college texts in biology. James resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

**1957** *Dr. Leslie P. Weiner* stepped down as chair of the Department of Neurology at the Keck School of Medicine, but will remain as professor of Neurology and the Richard Angus Grant, Sr., Chair in Neurology.

**1958** *Juanita (Patience) Moss* discussed her book, *Created To Be Free*, for the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society National Conference on the campus of Gallaudet University. Her book presents facts about Black men who served in White regiments during the Civil War. She and husband *Edward* reside in Alexandria, Va.

**1960** *Emilie (Roat) Gino* retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District. She continues to do part-time consulting for academies and after-school programs with the California Department of Education. Emilie resides in Playa Delrey, Calif.

*Ronald W. Simms* was elected a director at the annual meeting of Southern Union Company, with a term of office expiring at the 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

He and wife *Rhea (Politis)* 78 reside in Shavertown, Pa.

**Frederick J. Williams** retired from the Montrose Area School District after teaching for 39 years. He resides in South Montrose, Pa.

**1962** *Judith (Butchko) Gallagher* retired after more than 28 years in the Margate City Schools, where she worked as a reading specialist and curriculum coordinator. Judith won a gold medal in an octuple team race in the Cooper River National Race for the Masters Rowing Association. She resides in Margate, N.J.

*Hilary Peterlin* was honored as one of four outstanding secondary school teachers by Princeton University. He is a calculus teacher with Kinnelon High School, Kinnelon, N.J.; serves as head coach for the cross-country and track teams; is advisor to the National Honor Society; and was chairman of the Math department for 25 years. Hilary resides in Oak Ridge, N.J.

**1964** *Barbara (Lore) Solomon* is coordinator of the Guilford Youth Mentoring Program. She resides in Guilford, Conn.

**1966** *Stephen Flood* was elected to a four-year term as Luzerne County Controller, Wilkes-Barre, where he also resides.

★-REUNION YEAR

## CLOSE-UP: 1960 class members mix past and present.

Alumni from the Class of 1960 cruised back to campus for a cocktail reception and dinner in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center last May.

Seated in the front row from left to right are: *Judith (Ruggere) Schall, Judith (Richardson) Murray, Raye (Thomas) Wileman, Georgianne (Sebolka) Locklear, Kay (Lytle) Ainley, Jean (Shofranko) Olexy, Mary Ellen (Zwiebel) Mills.*

Standing in the middle row from left to right are: *Gordon Roberts, Beverly (Nagle) Barnick, Moncey (Miller) Carey, Allyn Jones, Barbara (Bachman) Edwards, Marcia (Senderovitz) Dalmas, Richard Salus, Richard R. Wileman, Thomas Barnick, Lynne (Boyle) Austin.*



Standing in the back row from left to right are: *Robert Washburn, Paul Klein, John Mulhall, Ronald Kross, George Murdock, Peter Perog, Andrew Sabol, Carl Havira, Frank Edwards.*



## CLOSE-UP: Larry P. Williams '61 heads Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

To most of us, retirement means relaxation. For Larry P. Williams C.P.A. '61, it meant taking on new challenges. After 32 years of service as a tax manager for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, he began a new chapter of his life—state service.

Williams joined the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in 1995 as Deputy Secretary for Taxation, and in just six years, was confirmed as Secretary of Revenue by then-Governor Tom Ridge. During his tenure, he has played an active role in improving the technology and customer services now available at the Department, which is responsible for the collection of personal income tax, sales and use tax, all corporate taxes and other state taxes, and also administers the Pennsylvania Lottery.

As Deputy Secretary, Williams oversaw the implementation of business and individual tax cuts, saving taxpayers more than \$4 billion. Some of the service improvements he helped initiate include: a toll-free service for forms and information; free filing options by phone or internet; on-line business registration and filing; plus developing a central Taxpayer Service and Information Center to handle telephone and e-mail inquiries.

Secretary Williams, a U.S. Air Force veteran who served during the Korean Conflict, earned a master of business administration degree from Lehigh University, is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs, and is a member of Team Pennsylvania (a board established to attract economic growth in Pennsylvania).

Williams and wife *Kathleen (Brennan)* have three children, *Kevin, Karen, and Keith* '87, who operates his own company, *Upstate Benefit Consulting*, with offices in *Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo*. *Keith, wife Michelle, and children Ryan and MaryKate* reside in *Fairport, N.Y.*

*Henry "Chip" O'Reilly* represented New York in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter track events at the National Senior Summer Olympic Games in Baton Rouge, La. Chip earned two eighth-place awards in the 55 to 59 age group. He resides in Auburn, N.Y.

**1968** *Edward Lenahan* was promoted to vice president of Business Development at the Maguire Group in Providence, R.I. He oversees the administration and implementation of Maguire Group's marketing and sales efforts throughout Rhode Island. Edward resides in North Kingstown, R.I.

**1969** *Marc M. Levey* was voted one of the world's leading international tax transfer pricing attorneys by in-house counsel, corporate clients and other leading tax professionals. His nomination is acknowledged in *Euromoney Legal Group's Best of the Best 2001-Guide to the World's Leading Lawyers*. Marc heads the Tax Practice in the New York office of Baker and McKenzie, with more than 25 years of experience in international taxation. He, wife *Janie (Kirsmer)* 77, and sons *Adam* and *Corey* *Rosenberg*, and *Mikael* and *Matt* and *Andy* *Levey* reside in *Weston, Conn.*

*Andrea L. Petrash* was appointed to the Kingston Citizen's Advisory Commission. She resides in Kingston, Pa.

**1970** *Dan E. Kopen, M.D.* was elected to the Board of Trustees of Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pa. Dan is the president of the Northeastern Surgical Specialty Group and the Surgical Specialty Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at Wilkes, on the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, and the board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Red Cross. Dan, wife *Kathy*, and children *Krystin, Derek* and *Kaylin* reside in *Shavertown, Pa.*

*Demetrios G. Papademetriou, Ph.D.*, left the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he has been a senior associate and co-director of the International Migration Policy Program, to start the Migration Policy Institute, an independently funded spin-off. *Demetrios* and wife *Sigrid Behnke* reside in *Alexandria, Va.*

*Sandra (Walters) Sheruda* M '74 and husband *Joe* celebrated 27 years of marriage. They reside in *Nanticoke, Pa.*

**1972** *Frania J.P. (Polakowski)*

*Holloway* was promoted to senior account executive with AOL Time Warner Cable. She, husband *Chas*, and sons *Justin* and *Andrew* reside in *Chatham, N.J.*

*Ronald A. Rittenmeyer* was promoted to the positions of chairman, chief executive officer and president of Safety-Kleen Corp., the largest industrial and hazardous waste management company in North America. He resides in *Plano, Tex.*

**1973** *Frank P. Galicki* was named president of the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals (PASSP) for 2001-02. He is principal of Dallas Senior High School, Pa., a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Frank has been a PAEA official in basketball, baseball, and football for the past 25 years, has umpired professionally for the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Red Barons, and officiated professional football in the Empire Football League for the past 12 years. He resides in *Mocmuncie, Pa.*, with wife *Teresa* 72.

**Gene G. Kruczek** completed a seminar at Princeton University titled "From Childhood to Kipling." He resides in Flemington, N.J.

**1974 Christine (Donahue) Mayo** performed at the Wildwood Performing Arts Center in Little Rock, Ark., and Symphony of North Carolina. She began teaching voice this fall at the University of Central Arkansas. She, husband George and son Eamonn reside in Conway, Ark.

**1975 Anastasia (Stacy) Kelly-Kida** was honored as Roxbury High School's Teacher of the Year. She has taught high school English for 25 years. Stacy resides in Blairstown, N.J.

**1976 Janice (Cohen) Barnett** and husband Barry announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Faith, on May 15, 2001. Jan was previously an administrative assistant for the Medical Society of New Jersey. They reside in Upper Freehold, N.J.

**Susan M. Brimo-Cox, APR**, opened a communications firm, Brimo-Cox Communications L.L.C., that specializes in writing, editing, and public relations consulting. Susan is the principal/owner. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

★ **1977 Katherine Kaby Anselmi, Ph.D.**, is an associate professor of Nursing with the College of Human Services and Health Professions at Syracuse University, where she is a law student specializing in Health Law. Katherine resides in Dallas, Pa.

**1979 Ann Timko-Hughes** received a Masters in Education degree from Lamar University and is employed by the Methune School System in Mass. She has four children: Sarah, Michael, Martha, and Elizabeth, and resides in Methune, Mass.

**Kristina Kuhl** married Ronald Buchanan. They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

**1981 Beth (Hathaway) Glassford, R.N., M.S.H.A., C.H.E.**, was named associate executive director of Nursing with Lancaster Regional Medical Center. She is board certified as a healthcare executive by

the American College of Healthcare Executives. Beth resides in Lancaster, Pa.

**Cheryl A. Scalse M84** married Peter R. Moyer on September 22, 2001. They reside in Doylestown, Pa.

**Jeanette L. Seidof** was promoted to director of Clinical Services with Hearland Home Care for Bridenton, Sarasota and Charlotte counties. She and husband Robert reside in Sarasota, Fla.

**1982 Terrence W. Casey** was elected to the Board of Trustees of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. He is M&T Bank's vice president/manager of Regional Trust Administration for Northeastern Pennsylvania. He serves as committee chair for the Westmoreland Club, on the board of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, on the board of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, and as a board member and Nominating Committee chair of the Luzerne Foundation. Terrence resides in Dallas, Pa.

**1983 David R. and Jennifer (Ogurhis) Carey** are employed with Instrumentation Engineering, Inc., Hanover Township, Pa. Dave is the director and Jennifer is the office manager. They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

**Sheri (Teats) Matter, R.N., B.S.N.**, acting director of Nursing for Acute Care Services Pinnacle Health Systems, Harrisburg, received the Nightingale Award of Pennsylvania in Nursing Administration. She received her MSHA from College of St. Francis, is a member of the South Central Organization for Nurse Leaders, president of Greenwood School Board of Education and board member of the Hetlock Girl Scout Council. She resides in Liverpool, Pa.

**Scott Lefebre** joined UPS Internet Shipping Team as a QA Engineer in Baltimore, Md. He resides in Timonium, Md.

**Clair (Brand) Bend and husband Jamie** announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Rose, born December 8, 2000. They reside in Boston, Mass.

**Atty. Ellen Marie Van Riper** and husband Allen Eric Malanowski announce the birth of their son, Eric Robert Malanowski, on October 27, 2001. They reside in Cave Creek, Ariz.

**1984 Jerome P. Nachlis, C.P.A.**, was promoted to chief financial officer with ACTIVE-e Solutions. His responsibilities include continuing the development of the company's financial infrastructure and administration as the company positions itself for growth in the Mid-Atlantic region. Jerome, wife Debbie, and children Joshua and Aaron reside in Wilmington, Dela.

**Susan (Havrilla) Wasserott** works in the Human Resources Office as the management training coordinator at Mid Coast Health Services in Brunswick, Maine. She and her husband Paul own P.S. Wasserott. She resides in Woolwich, Mass.

**1985 Donna (O'Toole) Sedor** was inducted into the Kingston Rotary Club. She is vice president of Communications for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry. Donna, husband John, and children Evan and Sean reside in Larksville, Pa.

**1986 Laura C. (Pollick) Demkovitz** and husband Peter announce the birth of their daughter, Nadia Camille, on May 15, 2001. They reside in Wyndmoor, Pa., with their four children.

**Margaret A. (Vojtko) Webster** is director of Corporate Foundation Relations at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. She resides in Alexandria, Va.

**1987 Timothy A. Frateschi** joined the Harris Beach LLP Law Firm as an associate in the Business Transactions Practice Group. He earned his juris doctorate, cum laude, from Syracuse University College of Law. Timothy and wife Cynthia '85 reside in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Donna (Pluta) Lopez** and husband Juan announce the birth of their son, Timothy Miguel, on September 27, 2001.

**Douglas White** was named chief financial officer at Shamokin Area Community Hospital. He, wife Brenda, sons Eliot, Nevin, and Tristan, and daughter Kirby reside in Pine Grove, Pa.

**1988 Paul S. Jeffery** and wife Nancy announce the birth of their first child, Grace Pauline. Paul is a sales representative for CDC Food Brokerage, Inc. They reside in Pittston, Pa.

**Ronald H. Ulitchney, Jr., CPA**, was elected 2001-2002 president of the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is active on the PICPA Annual Tax Clinic Committee and serves as chair of the Membership Committee. Ronald is a tax manager with Kronick Kalada Berdy & Co. PC in Kingston, Pa. He and wife Debbie reside in Trucksville, Pa.

**1989 Sandra Adams** married Paul Raegler. She is a co-manager at The Children's Place. They reside in Pottstown, Pa.

**Ronald E. McHale, Jr.**, was named president of Pennstar Financial Services, Inc. He is responsible for the daily operations of the brokerage and financial planning services at Pennstar and will focus primarily on investment, retirement planning and wealth retention through the use of nationally known mutual funds and annuities. Ronald resides in Exeter, Pa.

**John Pursell** and wife Hillary announce the birth of their daughter, Jenavieve. They reside in Swoyersville, Pa.

**1990 Kathy L. Harris** is a weekly columnist and correspondent for the Mountaintop Leader, a weekly insert in the Times Leader newspaper. She resides in Mountaintop, Pa.

**Keith Silligman, C.H.E.**, is the operations director for Ancillary Services with Children's Hospital in Omaha, Neb. He, wife Nancy, and daughter Ashley relocated to Omaha from Sebring, Fla.

**Dr. Joseph C. Smith** and wife Jacqueline announce the birth of their son, Maxwell Collin, on February 8, 2001. They reside in West Lawn, Pa.

**Robb R. Whinney** is an assistant professor of Surgery at Yale University in the Trauma and Critical Care Section. His lab is involved with intestinal fatty acid binding proteins in critical patients. He is involved in surgical education at the university and national level. He resides in New Haven, Conn.

**1991 Alissa Marie (Klucitas) Antosh** was promoted to Editorial Services Manager at Wilkes and is currently pursuing her MBA degree. She resides in Kingston, Pa.

**Kristine L. Bauer** married C. Richard Sharar. They reside in Murraysville, Pa.

**Lisa A. Balestrini, Esq.**, joined the Allentown office of White and Williams LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department.

**Mario Garriga-Cazimajou** established a company named Garriga Associates in Richland, Wash., that assists small business enterprises and start-up companies to become competitive through the introduction of new commercial products. Mario and wife Ruth reside in Richland, Wash.

**Denise Klynowsky, D.O.**, married John Farrell. She opened a new practice, Klynowsky Family Practice in Wilkes-Barre, where they also reside.

**Richard Ostroski** and wife **Christine (Hooper) '93** announce the birth of their son, Nathan Richard. Rick is the manager of Sales Engineering for Commonwealth Communications. They reside in Plains, Pa.

**Vaughn A. Shinkus** and wife **Heather '01** welcomed son Vaughn Ryan into their family on October 1, 2001. They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

**1992 Susan Merchant Denner** and husband Ed announce the birth of their daughter, Faith Catherine. They reside in Roversford, Pa.

**Lee Morrell** married LeeAnn Youngwirth. He is an account supervisor and head of the Consumer Automotive Practice with Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, Los Angeles. They reside in Santa Monica, Calif.

**Dr. Kathleen Richard, D.P.M.**, and husband **Christopher '93** announce the birth of their son, Colin James. They and daughter Caroline reside in Orwigsburg, Pa.

**Diane (Barreiros) Servello** and husband Michael announce the birth of their daughter, Carina. They reside in Springfield, N.J.

**Kurt Tamai** and twin brother Karl are national champions in the Nage-No-Kata (throwing forms) competition. Kurt also won the masters division 30-35, 145 lb. weight class. They started College Park Judo Club in College Park, Md. Kurt resides in Landover, Md.

**1993 Traci S. Coulter** joined Preferred Public Relations & Marketing as publicity coordinator. Preferred Public Relations & Marketing is a full-service promotions, publicity, media relations and advertising firm in Las Vegas, Nev. Traci resides in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Karl Hoffman** is the program manager for the Newborn Hearing Screening Program with the State Department of Health. Karl resides in Harrisburg, Pa., with his daughter.

**Ann K. Lokuta** married Dean Kostniuk. She is employed as an elementary guidance counselor by the Bloomsburg Area School District. They reside in Bloomsburg, Pa.

**1994 Kevin F. McGinn** married Arnie Davenport. They announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Lynn, on August 2, 2001. Kevin is a business unit controller with Great Lakes Chemical Corp. They reside in Talbot, Tenn.

**Suzanne Stanski** is employed with Scheible Engineering, Inc. as a process controls engineer, machine vision specialist. Suzanne resides in Andover, N.J.

**1995 Paul Cresho** is vice president of Variable Insurance Products with The Primary Group in Longwood, Fla. He, wife Tracy, and son Kesten reside in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

**Guy DuBoice, BE.** is a senior manager data engineer with Commonwealth Telephone Co. He's worked for Commonwealth for 15 years and resides in Bear Creek, Pa.

**Ronald John Gravera, Jr., M'01** a former social studies teacher at Columbia-Montour, is junior/senior high school principal with the North Schuylkill Area School District. Ronald and wife Amy '97 reside in Mountaintop, Pa.

**Megan Kelly** and husband John E. "Jack" welcomed son Adam John on November 12, 2001. She is a physician's assistant with Geisinger Health System. They reside in West Pittston, Pa.

**Mark R. Owens, Esq.,** is an associate at the Philadelphia Office of Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling. He resides in Haverford, Pa.

**Christine (Meyers) Potera** was hired by the Dallas School District as a full-time teacher. She teaches 6th and 8th-grade science classes, the gifted science classes at the Dallas Middle School, and serves as the advisor to the Middle School Science

Club. Christine is pursuing a master's degree in Supervision of Curriculum and Instruction at College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa. Husband **Paul J. '94** is employed by Verizon in Scranton, Pa. They reside in Kingston, Pa.

**Tim S. Williams** was named grade chairperson at Gilbert Magnet School, Las Vegas, Nev. He teaches 2nd grade and dance, and continues to perform with community and Equity groups in Las Vegas, Nev.

**1996 Philip T. Barletta** married Dr. Kristin Anne Thonoy. He is a research associate with North Carolina State University. They reside in Raleigh, N.C.

**1997 Asif Mohammad Hiyas** graduated from MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine and is a surgical resident specializing in Orthopaedic Surgery at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Asif married Erum Khan, a fellow physician and classmate at Hahnemann. They reside in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Patrick J. Keane** was promoted to team leader of the System Support Team Group at Danet, Inc. in Wexford, Pa. Patrick resides in Ambridge, Pa.

**Amy Marie O'Boyle** married Michael R. Neal. They graduated from the

Pennsylvania College of Optometry and received their Doctor of Optometry degrees. Drs. Amy and Michael reside in Dupont, Pa.

**Scott Kenneth Schonewolf** was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine at the College's 110th Commencement, held at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. He also received the Irving S. Rogove, D.O. Memorial Award, which is given to that member of the graduating class who has excelled in the field of geriatrics. Scott is completing an internship at Pinnacle Health in Harrisburg, Pa., where he also resides.

**1998 Michael T. Beachem** joined the Delta Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honorary society, for his graduate work in Counseling Education at Kean University in Union, N.J. He resides in Ewing, N.J.

**Michael Peter Kaschak** is a 4th-year graduate student in Cognitive Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Michael and wife Maureen reside in Madison, Wis.

**Christine Tondrick** is the assistant director for Marketing Communications at Wilkes and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree. She resides in Kingston, Pa.

**CLOSE-UP: Yale comes calling for Chris Sleboda '97.**

Chris Sleboda '97 was accepted into Yale University's prestigious Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) program and began his graduate work in September. A recipient of the Yale University Art Scholarship, Chris was one of only 16 students who are accepted each year into the highly respected and established graphic design program. His coursework consists of theory, writing, and independent studio work.

"I am excited to be taking part in such an intense, creative environment," he said. "Being accepted to Yale gives me the chance to study with many of the best practicing design professionals, and I hope to learn all that I can from them."

A former adjunct professor at Wilkes, Chris was also accepted to ten of the top M.F.A. graphic design programs in the country, including CalArts (California Institute of the Arts), the School of Visual Arts in New York City, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

In September, Chris married Wilkes alumna Margie Greskewicz '98. After he graduates from Yale in 2003, Chris hopes to work as a graphic designer for an advertising firm. He also hopes to resume teaching graphic design at the university level.



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**1999 Paul Kovatch** earned a Juris Doctorate from Widener University. He is employed with the Attorney General's Office in Harrisburg, Pa. Paul resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Matthew Joseph Peleschak** is working for Larson Design Group, which designs wastewater plants, water treatment plants, and associated systems. He is doing primarily municipal work and previously worked for private developers doing stormwater and E&S design. He

recently attend an Haestand Methods Conference on WaterCAD and water distribution systems in Waterbury, Conn. He moved from Lancaster to Williamsport, Pa.

**Layne Rarig** married **Terry Lynn Alberico '00**. They reside in Swoyersville, Pa.

**Steven D. Redding** was elected constable of Lemon Township, in Wyoming County, Pa. He resides in Tunkhannock, Pa.

**Michael Stachowiak, Jr.**, married Megan Czeck. They reside in Nanticoke, Pa.

**2000 Erica Trowbridge** is G.O.L.D. Coordinator for Alumni Relations at Wilkes. She also works part-time at Children's Services Center, Wilkes-Barre. She resides in Kingston, Pa.

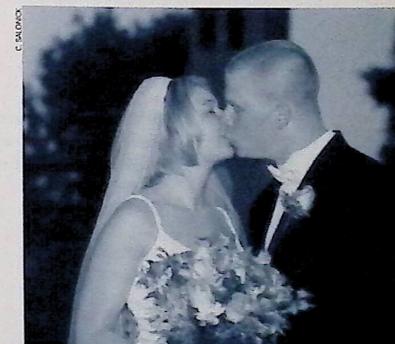
**2001 Bethany Stefanec** is currently an animal presenter at the Animal Kingdom in Walt Disney World. She resides in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

**CLOSE-UP: Fenner Quadrangle provides backdrop for a true Wilkes wedding.**

Last June, **Bill Pastewait '97** and **Dr. Stephanie Follmer '01** proved that the relationships you form at Wilkes really can last a lifetime. Since meeting on a bus trip to a Wilkes football game in 1996, they dated, fell in love, and on June 16, 2001 became the first couple to wed on the outdoor Fenner Quadrangle.

A captain in the United States Air Force, Bill is stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. While at Wilkes, he was a member of Student Government and the ROTC program. Stephanie earned a Pharm.D. degree in May 2001 and is a former Wilkes cheerleader and member of Student Government.

Witnessing the ceremony were family, friends, and a bridal party that included maid of honor **Maria (Shahda) Minielly '01**, bridesmaids **Lisa McClintock '01** and **Colleen Pastewait '00**, and best man **Mark Davies '97**.



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MASTER'S MILESTONES

**1974 James B. Mileski** was named relationship manager in the Commercial Lending Division of M&T Bank. He, wife Deborah and children Brynn and Matthew reside in Hanover Township, Pa.

**1982 Susan (Kisthart) Nenstiel** was named senior vice president of Development for Easter Seals Eastern Pennsylvania. She is establishing and maintaining strong financial support for the agency from charitable revenue and public support.

**1987 Daniel C. Confalone** was appointed vice president of Finance and chief financial officer with Good Shepherd Hospital. Dan is responsible for directing the financial functions of Good Shepherd and leading the development and implementation of a strategic financial plan for

the organization. He evaluates and advises on the impact of long-range planning and the introduction of new programs, strategies and regulatory action.

**1990 Daniel Lynn, Jr.**, was named an adjunct instructor in Information Sciences and Technology with Penn State Wilkes-Barre. He resides in Kingston, Pa.

**1996 Karen M. Armstrong, R.N.**, was appointed to senior vice president and administrator of Divine Providence Hospital at Susquehanna Health Systems. Karen serves on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross and is a member of the Steering Committee and Allocations Committee of the Lycoming County United Way. She is an associate member of the American College of Health Care Executives.

**1998 Nicholas Mirigliani** was named an adjunct instructor in Management Information Systems at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. He resides in Swoyersville, Pa.

**1999 Carol Maculloch M'01**, director of Annual Giving at Wilkes, accepted a CASE GOLD Accolades Award for Wilkes' University Family Campaign at the 2002 CASE District II Accolades Awards Program in Toronto, Ontario. Carol resides in Hanlock Creek, Pa., with husband Robert.

**2001 Nancy J. (Markward) Jones**, West Penn Elementary School teacher, was named the 2001 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in Lehigh, Pa. Wal-Mart associates recognize a Teacher of the Year in each community, as determined by customers of each store. She, husband John, and son Ryan reside in New Ringgold, Pa.

**1938 Paul A. Meyers** worked for the Transformer Department at General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass., and was involved with development and engineering design, especially transformer design and test of equipment for the U.S. government plant, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and field testing. He was also a professional consultant for Electrical Mutual Insurance Co. Paul resided in Hinsdale, Mass.

**1948 Thomas M. Terry, Sr.**, was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a medic in England during the Invasion of England, and he served in the Naval Reserve. Until retiring in 1990, he was an executive vice president for Mercer Mutual Insurance Company, Pennington, N.J. He resided in Fairless Hills, Pa.

**1950 Ellen Brennen** earned a master's degree in Library Science from Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. She worked for the Pennsylvania Economy League for 42 years. Ellen resided in Kingston, Pa.

**Robert M. Chopick** taught Physics and Chemistry and was a technical programs instructor at South Brunswick High School, N.J., before retiring in 1990. He was the past-president of the New Jersey Education Association. Robert also earned a Master of Education degree and a Specialist Education degree from Rutgers University. He resided in North Brunswick, N.J.

**Lois (Mangel) Hyman** was employed as a librarian for Wilkes University and

the Upper Saint Clair Library, Pittsburgh. She was a member of Agudas Achim Synagogue, the League of Women Voters, and was a life master with the American Contract Bridge League. She resided in Bellevue, Wash.

**Edmund A. Zaremba, Ph.D.**, was head of the Microbiology Research Laboratory at the Research Foundation of Children's Hospital, Washington, D.C. He developed methods for the evaluation of experimental antibiotics and the study of immunology of staphylococcal and enteric infections for children. He was a research virologist at Lederle Laboratories, where he worked on the development of rubella and measles vaccines. He received a patent in 1975 for a process for the purification of the influenza virus vaccine. He was the director of Quality Control at Merrell-National Laboratories, Swiftwater, Sterling Drug, Inc., Millsboro, Del., and Vale Chemical Co., Allentown. Edmund resided in Dundalk, Md.

**1951 Edward Bogusko** was a Navy veteran of World War II, having served as a pharmacist's mate. He was employed as an educator and administrator for more than 30 years by the Baltimore County, Md., public schools. Edward resided in Towson, Md.

**Samuel C. Jayne, Jr.**, was a U.S. Naval Air Cadet veteran of World War II, serving at several air stations. Before retiring in 1987,

Samuel was a personnel and safety manager for UGI, Inc., in Kingston, Pa. He was also associated with his family in operating Jayne's Economy Store in Wilkes-Barre and with the former Woodlawn Dairy, Foremost Dairy and Dolly Madison Ice Cream companies in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, Pa.

**1952 Shadrach J. Jones, D.O.**, was an Army veteran stationed in Japan following World War II. He was an optometrist at Pearle Vision in downtown Williamsport and at the Lycoming Mall. Shadrach resided in Montoursville, Pa., with wife, the former Beverly J. Heuer.

**1955 Edward S. Cologie** was an Army veteran of World War II, having served as Master Sergeant. He attained a Silver Star, a Good Conduct Medal, a European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with four Bronze Star Medals and a Bronze Arrowhead. He taught for many years and then was principal with many of the school districts in the Hazleton area. He resided in Hanover Township, Pa.

**1956 William S. Behrends** was an Army veteran of World War II, having received many medals. He was a computer specialist from 1956 to 1985 at the Dupont Corporation, Wilmington, Del., and retired as a banking accountant. William resided in Elizabethtown, Pa.

**Kern C. Dibble** was an Army veteran of World War II, having served as a Staff Sergeant with the 70th Division in Europe. He owned and operated Dibble Hardware,

**CLOSE-UP: Dr. Lester Saidman remembered.**

One of the Wyoming Valley's most beloved family physicians, Dr. Lester Saidman, died at his home at the age of 83 on May 12, 2001. In 1998, he received an honorary doctorate from Wilkes, and in 2000, he established the Dr. Lester M. Saidman Chair in Health Sciences.

Dr. Saidman was active in the original planning of the Wilkes-Hahnemann Program, and in 1973 was appointed to the position of associate professor in the Department of Medicine at Hahnemann Hospital. A family physician for more than 50 years, he maintained a private practice with the Linden Medical Group until his retirement.



From 1943 through 1946, Dr. Saidman served as a medical officer in World War II, including overseas service in Holland, the Philippines, and Japan. After graduating from Kingston High School in 1934, he earned his undergraduate degree and medical degree from Temple University.

**CLOSE-UP: Wilkes Community Mourns Trustees Cuscela and Fenner.**



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A Navy veteran, Frank was the co-founder of the First Collegiate Chapter of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and co-founder of Jewelcor Incorporated; member of the Board of Directors of First Union Bank, Northeast Region, and the F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre; member of the Westmoreland Club; and active with national and local civic, educational and charitable organizations.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Attorney George L. Fenner, Jr., who passed away on November 16, 2001. In addition to being designated as Wilkes University's first honorary trustee, George received an honorary doctorate from Wilkes in 1997. The gift of his home and law office on South Franklin Street, now known as Fenner Hall, and his support to Wilkes led the University to name the campus greenway—the Fenner Quadrangle—in his honor.

George spent his entire professional life in the Wyoming Valley and his career in land and real estate law spanned more than 60 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, an accomplished nature photographer, avid fisherman, collector of rock and mineral specimens, and was a gemstone lapidary. George graduated from Wyoming Seminary, Princeton University, and Dickinson Law School.



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Meshoppen, Pa., and retired in 1996. He also worked the family farm in South Auburn. Kern resided in Meshoppen, Pa.

**Georgia (Tomassetti) Phillips, C.P.A.**, was a 1952 graduate of Coughlin High School. She earned a certified public accounting degree in 1991. She worked as a with David J. Roskos, C.P.A., in Wilkes-Barre. She resided in Penn Lake, Pa.

**Charles L. White** was a 1952 graduate of West Pittston High School. He was employed as a supervisor by Uni-Royal in Mountaintop, Pa; General Motors Buick Division, Lingren, N.J.; Edasco Services, Houston, Texas; and Ensearch Corp., Dallas, Texas. He resided in Wyoming, Pa.

**1963 Richard Ales** was employed as a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, having taught Mathematics and History at GAR Memorial High School. He was also self-employed as a public accountant. He resided in Dallas, Pa.

**Jeanne (Mattern) Chaney** was employed as an elementary school teacher at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School. She

also worked as an elementary school teacher in the Tenally School District, N.J. She resided in Wyomissing Hills, Pa.

**Arthur C. Hettinger, Sr.**, was a U.S. veteran of the Korean War and a research engineer for Tyco in Harrisburg, and previously for the former Berg Electronics in Fairview Township. He was a senior member of the Society of Plastics Engineers. He resided in Camp Hill, Pa.

**1966 Ann (Sweppenhauser) Rowlands, R.N.**, worked at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She was a nursing instructor at the former Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing, Wilkes University, and College Misericordia. She taught Emergency Medical Technician courses at Luzerne County Community College and to several ambulance crews for many years. In 1980, she received the Luzerne County Medical Society's Benjamin Rush Award as an Outstanding Volunteer and in 1981, she received the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Benjamin Rush Award and the Service Clubs of the Rack Mountain's Outstanding Community Service Citizen's Award. Ann resided in Dallas, Pa.

**1968 Joseph T. Gershey** was an Army veteran of the Korean War, having served with the 516th Signal Company as a radio operator. He received National Defense and Good Conduct medals. Before retiring in 1997, he was employed for 37 years as a manufacturing leader with Harris Corporation, Mountaintop, Pa. Joseph resided in Pittston Township, Pa.

**Alexa (Cousens) Grifo** worked as a paralegal in the Morris County area. N.J. Born in Nanticoke, Pa., she lived in Parsippany, N.J. before moving to Chatham, N.J.

**1969 John T. Howe** was an adjunct instructor of American History and Western Civilization and Government at Luzerne County Community College and College Misericordia. He was an athletics director at College Misericordia, a middle school teacher of American History and Geography in Tonawanda, and high school teacher of American History, American Studies, European History and Sociology and director of athletics at Pitch Senior High School in Grotton, Pa. He resided in Dallas, Pa.

**Harriet (Stefather) Morrissey, R.N.**, worked for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, East Orange, N.J., for the VA New Jersey Healthcare Systems. She was a member of the American Nurse Association and the Oncology Nurse Society. She resided in Springfield, N.J.

**1971 Linda (Schlesney) Howanitz** was an English teacher at Hanover Area High School for the past 30 years. She was a member of the Hanover Green Little League Ladies Auxiliary, Hanover Area Quarterback Club, Pennsylvania State Education Association, and the National Education Association. For many years, she was the advisor for the Hanover Area Strutters and advised the Hanover Area Yearbook Committee. Linda resided in Hanover Township, Pa.

**William M. Kaye** died February 1, 2002. He resided in Philadelphia, Pa.

**1973 Lillian J. (Long) Iverson** was a charge nurse of the emergency room at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for five years and charge nurse and nursing supervisor for many years at Retreat State Hospital, Hunlock Creek, and Danville State Hospital, Danville, Pa. She was a volunteer emergency medical technician with the Sweet Valley Volunteer Ambulance for many years. She resided in Hemet, Calif.

**1974 Alex R. Dombroski, Jr.**, taught in the Auburn School District in N.Y., before retiring in 1984. He was self-employed in real estate rental service in the Wyoming Valley. Alex resided in Kingston, Pa., with his wife, the former Christine Nieczykowski.

**Mary C. (Kaschuk) Pierce** was an elementary and secondary teacher at St. Mary's School, Canandaigua, N.Y. Mary volunteered with the Western New York Stroke Self-Help Group; was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; 4-H Cooperative Extension and American Association of University Women; director of Ontario County Republican Women; and was involved with the Boy Scouts of America and Gleamers Community Kitchen. She resided in Canandaigua.

**John E. Smith** was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. Before retiring, he was a science management consultant with Science Management Corp., Bridgewater, N.J. He resided in Dallas, Pa.

**1975 Joyce L. (Hassay) Kiewlak** was a teacher with the Greater Nanticoke Area School District, most recently serving as a 7th-grade English teacher at the Educational Learning Center. She had been an active member in cub scouting and youth soccer. Joyce was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association. She resided in Mountaintop, Pa., with husband Thomas.

**1977 John (Joe) Chwalek, Jr.**, taught Social Studies and Psychology for 22 years in the Tunkhannock Area School District, where he was also an assistant wrestling coach, and where he was named Coach of the Year. He was also the founder and former head coach of the Bishop O'Hara High School wrestling program, a member of the Wrestling Officials for 25 years, a past officer of the Lackawanna County Interscholastic Wrestling League, and past president of the District II Wrestling Association. Joe was also a member of the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Touchdown Club. Memorial contributions may be made to the John J. Chwalek, Sr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Wilkes University, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766.

**1978 Catherine A. Cunningham** was employed by various resort hotels within the Atlantic City area. Catherine resided in Atlantic City, N.J.

**1984 Edward N. "Butch" Zultovich** was the former owner of McAdoo 16A before retiring in 1991. He was a member of Azalea Masonic Lodge 687, Hazleton, Lehigh Consistory, Allentown, and Rajah Temple Shrine, Reading, Pa. Edward resided in Tamaqua, Pa.

**1986 Mary J. Rybitshi, Ph.D.**, received a masters degree in Biology from William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Marine Biology from The Virginia Institute of

Marine Science. Mary was a professor at Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Va., where she also resided.

**1987 Thomas L. Peeler, IV**, was a certified legal intern for the Disability Law Clinic and legal intern for Arts, Sports and Entertainment Law Clinic in Carlisle, Pa. Thomas was staff attorney, advocacy section judge, outside judge and research assistant for The Dickinson School of Law and operated a law offices in Wilkes-Barre.

**1989 Carol A. Mulherin, R.N.**, worked in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and previously worked at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Center, Plains Township, Nesbit Hospital, Kingston, and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. She resided in Wilkes-Barre.

**1999 Kevin Milewski** was employed by the Department of Defense Naval Service Warfare Center. Kevin resided in Phoenixville, Pa., with his wife, Megan Tabarrini.

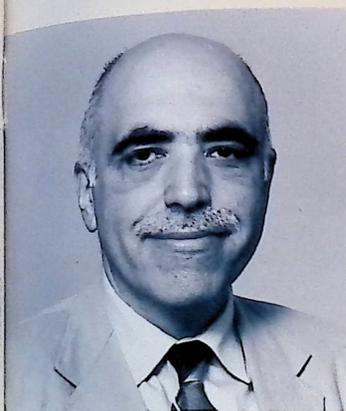
IN MEMORIAM FRIENDS

**Charles Henderson** was a member of the Wilkes faculty. He was an organist and choral conductor who edited the American Guild of Organists' Journal for nearly a decade. He retired in 1982 and was named editor emeritus of the magazine. He resided in Erwinna, Pa.

**Kuo-Kang Shao, Ph.D.**, began his teaching career at Wilkes in 1967 and retired in 1997 after 30 years of service. As a scholar of diplomatic history, he wrote and published extensively on the foreign policy of the People's Republic of China.

**Rev. Dr. Roy E. Williams, Jr.**, was a Wilkes professor emeritus for 13 years. He was a pastor emeritus at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Willingboro, and was a member and past-president of the Board of Directors of the Wee Love Child Care Center in Maple Shade, Pa. He resided in Marlton, Pa., with his wife of 61 years, Margaret Thaidigman Williams. ❧

# TIME FOR SOME "HOSPITAL-ITY"



**I** COULD NOT COMPREHEND THE CAUSE OF THE INDIGESTION. After all, I had eaten only about three-quarters of the fully loaded pizza for lunch that day.

Yet it persisted. And when I most uncharacteristically refused dinner that evening, my spouse recognized that I had a serious medical condition requiring a visit to the local hospital's emergency room. During the next several days I was to be exposed (for the first time in more than 30 years) to an industry that had heretofore escaped the venom of my acrid pen.

When I arrived for *course*, it required several moments of *withstanding* *evacuating* pain until my wife could locate a suitable parking space. I was greeted by *crowds* of curious eyes in a room filled with persons of assorted demographics, backgrounds and medical maladies. Several *hundred* questions from a receptionist (including an *extensive* economic evaluation of my health care benefits) were followed by a wait that seemed as lengthy as the Jurassic Period.

Finally, I was ushered into a small compartment and asked to *don a gown*, that, in my naiveté and to my chagrin, I promptly placed on backwards, evoking a giggle from the opposite gendered, less than one-half my age, attendant. Numerous needles, probes, and tests later, I was informed that I was to be admitted—I, the previous picture of perfect health who barely knew the identity of his PCP (primary care physician). [It seems that medical personnel do not speak any form of recognized English, but rather communicate using a series of letters and numerals.]

I then arrived at my hospital room, wherein over the next six days, I was poked, needled, questioned, analyzed, and required to denounce all forms of heretofore private behavior. I was awakened numerous times each night—for blood pressure checks, body temperature readings and additional

questions. I was even aroused from a deep slumber so that I could assure the attendants that I did not need a sleeping pill for my comfort.

It was not all bad. The many cards, telephone calls, and visits from family, friends, and colleagues evoked in me a thankful feeling that there were people concerned with my well-being despite my personality-challenged disposition. And the evening nurse, a graduate of the outstanding institution at which I am employed, provided more than her requisite share of TLC (there I go again). Allow me to publicly thank my PCP, my GI, my RN, and, of course, the WVHCS!

In the final analysis, the culprit was a problem gall bladder, which was treated competently, and as of this writing, successfully. ❧

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## Get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? Win an award? Earn a degree? Open a business? Retire?

If you have, fill your fellow alumni in on your accomplishments. After your event has occurred, send your announcements, with supporting items (newspaper clippings, written descriptions) to: Milestones, Marketing Communications Office, Wilkes University, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766, (570) 408-7813 (fax). Email your news items, story ideas, feedback, or anything else you want to say, to [universe@wilkes.edu](mailto:universe@wilkes.edu). Thank you for keeping in touch!

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# THE ANNETTE EVANS ALUMNI HOUSE



**T**HE QUIANT, ENGLISH GOTHIC HOUSE LOCATED AT 146 SOUTH RIVER STREET, IS MORE THAN THE PLACE WHERE THE ALUMNI RELATIONS STAFF WORKS. The Annette Evans Alumni House was and is intended to be a gift to Wilkes University's alumni.

In her will, Miss Evans bequeathed her family home at 117 West River Street to Wilkes College for much-needed alumni and faculty quarters. However, the Flood of 1972 heavily damaged the house, requiring Wilkes to sell the property. When the cur-

rent central campus location—the former home of Dr. Eugene S. Farley and wife Eleanor Coates and the original home of the Health Sciences Office—became available, Miss Evans' memorial was transferred to it.

"We are really going to start taking advantage of this splendid place," says Vice President Dawn Atwater-Haight. Future social gatherings for alumni include a "high tea" in early summer and Reunion Weekend, which will afford alumni two opportunities to take in the, Tudor Revival-style house. Friday registration runs from 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. A combination registration and continental breakfast on Saturday will be held from 9–11 a.m.

The Annette Evans Alumni House is a fitting tribute to a woman who revered education and enhanced the world through her unique talents and desire to enrich mankind. A longtime benefactor of Wilkes, Miss Evans also served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

For her contributions of diverse cultural enrichment in the Commonwealth, she was appointed as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania. A founder of the Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic, The Fine Arts Fiesta, and The Little Theatre, Miss Evans was a talented actress who traveled across the country with The Jitney Players. She was also an author

who produced weekly theatre columns for the newspaper, many dramas, and a biography of George Catlin, an Indian painter and native of Wilkes-Barre. Her work on a statewide Indian survey at the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society led to the formation of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

If you happen to find yourself in town or back in the Wyoming Valley, stop in and enjoy this special place—like Miss Evans wanted. !!!



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