

# To Wilkes University!

*From the New Year's Day unveiling of the Wilkes University campus signs to the Fourth of July, when Wilkes will let the community fireworks signal an end to revelry, the Spring semester has been one of celebration for the new Wilkes University.*

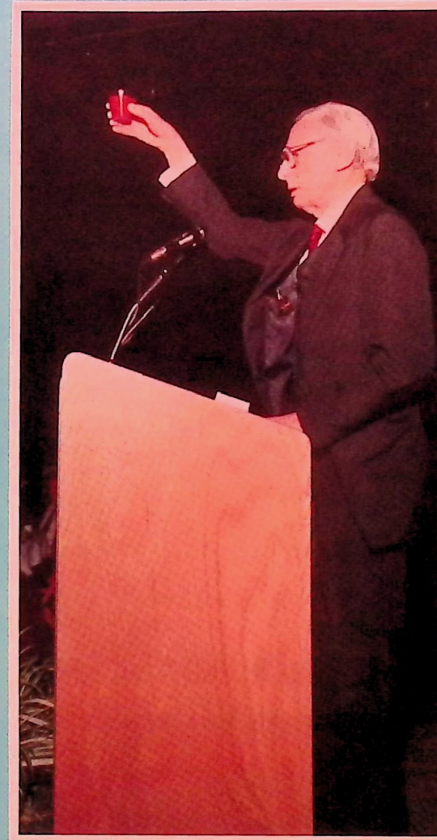
*Some of the celebration has been decorative — banners hung from every campus building and adorning Public Square throughout the late winter.*

*Some of the celebration has been academic — a major address on "Science Education in the 1990s" by Dr. John Prados, engineer and educator at the University of Tennessee, as the departments of biology, chemistry and the Sigma Xi scientific society joined their annual lectures.*

*University celebration events have included public affairs lectures by Henry Aaron of the Brookings Institution and Dr. Obrad Stanojevic, a law professor from the University of Belgrade; as well as poetry readings, and concerts by each University performance group.*

*The celebration reached its peak in mid-February when the campus, community, friends and alumni gathered for the celebration dinner and convocation on February 15 and 16.*

*The events of that evening and morning are highlighted on the following pages, both in pictures and in the words used by our distinguished guests to celebrate the occasion.*



# QUARTERLY

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President Breiseth (right) with Gary Sojka, president of Bucknell University, our parent institution, at the Celebration Convocation

June, 1990

Dear Friends,

The celebration is nearly over. When the community sets off its Fourth of July fireworks, we at Wilkes will declare an end to the half year of celebrating the attainment of University status. As we return to a more normal academic style, we can reflect not only on the good times we have enjoyed together but also on the challenges ahead. The celebration of the past several months would be meaningless if we failed to meet the challenges and raised expectations presented by becoming a university.

The extraordinary number of local congratulations and expressions of delight we have received upon becoming a university attests to the close relationship between Wilkes and its region. The congratulatory comments have celebrated the fact that "We at last have our own university." Wilkes University looks forward to serving this region even more effectively as we build this effort on a great tradition of service going back to the very beginning of Bucknell University Junior College.

Wilkes will maintain its commitment to a student-centered education. Faculty will continue to work closely with students to fulfill their educational needs even as they challenge these students to become involved in research, cooperative activities and service to their community.

As Wilkes moves to provide leadership to the region as its University, we look to our many friends and alumni for the continued support that has itself been cause for celebration. Thank you for helping us celebrate. Thank you for standing beside us as Wilkes University moves ahead.

Sincerely,

*Christopher N. Breiseth*

Christopher N. Breiseth  
President

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Attorney Charles Miner, long a trustee of Wilkes, lifts his glass in a toast to Wilkes University. Photo by Jim Kozemchak.

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# Address on the Occasion of Wilkes Becoming a University

by

Sheldon Hackney

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Wilkes College is assuming the university status commensurate with its expanded role in American higher education and in the economic and cultural life of Northeast Pennsylvania at a particularly interesting juncture. These are extraordinary but contradictory times. Though tyranny still exists, and injustices both foreign and domestic still abound, we are witnessing one of the most hopeful explosions in the growth of democracy in the history of the world. At home, the largest peacetime economic expansion since the Great Depression seems to be coming in for a soft landing, and the eighties can be correctly seen as a golden era of American peace and prosperity. Yet, it was also a decade of stagnation in standards of living, increasing disparity in the distribution of income and wealth, and the cataclysmic multiplication of human ills in our drug-plagued cities.

More importantly, while our pantheon of foreign heroes expanded (Gorbachev, Walesa, Havel, Dubcek, Mandela and perhaps even DeKlerk), and the rogues gallery of deposed tyrants (Marcos, Honckker, Ceausescu, Noriega) expanded in a satisfying way, at home heroes were in short supply.

In fact, the American consciousness in recent years has been saturated with tales of heroes with feet of clay. No sector of life has remained untouched by scandals or the loud thud of falling angels. Jimmy and Tammy Bakker completed

the circuit from the pinnacle of televangelistic success to disgrace and trouble with the law after revelations of sexual improprieties, financial irregularities and luxurious self-indulgence. The insider trading scandals sent Ivan Boesky to prison from his orbit above Wall Street's high fliers. Indeed, the distinctive denizen of the eighties may well have been the yuppie "doing greed" and watching his elders play "liars poker" with huge sums of other people's money.

Nor were Wall Street and religion the only locale of moral decay. That symbol of gritty competitiveness in sports, Pete Rose, was banned for life from the game because he broke the rules by gambling. College superstar Len Bias died of a cocaine overdose just after signing a multi-million dollar professional basketball contract. A Pulitzer prize-winning reporter lost the prize and her job when it was discovered that she had fabricated the story that won the honor. In our nation's capitol, Jim Wright was chased from his position of power as Speaker of the House of Representatives by the revelation of financial improprieties.

Relentlessly, the stain of violated trust spread. The decade was so tawdry that Christopher Lasch was moved to observe recently that "The moral bottom has dropped out of our culture."

Surely, you might think, universities have been exempt from this onslaught; surely, they are seen by the



public as one of the forces in American life at work on the task of enlivening the moral imagination and renewing our common commitment to improving human welfare. Not so! Cases of academic fraud have been appearing with distressing frequency and a former Secretary of Education made a career of bashing universities, portraying them as elitist, unresponsive, greedy, and arrogant. Allan Bloom with his book, *The Closing of the American Mind*, precipitated a torrent of criticism of higher education as having lost its way educationally, as having prostituted the core of its soul by replacing a core curriculum based in the classics of western social and political thought with the latest fad pandering to social activism. More recently, *Profscam* by Charles Sykes has appealed to a public attuned to scandal by fulminating against a professorate that is portrayed as lazy and irresponsible in carrying out its teaching duties and morally lax in its intellectual integrity. At President George Bush's educational summit in September 1989, governors were reported to have said harsh things about universities, perhaps taking a cue from former governor John Sununu, the President's chief of staff, who seized an occasion early in the administration of a meeting of a small group of university presidents with President Bush to lash out at universities for being too costly and not doing enough to improve performance.

Whether as cause or effect, a lengthening series of legislative and judicial actions in Washington has made it clear that higher education is more and more being seen as

just another likely source of revenue for a tax-starved federal government, just another commercial enterprise whose peculiar traditions deserve no particular respect, just another price-fixing combination in restraint of trade, just another snout at the trough. Something is wrong!

When Thomas Hardy's protagonist, Jude Fawley, has finished his apprenticeship as a stone mason and been deserted by his wife, he sets out on an idealistic journey to achieve some undefined but lofty redirection of his life by going to Christminster with the hope of entering the university to become that most pure of human beings, a scholar. "After many turnings he came up to the first ancient medieval pile that he had encountered. It was a college, as he could see by the gateway. He entered it, walked round, and penetrated to dark corners which no lamplight reached. Close to this college was another; and a little further on another; and then he began to be encircled as it were with the breath and sentiment of the venerable city." He saw a spectral procession of poets and divines and learned men including "men of meditative faces, strained foreheads, and weak-eyed as bats with constant research...." For Jude, the university was thoroughly admirable but not really connected to the realities of contemporary life.

Jude was forced to go to work as a stone mason to earn a living, save money, and wait for his opportunity to become a son of the university, though he perceived that the passage of time and the onset of modernity was eroding the



Dr. Hackney greets Dr. Breiseth while Vice President George Waldner and Trustee Joseph Savitz '48 prepare to present his honorary degree.



Dr. Hackney receives congratulations from Trustee Patricia Davies.

buildings and presumably the ancient and idealized pursuits of the university. "It was not till now, when he found himself actually on the spot of his enthusiasm, that Jude perceived how far away from the object of that enthusiasm he really was. Only a wall divided him from those happy young contemporaries of his with whom he shared a common mental life; men who had nothing to do from morning till night but to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. Only a wall — but what a wall!... So he thanked God for his health and strength and took courage. For the present he was outside the gates of everything colleges included: perhaps some day he would be inside. Those palaces of light and leading; he might some day look down on the world through their panes."

Jude never made it, of course, and the college remained a symbol of an organic and ideal life that was no longer attainable in modern times by ordinary people.

Times have changed. Jude wished to escape from modern life into the medieval university. Nowadays, the university is the gateway into a full engagement with modern life. As Eric Ashby has noted, "The great American contribution to higher education has been to dismantle the walls around the campus." Knowledge has become much more central to society and the economy, and education therefore has become much more of a necessity for the individual.

The irony is that as the university has become much more important, it is coming to occupy a much less special place. The great challenge of the 1990s for universities is to reassess the relationship of the university to society and to strike a new balance between public expectations and the task the university sets for itself. That can best be done by each university understanding its role in contemporary life, in its own setting, and dedicating itself to the faithful fulfillment of that role, while being true to the best element of its traditions. The outcome of this reassessment will certainly be different for different institutions, for the great strength of the American system of higher education is its diversity, a diversity that allows students with different interests and needs to find the

learning environment that is right for them, and that promotes progress by encouraging and allowing experimentation — the possibility that out of a welter of different approaches might come a few true successes that would not have been discovered in a unitary or centralized system.

One must realize from the outset that the relationship between the university and society is bound to be an ambiguous one. The traditional university ideal of complete institutional autonomy will be played off against the public's demand for total accountability. The proper balance will change from time to time and from circumstance to circumstance, so the university leader's task of keeping autonomy and accountability in a healthy dynamic equilibrium will be increasingly difficult.

Perched as we are on the rim of the last decade of the twentieth century, one can see a host of major forces at work around the world that will clearly shape the environment in which universities will be operating well into the twenty-first century. There is no reason to expect a change in the accelerating pace in the creation of new knowledge nor in the trend toward economies that are more knowledge-based than before. At home, ethnic diversity will surely increase, while abroad the communications revolution that has already altered world consciousness and the self-perceptions of people everywhere will undoubtedly continue to work its wonders. The growing world-wide demand for higher standards of living will cause domestic tensions in countries with unsuccessful economies and will increase tensions between have and have-not nations. The economies of the world will become more interrelated, moving in the direction of a single, integrated, global economy. Paralleling the broadening scope of human activity, the growing ecological problems of humankind will become ever more pressing. Ironically, as all of the economic and technological forces bring people into closer, and more interdependent, and more varied relationships with each other globally, there will be no end to the growing demand for individual and communal self-determination, leading to strife based on national, ethnic, racial, and religious sectarian differences.

If we are to pick our way through the obstacle course formed by this daunting array of challenges without tripping into major catastrophes, universities will be drawn toward the center of the stage. The knowledge preserved and initiated there, the people educated there, the habits of rational and unfettered discourse nurtured there, the models of devotion to the common good championed there will be needed as never before. In the ethnically sparse landscape of our time, the university is one of the institutions with the best chance of stimulating the moral reforestation that we so desperately need.

This may sound like an impossibly inflated task for



universities as a group, and perhaps a little intimidating for a relatively small, private university tucked into the scenic Wyoming Valley, but any institution that had the confidence to open its doors at the depth of the Great Depression and has had the energy and resiliency to travel so far over a mere six decades, to adapt and grow in response to cataclysmic changes, is certainly equal to the challenge.

I am particularly hopeful for Wilkes because of the educational philosophy pursued here, set forth in Eugene Shedden Farley's *Essays of an Educator*, and expressed most succinctly in the "guide to learning," the credo, provided by your faculty. That philosophy envisions not only the rigorous disciplining of the intellect but the stimulation of the moral dimension of the student who wishes to be an educated person. I applaud that and think it is precisely what is needed by our troubled times.

It may even be what is needed for any time, for it sounds wonderfully consonant with the vision set forth in 1649 by Benjamin Franklin in the essay that is the founding document for my own university. He begins his "Proposals

Relating to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania" with a statement that he took to be a truism, "The good Education of Youth has been esteemed by wise Men in all Ages, as the surest Foundation of the Happiness both of private Families and of Commonwealths."

More importantly, Franklin closes the essay, after describing the desired curriculum and its benefits, with a statement that ought to be emblazoned on the consciousness of educators everywhere. "The idea of what is true Merit, should also be often presented to Youth, explain'd and impress'd on their Minds, as consisting in an Inclination join'd with an Ability to serve Mankind, one's country, Friends and Family; which Ability is (with the Blessing of God) to be acquir'd or greatly increas'd by true Learning; and should indeed be the great Aim and End of all Learning."

So, it is with a great deal of pleasure and confidence that the oldest university in North America welcomes the youngest university in North America to share a common commitment to the betterment of the human condition through what Franklin called "true merit."



### Citation for Dr. Sheldon Hackney

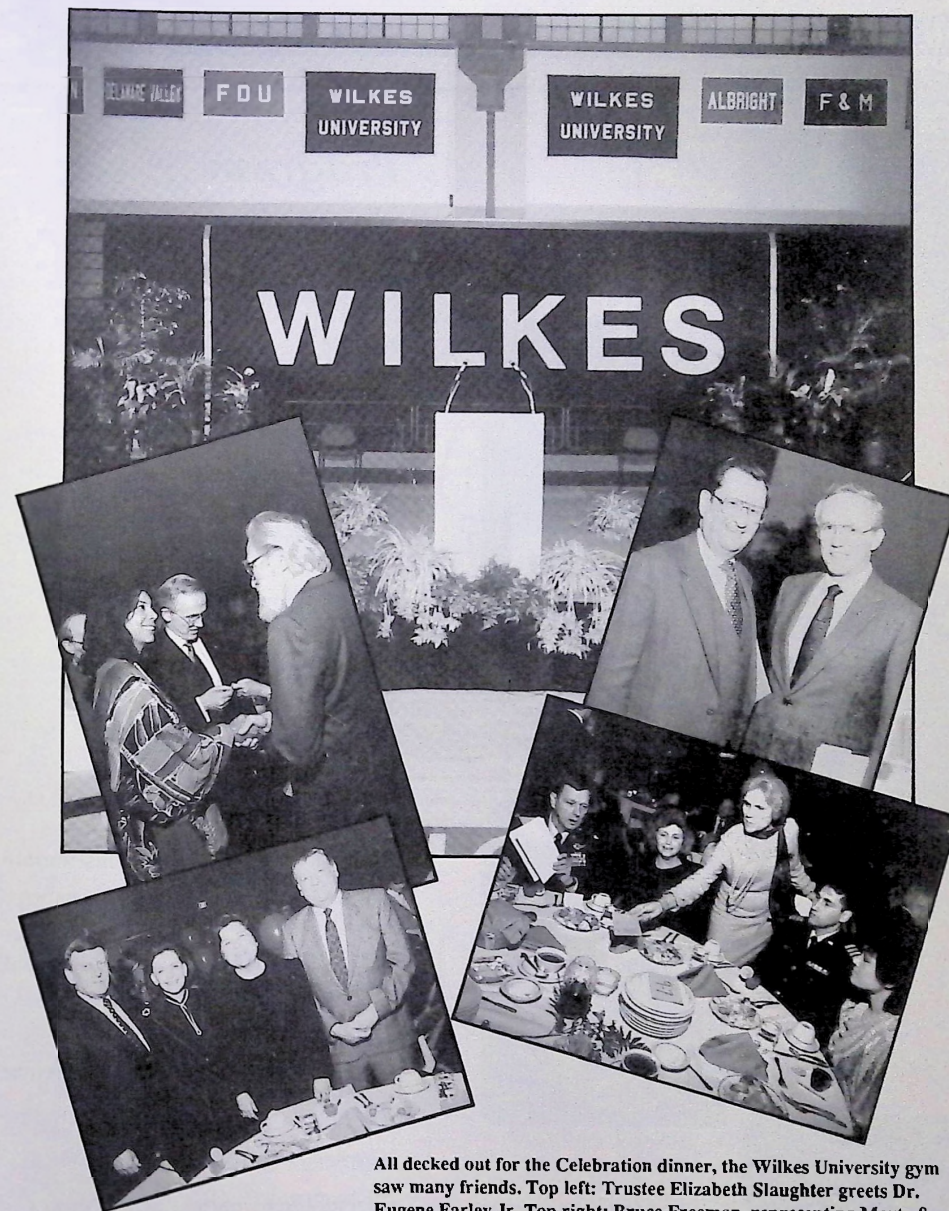
*Sheldon Hackney*, President of the University of Pennsylvania, you have been a successful leader of the Commonwealth's oldest and greatest University for nearly a decade. Through your potent combination of tough, clear intelligence, unflappable poise, and self-deprecating humor, you have brought this talented, often contentious academic community to a new level of distinction. The recently announced billion dollar capital campaign to celebrate Penn's 250th birthday symbolizes the confidence you have inspired among the faculty, trustees, students, and alumni. You have led your colleagues at Penn to dedicate this unprecedented fund-raising effort to the strengthening of human resources at the University, including the increase of access for students of talent who lack financial means. You have strengthened the University's tradition of admitting students from all walks of life and graduating them as an elite, prepared to help lead society in every major field of human endeavor.

In this week of Nelson Mandela's release from a South African prison, we salute you — a white man from Alabama who has drawn wisdom from America's civil rights struggles to guide a great multi-racial university in the City of Brotherly Love. Philadelphia's future, like the nation's future, depends upon creative and determined efforts such as you are stimulating to extend educational and economic opportunities to men and women of all races, backgrounds, and persuasions.

Graduate of Vanderbilt, talented apprentice historian at Yale to the dean of Southern and American racial history, C. Vann Woodward, you became and remain a teacher even as you became provost at Princeton, then president at Tulane. During the 1980s at Penn you drew the academic and administrative communities together to plan systematically for the future, adroitly mobilizing the University community to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Proud and supportive husband and father, you have epitomized in your private life and public work a spirit of progressive change and civility.

Now, as a representative of the newest University in the Commonwealth facing the leader of the oldest, I happily declare that by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby confer upon you, Sheldon Hackney, the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.



All decked out for the Celebration dinner, the Wilkes University gym saw many friends. Top left: Trustee Elizabeth Slaughter greets Dr. Eugene Farley Jr. Top right: Bruce Freeman, representing Marts & Lundy, with President Breiseth. Bottom left: Robert and Shirley Fortinsky with Esther and William Davidowitz. Mr. Fortinsky and Mrs. Davidowitz are both trustees. Bottom right: Betsy Condron, who masterminded the dinner, with ROTC faculty and students (from left) Lt. Col. A. Roger Matson, Karry K. Matson, Condron, Cadet Raymond Smith and Dianne Smith.





George F. Ralston



Charles H. Miner, Jr.



Frank M. Henry



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Charles B. Reif

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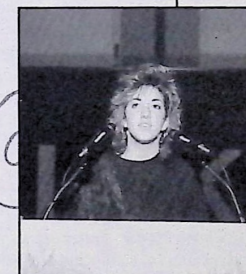
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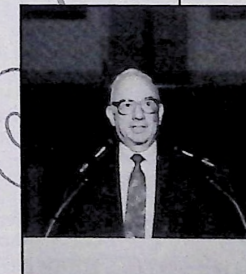
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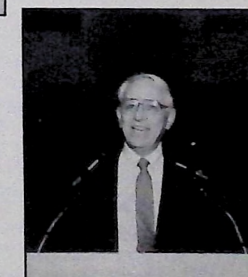
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## Celebration Dinner

George F. Ralston

### The Invocation

O God who brought our fathers to this place, we offer thanks for the College which they founded here, and for all that it has represented of human devotion and high aspirations. Grateful are we for that sense of past greatness which commits us to a future of humane vision and unrelenting devotion. Grant now that the University by its deeds of service may so fulfill the promise of the founders that her name may indeed be ever honored among all those who hear it. Deepen our loyalty to this University. Preserve our enthusiasm for its fellowship and our faith in its purpose. Let this day be a celebration of all things that bring us to the present and a dedication of ourselves to generations now rising. Amen.

Charles H. Miner, Jr.

### The Toast

I came on the board of Bucknell Junior College in its and my early youth — its staff was minimal and the board made up of busy and important people, so this kid was added by Gilbert McClintock to take the minutes and to act as secretary. From then on my connection with the Junior College, the College and now the University has given me great pride and been among my most gratifying relationships and today is glorious as we enter into a new era.

Benjamin Disraeli, the famous British statesman, in a speech before the House of Commons in 1873, said "a university should be a place of light, of liberty and of learning." The University which we greet today is eminently qualified to meet those objectives. Let's all join in a toast to Wilkes University, which will illuminate the lives of all whom it teaches.

To Wilkes University!

Frank M. Henry

### Greetings from the Board

It's a grand night, it's a night to celebrate. A night to pat ourselves on the back. A night that we will all remember because it is a night we looked forward to for a long, long time.

I'm very privileged to speak to you just very briefly on behalf of your Board of Trustees. I've been fortunate to be a member of that fine group for thirteen years, and I've had the privilege of being asked to be the Chairman for the past three years. I believe that I've had an education — equaling the education that others have had at this university for the past four years. It's been a wonderful education.

I believe the one thing that I remember most is learning how much your Board of Trustees has played a role in the growth and the expansion and the prominence of Wilkes University. Back in the days when Dr. Marts and Dr. Farley first started to make this dream come true, they recruited the Board along with themselves to go out and talk to people in the immediate vicinity to see if they could donate their land, donate their time, and donate their talents. Obviously, they did that job well. Then we went on to our two following presidents who called again upon the Board to go out and raise funds to build the new library, the new dormitory. Again the Board has always responded.

I remember when Chris called his first Board meeting to be held in the old gymnasium. As always Chris has a reason for everything that he does. As we sat in a room that I think purposely hadn't been cleaned that day, we sat around a table, saw where we were, and in a very short time we knew where he wanted us to go. We took his leadership. That building was here. This is the building now. It stands where we had our first meeting. This is the reason people worked together so hard to build together along with many, many friends the facility you see today.

The facility is obviously an edifice that signifies what Wilkes can do but it also signifies what Wilkes can do for its community and what the Board has indirectly done for its community. It is its way of saying thank you to the community for the many things you have done for Wilkes University.

The transformation from Wilkes College to Wilkes University may not seem as dramatic as the transformation of the old gym into this Sports and Conference Center. Together they represent an institution becoming ever stronger to fulfill the dream that Dr. Farley and Dr. Marts held forth. The contribution of this generous and dedicated Board to mobilize the resources necessary to bring both about is one for which I wish to thank my Board colleagues.

## Tribute to the Wilkes Student

Charles B. Reif

For the faculty to think of the Wilkes Student as an entity is impossible. To remember each of the thousands of students who survived our courses, or failed to survive, is also impossible. However, with many students the faculty has established lasting friendships, and with many the faculty continues the quest to be marked as educated persons.

Many of those students fought in the wars of our times, and many still strive to keep the peace, as fragile as it may be. Some served in the Peace Corps. In their professions our students represent many callings from accountants, bankers, college professors, dentists, engineers, completely through the alphabet to urologists, writers, vocational guidance counselors, x-ray technicians, yachtsmen and zoologists.

They are leaders in their vocations. In their communities, they volunteer to serve on the boards of many constructive organizations. In doing so they keep the fabric of society mended and functional, supplying their expertise freely for the benefit of all. Their contributions to science cannot pass without notice. Their efforts as legislators deserve acclaim. We applaud their acting on the stage, their singing in the opera, their paintings which hang in homes and art galleries, as well as their instrumental accomplishments.

We give thanks for their healing of ailing bodies and their mending of unstable minds. Their sermons from the pulpit make us pause to reflect. The variety of their talents is amazing. We are blessed to have had them in our classes. So, to one and all, we say, "Congratulations. Thank you. Keep up the good work. Wilkes University is proud to call you its own."

## The Joy of Teaching

Charlotte V. Lord

Greetings, professional and non-professional educators.

The etymology of the verb to educate is the Latin prefix *e*: out of or from, and the root word *ducere*: to draw. Education begins at birth and ends with death. Its nature depends upon environment and endowment. Joy is keen pleasure.

Analysis of this emotion is almost impossible; however, I have had the assistance of the good Parson in Geoffrey Chaucer's frame for his fourteenth-century *The Canterbury Tales* and the wisdom of a youthful Jewish grandmother, a student at G.A.R. High School where at the age of nineteen I became a professional teacher. She did not go to college, but she has a passion to know. She reads voraciously. She writes poetry. On Valentine's Day she brought me a flower and stayed to talk. At one point she said this:

Love isn't put in your heart to stay.

Love is not love until you give it away.

Teaching is giving. We give to one another. We explore and grow in knowledge together. When my students call, write, or come back to visit, when they tell me of honors,

awards, recognition in their careers and lives, I know that we are now and forever kindred souls who have given to and educated one another.

Let Chaucer speak of his Parson who both *gladly learned* and *gladly taught*:

There was a man of the priest's vocation,  
A poor town Parson of true consecration...  
Learned he was, in the truest sense a clerk  
Who meant Christ's gospel faithfully to preach  
And truly his parishioners to teach...  
Wide was his parish, with houses far asunder,  
But he would not be kept by rain or thunder,  
If any had suffered a sickness or a blow,  
From visiting the farthest, high or low,  
Plodding his way on foot, his staff in hand.  
He was a model his flock could understand,  
For first he did and afterward he taught.

Certainly, he was wise. Certainly, he followed what he taught.

Marcie Kreinces '90

## The University and Students

As President of Student Government, I am honored to be able to speak to you tonight on behalf of the students at this University Celebration. Last semester, Wilkes College's designation to university status was the constant topic of conversation. Initially, the thoughts of the seniors were what are we going to put on our diplomas and our class rings. The thoughts of the underclassmen were whether they would have a choice as to whether they would put college or university on their diploma when their day arrives.

As we thought about the university status carefully, we realized that the change would affect more than our resumes and our transcripts. Accompanying the change of designation is greater expectation for Wilkes as an institution. Each of us, whether a direct part of Wilkes or part of the Wilkes community, will contribute to making our Wilkes experience the very best that it can be. From the students' perspective we hope that the attention the individuals get here will always be a primary part of the Wilkes education. We came to Wilkes to be known by our names, not by our Social Security numbers. With all the changes that come with the on-going development at Wilkes we must hold on to the qualities that drew us here in the first place.

Wilkes the College has a lot to be proud of and Wilkes the University has much to look forward to in the future. On behalf of the students, we offer our congratulations to the Wilkes community and to the Wilkes campus.



## Celebration Dinner

## The Reflections

## The Farley Era: Building the Institution

Eugene Farley, Jr., M.D.

Son of Wilkes's first president, Eugene Shedden Farley

It's a pleasure to be back here and to be asked to reflect on issues relating to the development of Wilkes University. Much of these reflections were refreshed thanks to Essie Davidowitz, Al Groh and Mary Gale who put together my father's writings, *Essays of an Educator*. Rereading those gave me a great opportunity to recall how I came to think like I thought, and it makes you realize the important role parents play in your life and the environment in which they raised you.

The theme of this family's life was largely Bucknell Junior College and then Wilkes College. I must admit the excitement of seeing this Bucknell Junior College grow into this university is a great one for all of us.

In 1936, we came — I was just a kid so I'm speaking as a kid, a nine year old. It was just a shirt factory. I must admit my father and mother shared a great dream. It was a dream relating to people — the people who needed to get educated, the people who needed to be heard, the people who needed to participate. And they thought the college was the way to do this.

My father was a great believer of this, never to be worried about the things of the college even though half his life was spent trying to get buildings and money and support for the college. But it was always to support people — the faculty who had to teach, the students who had to learn, and even all the people who worked there.

The thing that impresses me most in those years is the enthusiasm that went into developing the school, not just by my father and my mother, but the enthusiasm of the faculty. Coming back here

I relive as I see some of you and recall the days when the school was small, when every little bit counted. In reading some of his writings, I am reminded that in the first years the rent for the whole building was \$10,000 a year, and if they could reduce it by \$2,500, they could afford to come out without a debt. Unfortunately, they couldn't reduce it so they started going after acquisition of buildings, and asking people to give of their wealth, to give of their time, to give the buildings: Conyngham Hall, Chase Hall, Weckesser Hall, Kirby Hall, Stark Hall, a whole series. It's been people who have done it.

One of the things that impressed me about the college and impressed me about the people is that it had a social vision. It was responding to social responsibility and helping people to learn to develop a social vision, to care about the people, to care about the community, to care about the country, and to care about the environment.

Again my father's background: I think that first being a farmer, then going into education with history and education as his degrees, gave him a different outlook. He understood the importance of the intellectual work and the importance of hard physical work and recognized they went together. I think this has been passed on, I know to his children and to his grandchildren. I think he's given all of us a vision and the vision is not just one person's vision. The vision is shared by all of the people over the years who have contributed to the development of this now university, to make it the strong place it is. I think over the next century, this university is going to continue to grow and add to the

excitement of the individuals who work here, who learn here, who go out from here, and to the community of which it is a part. This to me is the strength of this whole university. The excitement for my family was always its community relationships. I think dad would be extremely delighted to see what's going on.

Obviously, he felt that man's mind was the thing that had to be taken care of; that honesty and responsibility were essential, and the society couldn't function without them. He'd be amazed and I think dismayed at the irresponsibility and dishonesty that has begun in our public communications from the government on down, in the things we do and fail to recognize we can respond to. In other words, the silence that we make often speaks as loudly as our talking. One of the things that impressed me, it is said that it was the silent Germans who helped bring Hitler to power. Not the noisy bad Germans, but the good Germans who dominated. Always impressing us that we the people, if we are silent, are just as noisy, just as speaking as the people who are out there clamoring. And we have to be effective. We have to be knowledgeable. We have to be responsible. And we have to deal honestly and openly in a free society.

I think Wilkes is not only just becoming a University. This is a time when the world is rapidly changing and the open minds that we have helped develop will continue to develop the new areas you will open. This is very exciting for everyone.

Thank you all for having us back here, and this isn't anything that I wrote down.

## Intellectual Excellence as a Tradition at Wilkes

Francis J. Michelini

President, 1970-1975

You'd think I'd have learned my lesson that Farleys are a tough act to follow. My two hour speech will be over in the corner after this adjourns.

If you want a challenge, try to take something that has been such an important part of you life and condense those experiences and the perceptions of excellence that I believe characterize this institution in three minutes or less. But bear with me because you're going to get the result of my labors.

My experience at Wilkes dates from the fall semester of 1955, a college of 650 students, unemployment in the valley at 20 percent, miners with black lung, mothers working in shoe factories, garment factories, cigar factories...

Why? Not just to make a living, but to make it possible for their children to get an education and to make a better life. With that sacrifice and commitment so real and so apparent, even to someone like me who did not have roots in the valley, seeing students with one, two — and in talking to Chuck Reif earlier — even three part time jobs — how could college efforts be focused on anything but the best. There was a synchrony of effort that came from students and their families through the college and its faculty.

As I thought of what to identify as a tradition of excellence I came to understand why the Catholic Church once a year celebrates All Saint's Day. In the old days, you Catholic parochial school students would remember, you had to go to church and listen to the endless litany of saints: "Saint Augustine, *ora pro nobis*, Saint Bernadette, *ora pro nobis*," and you went through a hundred of them. Jane Lampe reminded me they also threw in a *miserere nobis* somewhere, but I never understood. (Father Lackenmier you can help me later on — why did they throw in an odd response?)

But that's how I felt when I recall the list of the outstanding, committed and uncompromising teachers and dedicated support staff who celebrated excellence by their daily labor

with their students. Chuck Reif, Voris Hall, Ed Heltzel, Cromwell Thomas, Catherine Bone, Al Bastress, Frank Salley, Phil Rizzo, Chet Colson, Frank Davies, Charlotte Lord, Ben Fiester, Edith Namisniak, Bob Riley, Cathal O'Toole, Stanko and Nada Vujica, Bronis Kaslas, Konstantin Symonolewicz, Tommy Richards, Stan Wasilewski, Sam Rosenberg, Hugo Mailey, Welton Ferrar, George Elliott, Art Hoover, Gene Hammer, Bill Gasbarro, Dick Chapline, Al Groh, Bill Jervis, Millie Gittins, John Whitby, George Ralston, John Chwalek and so many more — *ora pro nobis* to them all.

Well, my point is, they reflected a commitment to excellence in their daily work and the students respected that. They knew that their personal and family sacrifices were recognized by teachers who gave unstintingly of their time and their talents in return. In my earliest faculty years, Wilkes received its first major gift to build its first totally new academic facility — Stark Hall. There was never a question of its purpose. It was the express wish of the donor that this facility incorporate all of the tools necessary for excellence in both teaching and in research.

An introductory course — in most disciplines probably the only one a non-major will experience in that field — was rigorous and taught by the most senior professor in the department. He was challenged by that assignment to excel in what others often viewed as the lowest assignment on the academic totem pole. Music and theater were extracurricular activities, not for majors because there were none in those disciplines. But students knew, because of the support from the top down — seeing trustees like Annette Evans and Dorothy Dart, President and Mrs. Farley, faculty members, faculty wives and community leaders present at those theater and musical performances — that the College lived its commitment to the value of the arts experience in a liberal education that was an integral

part of a commitment to excellence. The incorporation of the Sordani Gallery in a science and academic facility was not an accident. That integration communicated the respect for all of the disciplines in the arts and sciences — as a value that was part of the commitment to excellence.

In 1955 Sheldon Cohen, a full-time medical practitioner with insatiable curiosity, was a catalyst for me, a newly minted Ph.D., and countless biology students. He, by his pursuit of research, set an example. He showed the importance of the continuing quest for knowledge, for excellence, and the lifelong pursuit of learning at every professional level. You didn't just practice a profession — you grew with it and you made it part of you.

You didn't just teach economics — you helped labor and management solve economic problems.

You didn't just teach political science — you helped government and civil servants improve their capacity to serve.

You didn't just lecture about the arts — you established a Fine Arts Fiesta to bring artistic expression to a community.

Education, psychology, engineering, chemistry — I can't think of any discipline that I could not tell you some anecdotal relationship between this faculty, its students and this community and some activity they were a part of. The faculty and students were allies in all those activities and I am sure they continue to be in the current work of the college.

The point is, intellectual excellence is not a media image that you or I or the press or television create. Excellence is earned! And we are a part, the beneficiaries of that tradition at this college, now a university, as it moves to a new level of commitment to excellence at every level. From trustee to security guard, they support this magnificent human experience that we call education. I am so proud to have been part of it.



## The Long View:

# Student, Faculty Member, Dean and President

Robert S. Capin '50, DHL '83

President, 1975-1984

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. I am a student who became the president of this college. The Wilkes education and other experience prepared me for this important position. My academic and professional careers parallel the evolution of Wilkes University.

It all began in 1947, when I transferred as a newly married, World War II veteran to Bucknell University Junior College. An excellent faculty required us to meet their standards. My teachers — Drs. Charles Reif, Sam Rosenberg, Hugo Mailey, Stanko Vujica, Mary Craig and others — challenged the student body. They were knowledgeable master teachers in their fields. Our classes were small, so we had the opportunity to learn from and interact with these scholarly professors. The veterans classes may not have possessed all of the academic credentials but their maturity and motivation to make up for lost time compensated for any academic shortcomings.

During the summer of 1947, I was at the ceremony when B.U.J.C. became Wilkes College. My father and I attended the inaugural ceremony at the rear of Chase Hall. He had little formal education but immediately observed that this important event would impact upon many lives and the school would play a dominant role in our community.

In 1955, after working in the world of public accounting, I returned to Wilkes as a part-time faculty member in the evening school. Most of the students worked all day and attended classes at night. They possessed a work ethic that motivated them to achieve and the faculty experienced great satisfaction teaching these students.

Four years later I was invited to join the full-time faculty. With this teaching appointment there was a greater opportunity to influence students in the classroom. Then, as now, we were available for further discussion and advisement after class. Lasting friendships were established that exist to this day. To observe the development of students and their accomplishments is reward to a teacher that cannot be measured in

monetary terms.

Next, I served as Director of the Evening and Summer College and as Registrar. Each semester I continued to teach at least one course in accounting. Dr. Farley directed us to use our resources to strengthen the school and he encouraged us to take the initiative in planning programs. I responded with reinstituting the summer school, successfully, and Dr. Farley was pleased. Those years in his administration provided valuable experience for my future.

The flood of 1972 burdened our second president, Dr. Francis Michelini, with a huge recovery project. With his dedicated leadership and funding from the federal government and others, Wilkes was rebuilt. At that time, I told Dr. Michelini I would be willing to be of greater service to him and to the college. He responded by asking me to become the Dean of Academic Affairs. We were in the recovery mode and our financial resources were limited. Balancing the monetary issues, faculty and student needs and curriculum changes was complicated but we managed.

Then came the unexpected. Dr. Michelini accepted his present position. I was named acting president and served as acting president and dean of academic affairs for one busy, interesting year. After a presidential search concluded, I was chosen President of Wilkes College. The honor of this appointment was the culmination of my long career at Wilkes. Once again, the mystery of not knowing what life has in store for us often leads to activities that were never contemplated.

Throughout my presidential tenure it was essential to exercise control over expenditures while maintaining excellent academic standards. We had to repay significant amounts of interest and principal from our flood debt. Our Wilkes-Hahnemann Medical program and the nursing school flourished; affiliations with other medical institutions were arranged; the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities gave us reaccreditation; a new dormitory,

Evans Hall, was constructed; the Conyngham Student Center was acquired, and other physical facilities were refurbished. Being President granted me the unique opportunity to preserve and perpetuate Wilkes.

For everything there is a season and a reason.

After serving nine years at the helm, I felt I had accomplished my goals and the goals established by the Board of Trustees. I submitted my resignation and concluded thirty years of service to Wilkes. At commencement, the Board of Trustees awarded me an honorary doctorate degree and named me the first president emeritus.

I became a partner in a prominent accounting firm with responsibility for the continuing education of the professional staff. But I really missed teaching at Wilkes and was anxious to return.

Dr. Breiseth conceived the idea of creating an endowed position in accounting. A number of graduates and friends responded by establishing the Robert S. Capin Endowed Teaching Chair facilitating my return to the faculty, a position I am thoroughly enjoying.

My life at Wilkes has come full circle. I was a student, professor, registrar, director of evening and summer school, dean of academic affairs, acting president, president, president emeritus and once again professor. Wilkes has provided me with my education and my career. I am a product of this fine institution. Under Dr. Breiseth's able leadership, it has merited the right to be recognized as a university.

Our Alma Mater was written by Eleanor Farley. The sentiments expressed in the second stanza have guided us as Wilkes College and will continue to guide us as Wilkes University.

"Thou shalt lead us onward in search of finer things.

May we find the wisdom that thy spirit brings.

May our deeds of love and service ever swell thy fame.

Wilkes we stand to greet thee! Glory to thy name."

## Fulfillment of the Dream

Christopher N. Breiseth

President, 1984-Present

This gathering has something special for each of us. For those who are older it may bring back memories. For present students, it is creating memories for future years. For those of us privileged to be working now at Wilkes, these ceremonies and this turnout tell us something about the raised expectations of Wilkes as a university among her several constituencies. The excitement on campus and in our surrounding communities has surpassed our expectations and given us new opportunities and responsibilities for service to this region and the nation.

The dream you have heard described tonight is of a college, now university, committed from its very first days to excellence — excellence in teaching, excellence in student performance, excellence in serving the needs of government, business and labor in Northeastern Pennsylvania. As we contemplate the quality contributions of thousands of people over the past 57 years to bring us to where we are tonight, we are reaffirmed in the importance for our American culture of institutions like Wilkes that carry within themselves the highest hopes and the most dedicated efforts of the most caring citizens.

The dream for our future that I would share tonight is of a university bringing together committed students and faculty, filled with a sense of hope that the dramatic changes of recent weeks in Eastern Europe and Southern Africa have created a new environment in which disciplined, purposeful human effort can remake the world. Such a dream sees the erosion of cynicism and the resurgence of hope that we as individuals working collaboratively can make a difference in addressing the host of problems and issues facing us as we approach the millennium.

If we at Wilkes can nurture such commitment and believe in our potential, we will convey it beyond our walls to our host community and to communities beyond our mountains. Not only

the unique contributions of individuals in their professions but of enlightened citizens joining forces to improve our politics, to heal our physical environment, and to invest in those of our people now on the outside and looking in become the objects of our efforts.

A resurgent interest among our students in becoming teachers is part of the dream, as is the hope that success will attend the collaborations now under way between our local sister schools and colleges to improve student learning from K through U. Finally, the dream includes a dramatic increase in global awareness by all of us at Wilkes.

If we can take advantage of the new opportunities created by countries opening up to economic and political activities congruent with our own, and discover the imperative for this region and this nation to invest ourselves in these exciting developments, we will both energize this country as well as help others. My trip with Ted Engel to Bulgaria this summer, as a result of alumnus Ron Rescigno's initiative, is only one of several examples of Wilkes people reaching out to be involved with this world in ferment and bringing back to this campus a heightened sense of where the human family is going. Our recent student trip to Germany is another, and Mike Case's proposed trip with a colleague from Keystone Junior College to Estonia to work on problems of environmental pollution is a third.

The dream is built upon my own experience over the past six years of the dedication of Wilkes people to this University. I continue to be impressed by the commitment of Wilkes faculty to their students. My visits with alumni around the country continue to impress on me the high quality of the education

they claim to have received at Wilkes. The willingness of these alumni around the nation to help fulfill the destiny of this University, including providing significant financial support for its growth and improvement, will be a determining factor in whether we can realize our dreams.

The example for this involvement is ready at hand in the extraordinary work

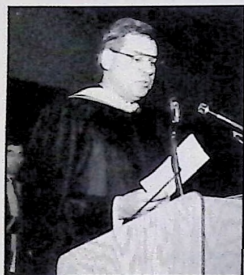
*"a university, committed from its very first days, to excellence"*

Christopher N. Breiseth  
Feb. 16, 1990

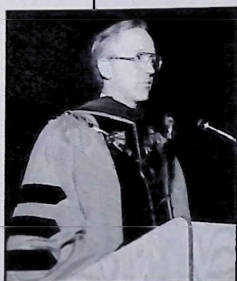
and generous support of the Wilkes Board of Trustees, including both alumni and non-alumni. This Marts Center, a symbol of the new Wilkes University, is a monument to their vision and their commitment. I want particularly to pay a personal tribute to our chairman, Frank Henry. In his quiet, persuasive way, he has shown his fellow trustees how to build Wilkes into an ever stronger institution. His own generosity has been strategic in the success of the WILKES TOMORROW Campaign. But beyond such tangible works, his support, guidance and friendship have made my job a joy. The importance of trustees to the success of colleges and universities in America is pivotal. Wilkes has been extraordinarily lucky in its board, and through my comments about Frank I want to thank them all in behalf of our faculty, our staff, and our students.

Once again, let me thank all of those who helped put this dinner party together and all of you who came out on a winter's night to wish Wilkes University well as it begins a new era of service.





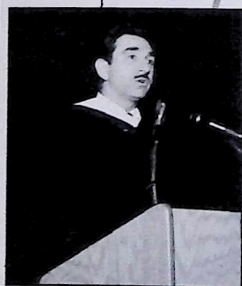
John W. Jordan



Christopher N. Breiseth



Frank M. Henry



Lee Namey '68

## University Day Convocation Program Order of Exercises

- \* Fanfare for the Common Man . . . . . Aaron Copland
- \* Processional: Rondeau . . . . . Jean Mouret
- \* America the Beautiful . . . . . Words by Katherine Lee Bates  
Music by Samuel A. Ward

\* Invocation . . . . . The Reverend John W. Jordan  
Superintendent of Diocesan Schools  
Diocese of Scranton

Welcome . . . . . Christopher N. Breiseth  
President, Wilkes University

Greetings . . . . . Frank M. Henry  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Honorable Lee Namey '68  
Mayor of the City of Wilkes-Barre

The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski '59  
Member of the United States Congress

Charles Fuget  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Gary A. Sojka  
President, Bucknell University

"The Road Not Taken" from *Frostiana* . . . . . Randall Thompson  
Wilkes University Choir

Conferring of Honorary Degree . . . . . Christopher N. Breiseth

Address . . . . . Sheldon Hackney  
President, University of Pennsylvania

Remarks . . . . . Christopher N. Breiseth

\* Alma Mater . . . . . Eleanor C. Farley

\* Benediction . . . . . The Reverend Robert Zanicky  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

\* Recessional: "Procession of Nobles" from *Mlada* . . . . . Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Wilkes University Wind Ensemble  
Jerome Campbell, Conductor

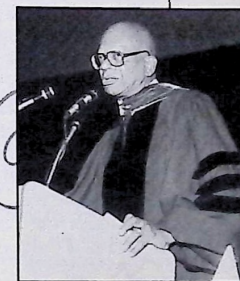
\* The audience is requested to rise.

Wilkes University Chorus  
Stephen E. Barton, Conductor

A reception will follow at the South end of the gym.



Paul E. Kanjorski '59



Charles Fuget



Gary Sojka



Sheldon Hackney DHL '90



Robert Zanicky



## University Celebration Convocation

John W. Jordan

### The Invocation

We greet you this morning, Lord of our Universe. We greet you, the Lord who has made us co-creators with your work here on earth. Today we gather, we the people you have made in your image and likeness, we gather here to celebrate what we have done with your work. This community called Wilkes has created a Bucknell Junior College and a Wilkes College as the cradle for this new University. Lord, as we live in a time when walls that separate people come tumbling down, we present today another example to history of an educational institution that expands her horizons and opens her gates to your Universe. Today, Lord, this University, founded for people who need to be educated, celebrates how far she has come with the gifts you have given her. We pray that your blessings continue to radiate from these halls to your whole Universe. We pray for Wilkes's trustees and for President Breiseth. We pray for her faculty, her staff and especially for her students. We pray their knowledge be tempered with wisdom, their ideals be nurtured in responsibility, and their judgments be seated in truth. As you have called us all to excellence, Lord, bless this new sign of hope for our community. Our area is changing, Lord. This new name called University makes us believe in our potential. We, your enlightened citizens investing in the creation you share with us, call upon your name and invoke your blessings for future years because, Lord, thou shalt lead us on to wisdom in search for finer things for ever and ever. Amen.

Christopher N. Breiseth

### The Welcome

With both pride and humility, I welcome us all to this celebration. It is a very special day for this institution and for this area, and we thank all those who came from afar to celebrate with us. I'm going to introduce those who are bringing greetings to us. First will be Frank Henry, our Chairman of the Board of Trustees; next, the Honorable Lee Namey, Mayor of the City of Wilkes-Barre; then the Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski, Member of Congress; next, bringing greetings from the Commonwealth and from the Governor, Commissioner of Higher Education Charles Fuget, followed by President Gary Sojka of Bucknell University. Without further ado, let me turn over the program to Frank Henry.



Visiting dignitaries included James Lackenmier, president of King's College; Thomas Moran, president of Luzerne County Community College (now on the Wilkes faculty); Juanita Namey; Mayor Lee Namey; President Gary Sojka of Bucknell University. Without further ado, let me turn over the program to Frank Henry.

## The Greetings

Frank M. Henry

### From the Board of Trustees

It gives me a special pleasure to bring greetings from a very proud Board of Trustees. It's been an honor to chair this Board, and it's a particular honor today in such an auspicious occasion to be able to bring you their greetings on becoming Wilkes University. In my capacity as your chairman, I have had the responsibility of overlooking its growth and viability along with each member of your Board. Wilkes has been central to this region, from the days of the Depression when Wilkes provided an educational facility for our people. Wilkes was here at the end of World War II when the veterans returned, and the very bright young women and men of this area needed a place. Wilkes provided that place in our region. Wilkes was here when our area went through the demise of the anthracite coal leaving. Wilkes was here to help us get back on the road in the economic part of our life. Wilkes was here in 1972 when we all know we had a devastating flood and a national disaster. Immediately following that flood in June, Wilkes was in operation that summer, not just signifying that they were in business, but saying that to the people of our area and of the world, "We're ready, and we're here, and we're doing our job." Wilkes provided leadership and resources during that recovery of which many of us know. Our area has come a long way, the economic resurgence of the 1980s has culminated in something of an economic and cultural renaissance, a rebirth so to speak, has been felt beyond these mountains and valleys and held in high esteem in other areas. The vitality of Wilkes has been organic to the growth of this region. Wilkes's good health relates to the good health of the area, and the good health of the area is related to the good health of Wilkes. We have a dynamic resource but, like all resources, it is of no value unless it is used. It has been used and used well. I know having a University is a great sound to us all but underneath that sound lies the background of Wilkes College, lies the alumni, lies the dedicated faculty, lies the staff, lies a history, that as far as we are concerned, is unparalleled. We can look back and say, "Wilkes College was there in our history and brought us to where we are." And today, Wilkes University is here to take us into the future. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I bring you their greetings and their thanks.

Lee Namey '68

### From the City of Wilkes-Barre

I am pleased to be here this morning and to celebrate with you another milestone in the history of Wilkes University. As the mayor of this city, and as an alumnus of Wilkes, it is truly a special occasion for me. This has been a beautiful relationship between the community, its institution for higher learning, for their mutual love of life, of young people and of education. May I congratulate Dr. Breiseth, the Board of Trustees, the faculty and the students of Wilkes University, and all of those who have made this a reality. The success and growth of Wilkes University has and will always be an important asset to our city and our Wyoming Valley. Again I extend to Wilkes University, on behalf of the residents of the city of Wilkes-Barre, our congratulations on this major accomplishment and I wish you continued success and prosperity.



Lindsay Adams, daughter of Jean '78 and Paul '77 G '82 Adams, rests in her mother's arms, while David Seth Rolle, son of Ann Farley and Massimo Rolle, peers over his dad's shoulder. David is the greatgrandson of Eugene Shedden Farley.





## The Greetings

Paul E. Kanjorski '59

### From the United States Congress

Most distinguished participants on the dais, members of the faculty, friends of Wilkes College and community residents that have such pride today in the fact that finally Wilkes-Barre has met its highest mark as a city.

With the advent of Wilkes University we now have the one quality that every city should be measured with, and that is that we have an educational quality surpassed by none. It is truly a mark of the success of Wilkes-Barre's renaissance and the return of Northeastern Pennsylvania to the American standard of living of providing good quality education. But truly Wilkes College becoming a University is the final mark of what we will contribute to the world's knowledge. It is because the friends of Wilkes College, particularly the faculty, the trustees and the leaders, have striven so hard over these many years that we stand here with pride today. I personally have special pride because I am not only a friend of Wilkes College, I have the pleasure of being a student of Wilkes College, I now have the pleasure of representing Wilkes College as a constituent of mine, I should say Wilkes University, and I now have the pleasure of being a trustee of Wilkes University. I find that seldom in a man's life does an institution have such a tremendous effect so long through his life. Wilkes University now will go on to advance not only Wilkes-Barre but the world's knowledge and participate in taking not only our country but our world into a Twenty-First Century that we can all be part of and proud of.

Dr. Breiseth, if you'll come forward, by virtue of the fact that you are a historian by profession and because we in the United States feel that all history should be recorded in the Congressional Record, I have had the pleasure on February seventh of this year to insert the history and the celebration of the beginning of the new era of Wilkes University and I would like to present it to you.

Charles Fuget

### From the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

On behalf of Governor Robert P. Casey and Secretary of Education Donald M. Carroll Jr., it is my pleasure to bring you greetings from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is important, as you recognize the stages that an institution goes through, to realize that your history and the contributions that you have made are a part of your background. It's more important to recognize that as you make the final transition and become designated as a University, that you have obligations and responsibilities that are associated with that change. You have an obligation to not only continue the distinguished history that you have, to continue to render service to the community, to fully educate the students that come to you, but now you have the added responsibility to represent yourself as an outstanding and distinguished university, to continue those elements of community service that are a part of your history, to expand your role in research in the search for knowledge, to truly present and prepare students capable of moving into the Twenty-First Century, and to fulfill your obligation as an educational institution to be a leader, a bellwether, a conscience, and a fellow traveler as we move forward in the Commonwealth. Best wishes, and may it be a worthwhile journey.

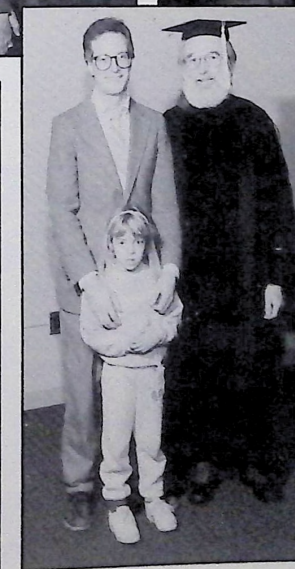


## The Greetings

Gary A. Sojka

### From our Parent University

It is a pleasure to bring greetings from an institution which has a singular association with Wilkes. You all know the history. You know that the university we honor today began as Bucknell Junior College, then became an independent institution, a college, and now today becomes a university. I believe you can understand the sense of pride and joy that all of us associated with Bucknell University have on this day. It's the kind of joy that any of you who are parents experience when you see your offspring mature, develop, and reach the levels that you have wished for them. In 1845, when a group of Pennsylvania Baptists raised money and applied for a charter to start a university or college in Lewisburg, they were told that for an additional twenty-five dollars they could be called a university. That may be why Bucknell is a university today. But Wilkes is a university because of a more straightforward, more defensible path. So today I bring greetings from the students, the faculty, the trustees, and the alumni of Bucknell University. And I welcome Wilkes University into the family of American universities.



Dr. Ken Klemow and his wife, Sheree, and Jean Heikkinen and her husband, Dr. Michael Heikkinen, look over materials at the celebration dinner at top left; top right, Convocation ushers included students Kevin Tronkowski, Karen Naglack and Mike Garrett. Bottom left, the late Trustee Emerita Eloise Ehret comes to the party with Trustee Emerita Martha Diener. Bottom right, Tillman Farley and his daughter, Becka, with Eugene Farley Jr., M.D.



## *Remarks on Becoming a University*

*Christopher N. Breiseth, President*

You have witnessed this morning the joining of forces so necessary to the success of an enterprise like Wilkes University. We have had the blessings of the reverend clergy. We have seen the faculty process in academic regalia. We have had support from our public officials. We have heard the greetings from our Board of Trustees and received the good wishes from our sister institutions in higher education, and we look with great expectations upon our students, joining us here this morning. We know better than any other profession that they are the future.

I deeply appreciate the remarks of President Hackney and his efforts to come up from Philadelphia to share this day with us. Our collaboration over the past decade with the University of Pennsylvania in bringing their doctorate in higher education to many of our community leaders in Northeastern Pennsylvania has been a singular contribution of Dr. Hackney's colleagues to this region. I am always delighted to welcome my good friend, President Gary Sojka, to Wilkes to confirm the historic family bond between Bucknell University and its child, Bucknell University Junior College, now Wilkes University.

You have heard in the remarks this morning of the nation's heightened expectations of higher education as we face a bewildering array of challenges in the years ahead. For those of us in higher education, indeed for those of us at all levels of education, we are faced in this fast-vanishing century with perhaps the greatest opportunities our profession has ever confronted. Our educational system has been described in crisis terms and our nation's diminishing economic prowess has been laid at our door. Despite this scapegoating of us,



Professors Levere Hostler, Stanley Kay and Stanley Gutin share a moment before the Convocation.

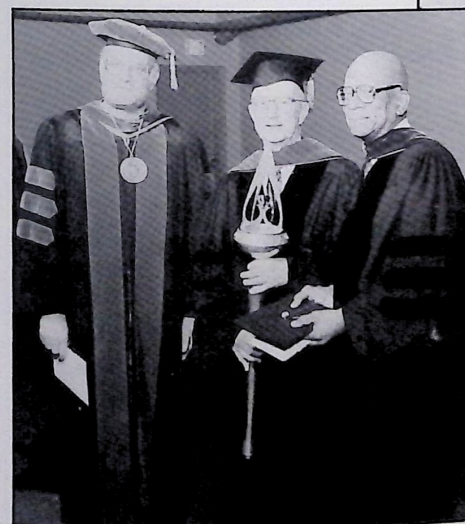
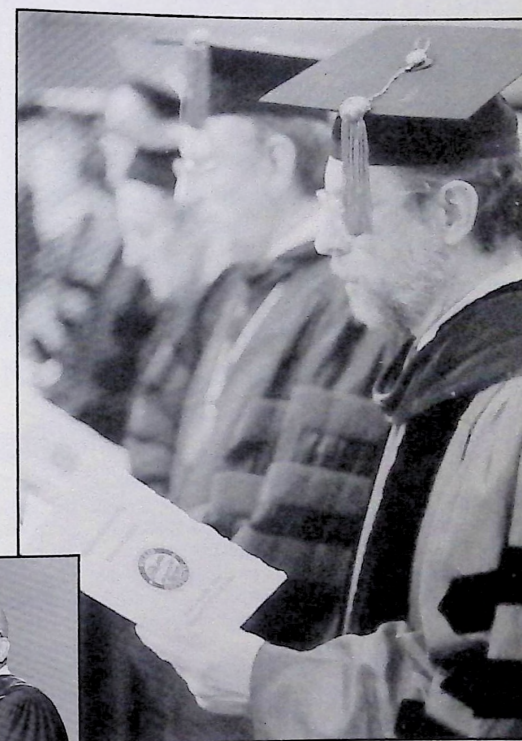
however, we have also felt the strong drumbeat of encouragement to make the entire education system more effective and quickly. There are probably more exciting breakthroughs taking place in schools and colleges right now on matters of learning and teaching than in any period in living memory. Our challenge is to draw the new approaches together to affect the way all of our students are taught. To do this requires a type of collaboration across the barriers of K-12 and college and across the barriers of disciplines that has not been encouraged until very recently. If we fulfill the expectations now being made of us as educators by business and governmental leaders and by the general public, we will help bring the nation's students with confidence into the new information age and the global economy. Along with their liberal arts education, they must know how to use with confidence the increasingly sophisticated computer technology tool kit of our culture. To perform this huge task will require immense effort, a recommitment by all of us in education to sharpen our capacities to help others learn and by our efforts to attract a new generation of bright and dedicated teachers to energize our education system.

In this large challenge, Wilkes University pledges its best efforts. We will work with our fellow and sister educators throughout this region and in all disciplines. We will play our role in generating the public support and understanding of the educational challenge. We will work with business and industry to increase the educational quality of their workers and help bring the latest technologies and methodologies to their workplace. Through our scientific research we will work in partnership with government and business to improve our environment and the competitiveness of our economy. Through the arts we will continue to enrich the cultural experiences of the people of this region. In all these activities and more, we will welcome and seek out opportunities for partnership with our sister institutions to best use the precious and scarce resources available to education. We know that the forming of such partnerships also helps mobilize and justify new resources for education. That this area, this Commonwealth and this nation must find ways to mobilize such increased resources for education, K through U, is as self-evident as the proposition some two hundred and fourteen years ago that all men are created equal. That proposition has taken more than two centuries to even start to be realized. Our expanded investment in education can't wait that long. Indeed, a healthy, even viable, Twenty-First Century requires that we make that investment now, in the early 1990s. Wilkes University pledges its resources to help the people of this region fulfill America's dreams through education.

Thank you all for coming to join hands with us on this very special day in the life of Wilkes University.

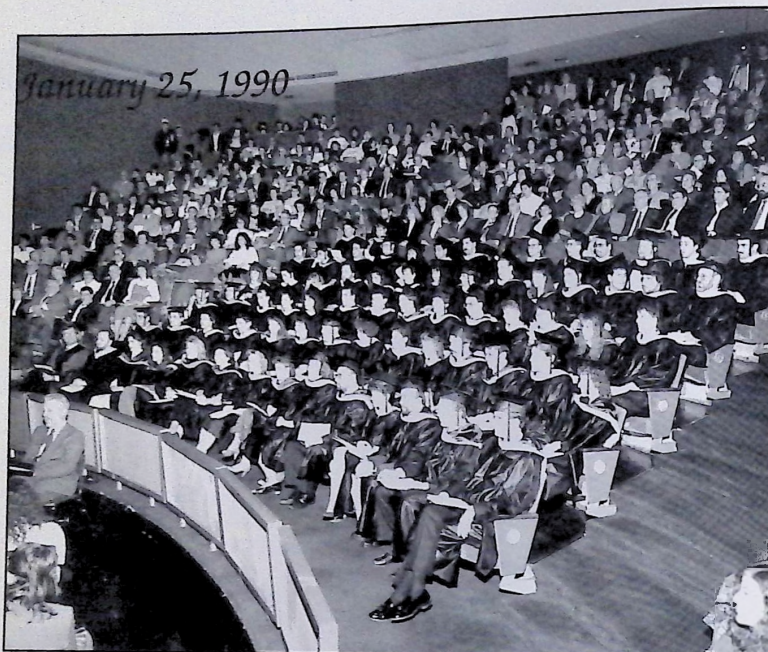
## *Robert Zanicky* **The Benediction**

God of many names and traditions, Author of wisdom and knowledge, we are grateful for the drive to excellence in education. As Wilkes University begins a new chapter in its history, continuing its commitment to the enhancement of this world of ours, and focused on the future's challenges, we seek your Divine guidance and blessing on this institution of learning. Dismiss us to our tasks and to the making of history. Amen.



Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, Dr. Charles Reif and Education Commissioner Charles Puget.





**January 1990  
graduates of  
Wilkes  
University listen  
attentively to  
Commencement  
speeches**

## *The First Wilkes University Commencement*

*Doreen M. Graziano: Greetings from the students*

On behalf of the *first* graduating class of Wilkes University including the recipients of both the Master's and Bachelor's degrees from the Allentown, La Plume, and Wilkes-Barre campuses, I bring you greetings.

Although a number of factors contribute to the quality of an education, at the core is a period of association with an exceptional faculty. That opportunity is afforded Wilkes's students in abundance.

We graduates have been challenged intellectually and have grappled with new disciplines, learning new ways of approaching and solving problems and different ways of expressing knowledge and creativity. It's been fascinating, occasionally frustrating, and often exhilarating.

The degrees conferred upon us today are the culmination of years of striving. During those years we've looked at what we're going to do with our lives. We have learned that we should be directed by our sense of who we are and what we want to do, and not just what we ought to do.

We've looked at where these degrees may take us—some into the private sector, others into public service; a few may go as far as the headlines and others may go behind the headlines.

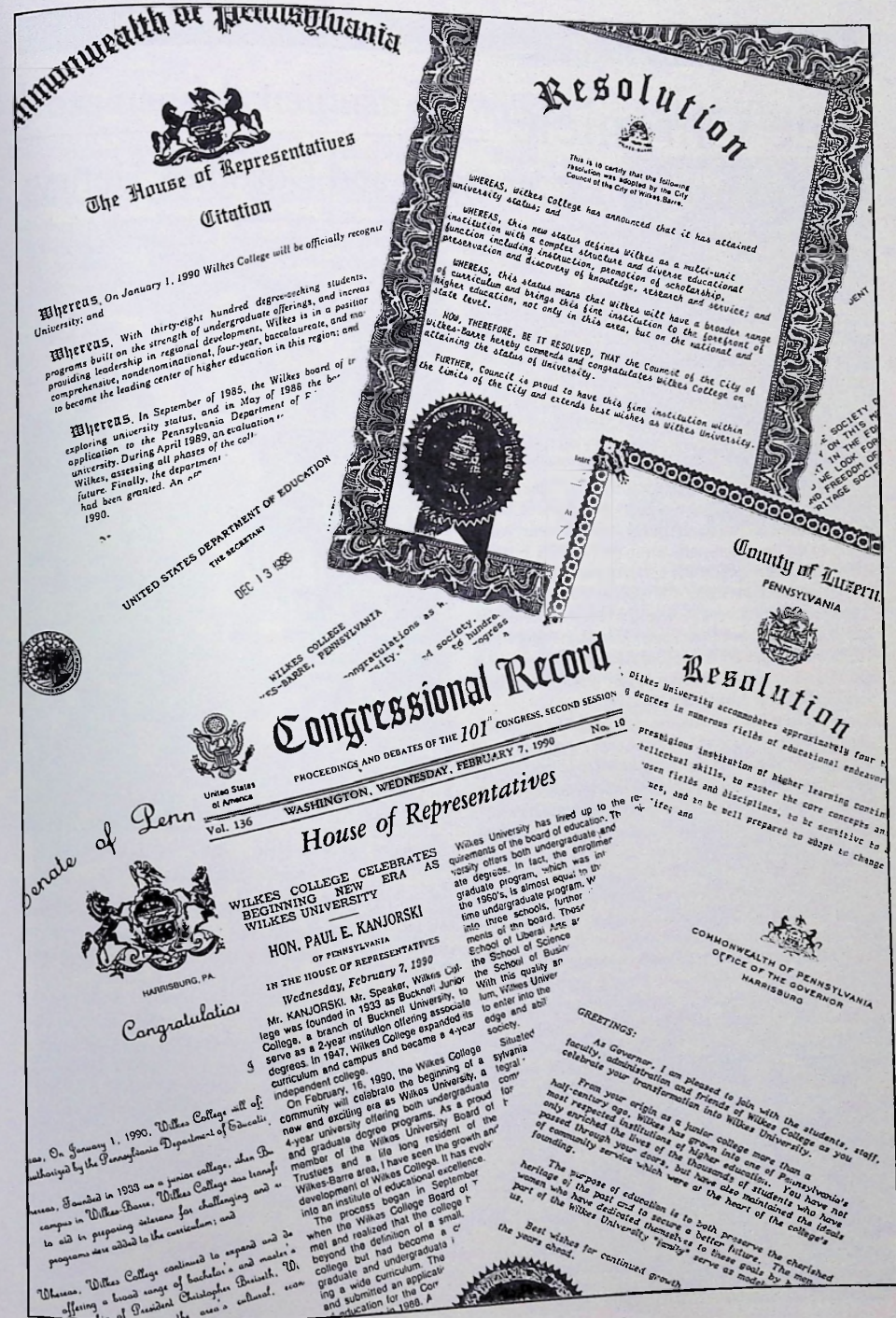
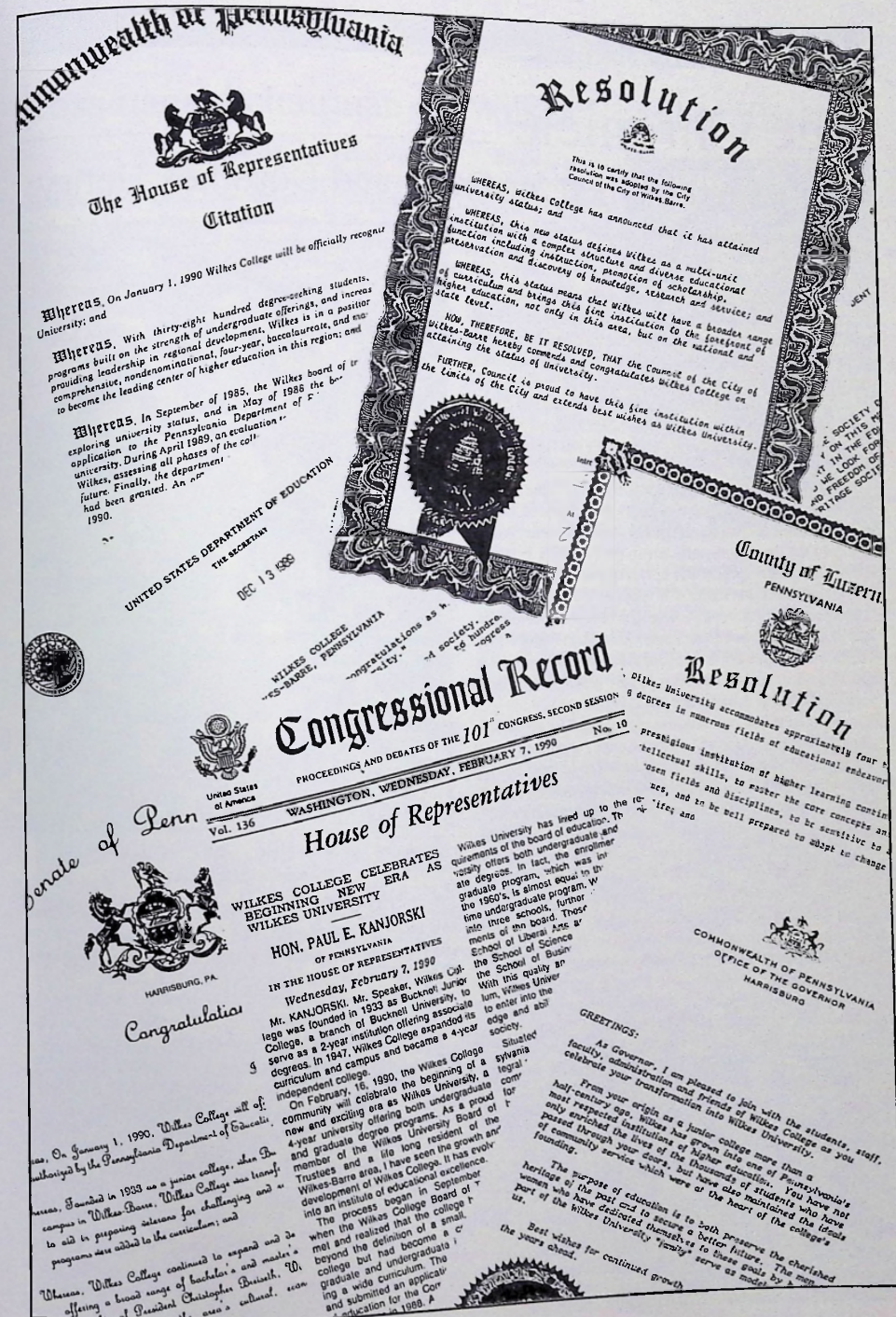
One thing that has stood out during these years about both the faculty and students is how diverse a group we are. Yet, despite this diversity, there has been a spirit of tolerance, of acceptance, and congeniality.

Education and knowledge remove the barriers from the mind — barriers such as prejudice, suspicion, and intolerance erected in ignorance between people. The graduates here today are especially fortunate in being prepared to move forward in life at a time when barriers are coming down all over the world. Walls erected by men in their ignorance are being torn down by people with a desire for knowledge — the knowledge of freedom, democracy, and human rights. We have seen that people do have the power to change things; that just one person can make a difference as in that unforgettable moment in Tiananmen Square last Spring when one student standing alone brought a line of military tanks to an abrupt halt. We are inspired by those courageous people to continue to strive to attain further goals and to fulfill life-long dreams.

For some of us, today marks the successful completion of formal education; for others it is one successful step in a process of what will hopefully be a long line of successes.

So, to all of you who have supported and encouraged us along the way and now join with us in this happy occasion, we thank you.

Doreen M. Graziano, a summa cum laude graduate in international studies from Old Forge, addressed the January Commencement on behalf of the students.





## The Chronicle

### New Gym named for Frank and Dorothea Henry

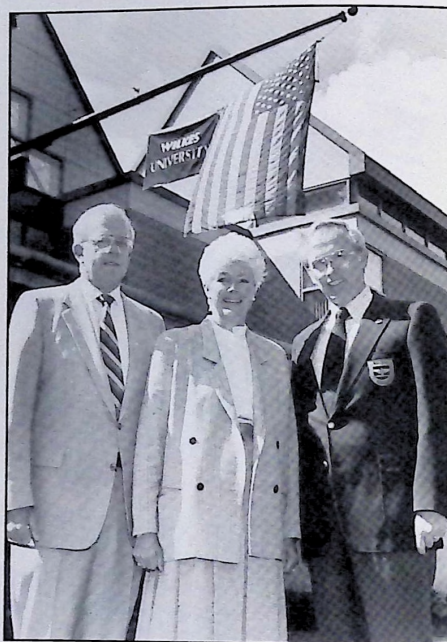
The gymnasium in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center was named in honor of Frank and Dorothea Henry on May 11.

Completed in 1989, the Marts Center is the centerpiece of the WILKES TOMORROW Campaign, a \$23 million, multi-year fund raising effort that has reached an \$18.5 million level. Henry's leadership of the Board of Trustees has been considered instrumental in the success of the Campaign. The Board has contributed \$4.5 million toward the overall goal. Henry, president of the Frank Marts Coach Company, has served the University as chairman of the Board for the past three years.

The Board voted unanimously to name the gym for Mr. and Mrs. Henry, citing especially their financial support and their consistent dedication to Wilkes. Mr. Henry's leadership of the Board generally and in the WILKES TOMORROW Campaign specifically also received high praise.

Wilkes President Christopher N. Breiseth said, "From my perspective as President, no one was more important in helping us build the Marts Center than Frank Henry. The Board recognized, in its decision to name the gym for Mr. and Mrs. Henry, the singular role they played in making it possible for us to achieve our objectives."

The Board resolution reads in part, "As we come to take this beautiful Arnaud C. Marts Center for granted as part of the new Wilkes University, we are led to reflect upon the leadership that made it possible. Mr. Henry, this devotion to Wilkes during your Chairmanship has been the indispensable ingredient in challenging the board to help bring us to this happy occasion in this handsome place, The Marts Center. Your fellow Board members, in recognition of this exemplary leadership and desirous of linking it forever with this crucial building in the making of Wilkes University, now hereby resolve to name the gymnasium of the Marts Center, The Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Gymnasium."



Frank and Dorothea Henry with Christopher Breiseth (right) at the Marts Center.

Henry was also lauded for his "clear, calm, and concise good sense that directed [our] efforts in conceptualizing, designing, authorizing and constructing the Marts Center."

### Scholarly Notes

A paper on "A Unique Process for Obtaining a Higher Quality Gate Oxide in MOS Devices," written by four Wilkes students, won top honors for student papers at the Region II Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. James Brogen, Joseph Cumbo, Keith Kopec and Raymond Cheung based

their paper on research done in a required engineering course. Region II includes Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C., Delaware and West Virginia.

**Dr. Wagih Taylor**, professor of economics and coordinator of the MBA program in the School of

Business, Society, and Public Policy, presented a paper on "The Role of Women in Economic Development" at the Inaugural Convention of the Congress of Political Economists, International. Dr. Taylor is a founding member and president-elect of the Congress of Political Economists, U.S.A. She also presented a

paper on "An Economist's Interpretation of the Role of Women in Islam; Egypt as a Case Study" at Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies Fellows Colloquium.

**Dr. Sheo G. Misra**, assistant professor of engineering, chaired a session on dynamic

### Ross named chairman of Wilkes Board of Trustees

Richard M. Ross, Jr., of Dallas, chairman and chief executive officer of First Eastern Corp. and chief executive officer of the company's principal asset, First Eastern Bank, N.A., has been named chairman of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. First elected to the board in 1975, Ross has served as vice chairman of the board and chairman of the academic program committee over the past 15 years.

Outgoing chairman Frank M. Henry announced Ross's selection, saying, "It gives me great pleasure to name Richard Ross as the next chairman of the board. I am confident Wilkes University will continue to grow and prosper under his expert leadership and I wish him the very best."

A graduate of Cornell University, class of 1952, Ross earned his master's degree from New York University in 1957 and is a Certified Financial Analyst.

After serving two years as an Army artillery officer, he became an executive with the Trust Investment Division of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company of New York. He later was an investment analyst with the New York brokerage firm of Burton, Dana & Co.,

Before joining the staff of First Eastern Bank in 1965 as an assistant vice president with full responsibility for bank and trust portfolio investments, Ross was assistant manager in the Philadelphia office of the investment counseling firm of Van Strum & Towne.

Ross was elected president and director of First Eastern in April 1973, chief executive officer in December 1974 and in June 1984 was appointed as chairman of the board. He has served as the 1973 campaign chairman of the United Way of Wyoming Valley and president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Area Chamber of Commerce. Chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, Ross is also past treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and chairman of the Economic Development Task Force. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Health Cost Containment Council and chairman of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.



### Scholarly Notes

programming and optimal control and presented a paper entitled, "A Problem in the Optimal Control of a Linear Distributed Parameter System" at the ORSA/TIMS Joint National Meeting in Las Vegas in May.

**Dr. Vijay K. Arora**, professor of electrical engineering, and M.B. Das of Penn State University, have co-authored a paper on "Effect of Electric-Field-Induced Mobility Degradation on the Velocity Distribution in a Submicron-Length Channel of InGaAs/AlGaAs Heterojunction MODFET," which has

been accepted for publication in *Semiconductor Science and Technology*. The paper discusses a design for an ultrasmall device for high speed and high frequency applications for possible implementation in system-on-a-chip environments. The research was supported by the National Science Foundation and Quantum Wave Project of Exploratory Research and Development Corporation.

**Dr. Theresa Grabo**, associate professor of nursing, presented the results of her research at the Third Annual Poster Session on Gerontological Research at the Center for the Study of

Aging at the University of Pennsylvania in May.

**Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert Ogren**, biology, received the Darbaker Award at the Pennsylvania Academy of Science in Pittsburgh. The award honored the best paper concerning research with a microscope. It was his third such award. **Dr. Ken Klemow** and **Dr. Michael Steele** also presented papers at the meeting.

**Dr. Soleyman Mohseni**, assistant professor in the School of Science and Engineering, and Mark Levandowski, a master's degree candidate working

with Dr. Mohseni, presented a paper on "A Programmable Nonlinear Controller for Robotic Manipulators" at the Pittsburgh Modeling and Simulation Conference in May.

**Prof. Jane Elmes-Craball**, assistant professor of communications, will present a paper at the 40th annual convention of the International Communication Association in Dublin, Ireland, in late June. Her paper, "Gender as Exigence: U.S. Women Seek Equal Footing in Political Campaigns and Debates" was chosen in extensive competitive review.



## Wilkes earns Middle States reaccreditation

The Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools has reaffirmed the University's accreditation, President Breiseth announced.

Robert H. Chambers, president of Western Maryland College and vice chairman of the commission, wrote to Breiseth, "the strengths and assets of the University were well defined both in the institutional self-study and in the team report and confirm that Wilkes University is a growing institution of higher learning with laudable academic standards."

Chambers paid special tribute to the way Wilkes has developed: "The achievement of a learning environment which combines intellectual interaction between students and faculty, supports the ethical and moral development of the student body, and exhibits sensitivity to the needs and interests of the faculty during a period of growth is notable."

"This was a critical periodic review required to reaffirm our accreditation," said Breiseth. "I am pleased to share this evaluation by our colleagues in higher education with members of the community. Wilkes University continues to make its mark in higher education, and the action by the Commission on Higher Education for the Middle States Association accreditation is just the latest in a series of events which recognize Wilkes and its place in higher education and in the growth and development of the region."

"This fine report is one the entire Wilkes community can be proud of," added Frank M. Henry, chairman of the University board. "President Breiseth, the administration, faculty and staff should be commended for this recognition. The report not only speaks well for the future of Wilkes University but also for the future of the Wyoming Valley."

## Basu, Peper, Heaman named associate deans

Dr. Ashim K. Basu, Dr. Merle J. Peper and Dr. Patricia B. Heaman have been named associate deans at Wilkes.

Dr. Basu and Dr. Peper are associate deans to Theodore Engel in the School

of Business, Society and Public Policy, while Dr. Heaman is associate dean to Dr. James Rodechko, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. "The appointment of these three as-

sociate deans confirms the Wilkes commitment to a strong university structure," said President Breiseth. "These three individuals will provide valuable assistance, leadership and cooperation to their deans as Wilkes University continues to evolve and mature."

Dr. Basu is director of the master in health administration program. Before joining the Wilkes faculty in 1987, he was a senior Fulbright Scholar at Bahrain University and taught at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois.

A business administration graduate of McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, Dr. Peper earned his master's in business administration from Southeastern Louisiana University and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University with a major in management policy and a minor in marketing. New to the Wilkes faculty in 1989, he previously taught at Southeastern Louisiana.

Dr. Heaman, an associate professor of English and chairperson of the English Department, has been on the Wilkes faculty since 1966. A Wilkes graduate with a bachelor's degree in English, Dr. Heaman earned both her master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. She directs the writing center at Wilkes and is past president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Writing Council and Coordinator of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Writing Project.

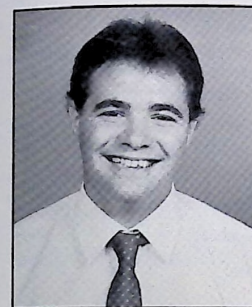


The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has established a chapter on the Wilkes campus, adding to the impressive list of Wilkes University's professional affiliations that give students hands-on experience. Shown are ASHRAE representatives and new student members. Seated, from left: Dr. Daniel M. Pindzola, Wilkes faculty liaison officer; Richard Nanes, ASHRAE Region III vice-chairman of education; standing from left, Ed Gall, vice president of the Wilkes chapter; Gina Marie Aleo, secretary/treasurer; Michael Fortnell, student member; Holly Pitcavage, Wilkes student president; Jonathon Dambek, student member; David Bonomo, student member; Joseph Galletta, Anthracite Chapter educational chairman; Paul Dreater, president of the Anthracite Chapter of ASHRAE; Dan Mello, vice president of ASHRAE, and Dr. Umid Nejib, dean of the School of Science and Engineering at Wilkes.

## Recent grads seek to honor Tony DiMichele '88

*Gifts, Grants, Giving*

When four recent graduates lost their close friend and former classmate, Anthony "Tony" DiMichele '88, to leukemia this past May, they felt driven to ensure that his impact on their lives and Wilkes University will be remembered. The



Anthony DiMichele

four — Kim Evans '89, Scott Zolner '90, John Rosania '90, and Sandie Adams '89 — have initiated a campaign to endow a scholarship in his name.

Tony DiMichele, a pre-medical student at Wilkes from 1984 to 1988, was fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a physician at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine when diagnosed with leukemia in May, 1989.

Though Tony dedicated himself to his studies, graduating cum laude in biology, he equally dedicated himself to his friends and fellow classmates. Tony was a two-year resident assistant, an active member of the Biology Club, a lab teaching assistant and was on 24-hour call as a member of Wilkes University's Campus First Aid Squad.

"Almost every time I stopped by Tony's room there was a student discussing a problem or being tutored by Tony," said Kim Evans. "He took a lot of his personal time to help other students, and I made many friends through him."

"Friendship meant a lot to Tony," said Sandie Adams. "Tony was easy to talk to and could always make me laugh. His loyalty and caring is part of what will be remembered through this scholarship. This way he can continue to help others which was his life-long dream."

"Tony overcame so many obstacles," said Scott Zolner. "He worked his way through college, medical school, and up

until he passed away, it appeared he had overcome cancer. He worked so hard and came so far, to be taken away so young and so close to his dream — it's not fair."

In order to endow the proposed "Anthony J. DiMichele Scholarship," the four have the difficult task of raising at least \$10,000. Once endowed, the Scholarship will provide tuition for a deserving Wilkes University pre-medical student. "Tony's situation calls for a scholarship in his name," said Zolner. "He represented hard work, dedication, and most of all, caring for others. Though he fell short of his dream, maybe this Scholarship can help someone fulfill theirs."

"Tony set me in the right direction," said John Rosania. "He taught me to believe in myself and as long as I did I would succeed in whatever I accomplished. I believe in this Scholarship to honor him."

Anyone interested in helping to make this Scholarship a reality may send contributions to "The Anthony J. DiMichele Scholarship Fund," Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766, in care of Thomas Hadzor. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## Board creates Wilkes University Council

Judy Simonson Arenstein '68 has been selected to chair the new Wilkes University Council, a group of distinguished alumni and friends who will share their expertise as consultants to the University president. The Council's first annual meeting will be Sept. 15.

The new Council was approved by the Board of Trustees at its May meeting. It will include 100 alumni and friends who have distinguished themselves in their careers and demonstrated potential for leadership in service to the University. The Council will advise the president on achieving the University's long-term objectives and help exchange information between the University and its constituencies.

Also selected as officers are Dr. Philip Baron '49, first vice chair, and Clayton J. Karambelas '49, second vice chair. Arenstein is international regulatory director with AT&T in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. A former president of the Wilkes University Alumni Association, she earned her MBA from Pace University in 1976. She and her husband, Robert, an attorney in New York City, live in Short Hills, NJ.

Baron is professor of economics and finance at the Hagan School of Business of Iona College. After earning his B.A. in sociology at Wilkes, he earned a Ph.D. from New York University in 1974. He and his wife, Rosalyn, live in Brooklyn.

Karambelas is president of C.K. Coffee Company in Wilkes-Barre. A 1949 graduate with a degree in commerce and finance, he lives with his wife, Therese, in Kingston.

Sandra A. Beynon '85, executive assistant to the vice president for development, will be executive secretary to the Council.

Mark Your Calendar Now!  
*The John Wilkes*  
*Club Dinner*  
 Friday, September 14, 1990







## 1974

**Marc T. Acure** was promoted to vice president and commercial loan officer at The National Bank of Boyertown.

**Thomas C. Boshinski** is senior vice president for operation and administration of branch marketing at Caesars World, Inc. He and his wife, **Mariangela Santos Boshinski '72** and daughter, **Allyson**, live in Indian Hills, NJ.

**Dennis R. Moore**, has been named manager at Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates, certified public accountants. Dennis practices in the Hazleton office of the firm.

**Dr. Thomas Swantokowski** has been elected to a Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. He lives in Southern Pines, NC, with his wife, **Donna**, and daughter, **Melissa Anne**.

**Carol Wyffels** has accepted a position in the adolescent unit of the Luzerne County Children and Youth Services.

**Barbara H. Zelnick** is currently doing freelance writing and illustrating for *Highlights for Children*, which is to be published in all languages throughout the world. Barbara resides in Kingston.

## 1975

**Dr. Ann Bartuska** has been named Assistant Station Director of the Southern Commercial Forest Research Cooperative at the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Southeastern Experiment Station in Asheville, North Carolina.

**Lt. Cmdr. William R. Bradbury** has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his meritorious service. William is currently serving with Carrier Air Wing-13, Naval Air Station, Oceana, New Jersey.

**Janet Condon Diefenbacher** and her husband, **Brad**, announce the birth of a daughter, **Kristen Janet**, on September 4, 1989. The Diefenbachers live in Wall Township, New Jersey.

**Joseph Hayer** was named business manager at College Misericordia. Jo-

seph is also an adjunct faculty member in the college's division of business administration. He and his wife, **Carol**, and three children live in Shavertown.

**David Kowalek** was elected chairman of the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre Advisory Board at its annual reorganization meeting.

**Gary Kratz** and his wife, **Nancy**, announce the birth of a son on December 12, 1989. The family lives in Kingston.

**Scholastica Kukuchka** and her husband, **Ronald**, announce the birth of a son on November 29, 1989. The Kukuchkas reside in Tunkhannock, PA.

**Vincent J. Matteo** has been promoted to senior vice president and chief operating officer of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, Inc. Vince and his wife, **Susan**, live in Kingston, with their two

children, **Anthony** and **Sarah**.

**Thomas Pezzicara**, and his wife, **Linda**, announce the birth of a son, **Marc**, on August 17, 1989. Thomas has been transferred from Northern New Jersey to the Philadelphia Office of Aetna Life and Casualty. The Pezzicaras live in Holland, Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Robert A. Rostock** has been elected as a member of the Nominating Committee for the American Society of Therapeutic Radiologists and Oncologists. Robert is the medical director of the Cancer Center of Wyoming Valley at Mercy Hospital. He lives in Bear Creek with his wife, **Laurie** and their son, **Robert**.

**Robert F. Skrinak** and his wife, **Kathryn**, announce the birth of a daughter, **Kathryn Victoria**, on February 12, 1989. Robert is attending Scranton



## Forst '74 wins research award

**Dr. Steven Forst '74** has been awarded a \$175,000 grant to support his research activities over the next five years. An assistant professor in the department of biological sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Forst was awarded the prestigious Milwaukee Foundation Shaw Scientist Award. After graduating from Wilkes, Forst received his M.S. from Rutgers and his Ph.D. in 1985 from the Sackler Institute at New York University. After post-doctoral studies in molecular biology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey, he joined the UWM faculty in January, 1990. With a strong background in protein chemistry, phospholipid metabolism and molecular biology, Forst's research interests are focused on achieving a better understanding of the molecular mechanisms of signal transduction in cells and the environmental regulation of gene expression. He uses the bacterium, *Escherichia coli*, as a model system for studying the adaptation of organisms to different environments by the differential regulation of specific genes.

University in pursuit of a master's degree and is employed by the Community Counseling Services as the Assistant Supervisor of the East Side Partial Program.

## 1976

**James G. Castanzo** has been elected to the Board of Trustees at St. Michael's School, Hoban Heights, Pennsylvania.

**Evelyn D. Hager** is a major in the Washington Air National Guard. She is pursuing post-graduate studies in Soviet Foreign Policy at the University of Washington. She resides in Seattle.

**Naomi Pramick Pizano** and her hus-



## Peeler '87 earns law degree

**Thomas L. Peeler IV '87**, a 1990 graduate of Dickinson Law School, was featured in *The Pennsylvania Lawyer* in an article dealing with the plight of handicapped lawyers. Peeler has parlayed his own sense of humor about his condition with excellent grades to win a law degree and a new job with Judge Clinton W. Smith of the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas. Peeler graduated from Wilkes magna cum laude in 1987 with a double major in sociology and psychology. Confined to a wheelchair by a condition known as cerebellar ataxia, he gave high marks to Dickinson for making law school accessible to him and others in wheelchairs.

band announce the birth of a daughter on October 3, 1989. They live in Exeter.

**Gary S. Taroli** and his wife, **Kathleen**, announce the birth of a son on October 3, 1989. The Tarolis live in Shavertown.

**Dr. Paula Vecchio** and her husband, **Steve**, are in private practice in family medicine. They own Alexander's Cafe in Clinton, NY, and live in New Hartford with their son, **David**.

## 1977

**Thomas and Nancy Park Bowanko III** announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Kristen Marie**, on October 7. They reside in Somers Point, NJ.

**Wendy L. Ferrall** earned her private pilot license. She is director of franchise financing at Computerland Corporation and lives in Alameda, California.

**Victoria Moss Gallagher** has been appointed membership director for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, **Paul**, live in Wilkes-Barre.

**Theanne Krave** and her husband, **Philip**, announce the birth of a son, **Justin Murata**, on September 18, 1989. Theanne and Philip both work in the field of adolescent psychiatry.

**Earl Monk** and his wife, **Lori**, announce the birth of a daughter on December 3, 1989. A member of the 1990 Leadership Wilkes-Barre class, he is manager of C-TEC Corp. They reside in Dallas.

**Nancy Evans Rodriguez** and her husband, **George**, announce the birth of twins, **Amanda Rose** and **Nicolas Evans**, on October 4, 1989. The Rodriguez family lives in Warren Township, NJ.

**Deborah Orbanti Sobczak** and her husband announce the birth of a daughter, **Dana Lynn**, on November 3, 1989. The family lives in Philadelphia.

## 1978

**Judd Scott Davis** and **Lisa Myer Davis '79** announce the birth of a son, **Reyan Jacob**, on September 16, 1989.

**Dana Marie Jamiolkowski Harding** supervises 42 paralegals for Dinsmore & Shohl, the second largest corporate law firm in Cincinnati. She and her husband, **Thomas**, live in Cincinnati.

**Stephen M. Lipka** and his wife, **Sharon**, announce the birth of a son, **Christopher**, on March 17, 1989. Stephen is an assistant professor in the ocean engineering department at Florida Atlantic University.

**Peter and Cynthia Glawe Mailloux** announce the birth of a son, **Clifford**, on September 7, 1989. They reside in Wilkes-Barre.

**Joseph J. Monxzewski** has been appointed drug and alcohol counselor at Keystone Junior College. Joseph is also the Clinical Supervisor at Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services in Carbondale. He lives in Clarks Summit with his wife, **Maureen**, and daughters, **Megan** and **Emily**.

**Neil Mullin** and **Margaret Schultz** Mullin announce the birth of a daughter, **Emily Bridget**, on October 19, 1989. They also have a four-year-old daughter, **Amanda**, and live in Hanover.

**Ellen Field Munves** and her husband, **Jonathan**, announce the birth of a son, **Max**, on October 20, 1989.

**Susan Margalis Perlis** is an evening/weekend tutorial supervisor at College Misericordia. Susan and her husband, **Joseph**, live in Dallas with their two sons, **Joseph** and **Andrew**.

**Jack Schuback** is the lead federal official responsible for disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation in six Northeastern states. Jack resides in Lansdale, PA.

**Clark Speicher**, USAF, has been promoted to major. He was assigned to the 964 Airborne Warning And Control (AWACS) aircraft as a mission Crew Commander. Clark received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for



his work as an exchange officer with the Canadian forces from 1986 to 1989.

**Dr. Nancy Van Kuren** was co-presenter of a lecture on "Emerging Leaders: Developing Leadership Skills During the Freshman Year," at the Freshman Year Experience Conferences of Small Colleges in Cincinnati, Ohio, in November. She is dean of students at Juniata College.

**Dr. Jeffrey S. Yablon** became a board certified neurosurgeon in September and has entered private practice of neurosurgery in Darby and Philadelphia, PA. Jeffrey and his wife reside in Bryn Mawr.

## 1979

**Dan Cardell** has been named vice president and manager of quantitative investment research at Continental Bank in Chicago. He and his wife, **Ann Marie (Puddy) Booth '79**, and children, Kara and Glenn, reside in Palatine, Illinois.

**Sheila Ann Imler Crute** and her husband, Zane, announce the birth of a son, Zane Thomas Jr., on October 10, 1989.

**Dr. Anthony G. DeVincentis** has purchased a dental practice in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

**Cheryl Meier DiPasquale** and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of a daughter, Cassandra Ann, on July 18, 1989. Cheryl is a second grade teacher at Susquehanna Valley School District. They reside in Conklin, NY.

**Dr. John Ellis IV** and his wife, Sharon, announce the birth of a daughter, Lyndsay Marie, on October 28, 1989. The Ellises live in Wyoming, PA.

**Charles Giunta** married Theresa Campbell in Altoona on September 16, 1989. They live in Northumberland.

**Mark Mital** and his wife, Denise, announce the birth of a son on January 5, 1990. They live in Shavertown.

**Clare McCarthy** was promoted to sales manager for the direct mail program and television book sales department of the *Times Leader*.

**Dr. Samuel John Solomon, F.A.C.C.**, has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Cardiology. He is staff cardiologist at York Hospital in York, PA.

## 1980

**Dr. David L. Blumfield** has been in private practice for three years as a podiatrist. He and his wife, Silvia, have two children, Kimberly and Evan.

**Bonnie Lee Lorenzetti** is now assistant administrator for Medical Personnel Pool. Bonnie and her husband, David, reside in Nicholson, PA.

**Barbara Pirrella-Sico** married Robert Sico on September 3, 1989. Barbara is administrator at Nursefinders supplemental staffing service. They reside in Malvern, PA.

**June Ann Ryan** married James Suozzo. June is head nurse of neurosurgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. They live in Manhattan.

**Captain Bryan Scott** and his wife announce the birth of their fourth child, Britney Ann, on October 20, 1989. The Scott family lives in Hawaii.

**Dr. Paul R. Torre** completed a residency in internal medicine at SUNY Health Science Center, Brooklyn, and is now on a fellowship in critical care medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He and his wife, Ana Laura, have two children, Alexis and Paul.

## 1981

**Linda Kay** married Peter S. Adams. Linda is employed as a Specialist at AT&T and is presently attending Rutgers. They reside in Milford, NJ.

**Lynda Coates** received her Master of Science in Community Health Service from Marywood College. She was selected for inclusion in the Outstanding Young Women of America. Lynda is a school nurse in the Northeast Bradford School District.

**Margaret Harrison** announces her engagement to Ralph Nardone of Pittston.

**Margaret** is a computer operator for Old Forge Bank. The couple will exchange vows on October 20.

**Thomas J. Jastrem** has been promoted to vice president, commercial and wholesale supply banking department of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, by Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia. Thomas lives in Phoenixville with his wife, Suzanne, and son, Thomas Joseph, Jr.

**Thomas Richards** and his wife announce the birth of a son, Thomas Robert, on September 30, 1989. They live in Wilkes-Barre.

**Frances Rogers** was promoted to critical care clinical nurse specialist at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She lives in Pittston with her husband, Charles, and children, Erin and Charles.

**Joseph Rubbico** and his wife announce the birth of a son, Anthony Joseph, on August 27, 1989. The Rubbicos reside in Shavertown.

**Molly DeLahanti Sidari** and Dr. Jude Sidari announce the birth of a son, Michael Anthony, on July 7, 1989. They have two other children, Jude, 4, and Cristen, 3. They live in Hazleton.

**Dr. Karl W. Siebe** has completed his residency in dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and opened a practice in Muncie, Indiana. He and his wife, Sandra, reside in Muncie.

**Donna Shandra** and her husband, Walter, announce the birth of a son on October 26, 1989. The family resides in Pittston.

**Patricia Ann Sparlow** married Robert C. Morrow. Patricia is employed as vice president of Ketchum Public Relations of New York City. They reside in Bronxville, NY.

**Peter and Judith Barnick Steve** announce the birth of a son, Peter Charles Steve III, on October 10, 1989. Peter is director of communications at Morrison's Custom Management of Kingston. Judy is assistant director of resource development and information services for United Way of Wyoming Valley. They live in Hanover Green.

**Anthony Gary Tomaino** married Kathie Senkewicz and moved from Virginia to New Jersey where they have started a landscaping company. The Tomainos reside in Neptune, NJ.

**Louis Zack Jr. and Jo Ann Casey '86** were married. Louis is employed by Clarks Summit Food Company and Jo Ann is employed by the Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, as a diabetes clinical nurse specialist.

## 1982

**Robert Bannon** married Linda Yenkowski of Mountaintop. Robert is employed as a senior analyst at General Public Utilities in Reading. The Bannons live in Reading.

**Brenda Kutz Burkholder** is working at Point Pleasant Hospital in Post CCU. She and her husband, Kirby, announce the birth of a son on July 5, 1989. The family resides in Bayville, NJ.

**Dr. Thomas Czajkowski** married Monica Howath. Following a residency at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, Dr. Czajkowski is now in private practice as a family physician in Allentown.

**Helen Gorgas** is the assistant director of residence life for staff programming and development at the University of Southern Maine. She received her M.Ed. degree from Ohio University in Student Personnel Administration with a concentration in Community Counseling. Helen resides in Portland, Maine.

**David E. Hadley** is enrolled in a post graduate program at Harvard University in business and management. David lives in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

**Carl A. Hurst** and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of a son, Reyan Carl, on January 8, 1990. They live in Plains.

**Elaine Lutzkanin** was a speaker on "Satanism and the Occult." Elaine is the coordinator of Genesis, an outreach of Methodist Home for Children in the Tamaqua Area of the Anthracite District of Pennsylvania.

**Anthony Pirrella** and his wife, Karen, announce the birth of a daughter, Nicole, on October 13, 1989. Anthony and his family reside in Pittston.

**Ida H. Rigley** has been appointed executive administrator of the North Dakota Nurses' Association. Ida and her husband, Louis, live in Bismark.

**Roberta Sabitus** has been named director of human resources for Robert Packer Hospital. Roberta and her husband, Walter, have three children.

**Marilyn Santarelli** has been appointed director of annual giving at College Misericordia.

**Dr. Glenn Weaver and Diane Manganiello Weaver '80** announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Nicole, on November 6, 1989. The Weavers reside in Philadelphia.

## 1983

**James Campbell** has been named to the Penn State Advisory Group Video Project at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus.

**Gwyn Hughes** married Ronald S. Kokinda. Mrs. Kokinda is employed by Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Document Automation.

**Dr. Stanley M. Kman** received a degree in osteopathic medicine and has completed his internship at Union Hospital, NJ. Dr. Kman is a resident at Franklin Hospital, Baltimore. Stanley and his wife, Karen Shinn Kman, live in Abingdon, Maryland.

**Duane Kersteen** has been selected for the 1989-90 Leadership Wilkes-Barre. Duane has been an executive board member with the Emergency Medical Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Board Member of Northlake Improvement Association and the Wilkes University Continuing Education Committee. He lives in Forty Fort.

**Louis Francesco Lepri** is a captain in the US Army. He and his wife, Judith, announce the birth of a son, Anthony, January 15, 1990. They live in Dalton.

**James P. Moran** earned a Ph.D. in materials science with a concentration in corrosion/environmental fracture from the University of Virginia. He is employed as a National Research Council Postdoctoral Associate at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC, in the Materials Science and Technical Division. Jim and his wife, Diane, reside in Waldorf, Maryland.

**David L. Murphy** married Janet Roberts of Forty Fort. He is an addiction therapist and supervisor at Bethany Center, Honesdale. The couple resides in Forty Fort.

**Thomas J. Parks** and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Marie, on October 7, 1989. They reside in Somers Point, NJ.

**William P. Smedley Jr.** married Sandra Marie Siegel. He is a biology teacher and head cross country and basketball coach at Bishop O'Reilly High School. They live in Kingston.

**Gregory L. Sunday** has been promoted from controller of financial operations to business manager and fiscal officer for the Scranton City School District. He and his wife, Joan, live in Scranton.

**Ellen M. Van Riper** became assistant city attorney for Prescott, Arizona. She resides in Cave Creek, AZ.

*Come home to Wilkes!*  
Homecoming Weekend — Oct. 12-15, 1990  
Friday, Oct. 12 - Open House  
Saturday, Oct. 13 — Football & Dinner Dance  
Sunday, Oct. 14 — Brunch  
Monday, Oct. 15 — Golf Tourney



Robert Walsh married Kimberly Anne Hawkins on July 22, 1989. Robert is employed by Hardyston Township School in Franklin, NJ.

## 1984

Dr. Kimberly Kresovich Wendler and her husband, Frederick, announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Caitlin, on September 7, 1989. Kimberly is an emergency medicine physician at G/A Regional Medical Center. They reside in Silver City, NM.

## 1985

Vincent Cappellini has joined the Cappellini, Cometa, and Cappellini law firm of Wilkes-Barre. He lives in Plains.

Lori Ann Cashour married Joseph F. Deems in April, 1989. Lori is employed with the FBI. She and her husband reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

John A. Chipego married Naiba Be La Porre on May 27, 1989. John has been promoted to senior account supervisor for HomeLife Insurance Company. The couple resides in Cranbury, NJ.

Naomi Harris Cohen was married to Bruce Cohen in September, 1989. Naomi is employed at Cigna Corporation. They live in Bloomfield, CT.

Joseph C. Grzenda Jr. was married to Donna Sue Strovel on October 7, 1989. Joseph is the owner of Sunrise Management and Redevelopment Company, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The couple resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Marshall C. Hurlbert married Jeannie Stone in December, 1988. They are both employed by the U.S. Army as Clinical Staff Nurses. They reside in San Antonio, Texas.

Marilyn Tabone-Klocko is employed at P.N.S. Limited in the Critical Care Unit, and attained CCRN Certification in 1988. Marilyn and her husband, David, reside in West Pittston.

Dr. Lori A. Kocur graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in June, 1989. Lori is practicing in Minersville and Schuylkill Haven, PA. She resides in Saint Clair, PA.

E. Susan Maier became certified by the ANA in nursing administration and by the ARN in rehabilitation nursing. She is employed by Manor Health Care Corp. as a rehabilitation nurse manager for the REACH program in Arlington, Virginia. Susan lives in Laurel, Maryland.

Maureen Pollard Naumann and her husband, Jack, announce the birth of a daughter, Casey Eileen, on September 5, 1989. They reside in Bloomsburg.

Mary Ellen O'Donnell Meighan and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of a son, John Patrick, on October 16, 1989. Mary Ellen is employed at Standard Register as an Industrial Engineer/QC supervisor. They reside in Thornton, Colorado.

Dr. Stephen Reto is an optometrist in West Chester, PA. He has had articles published in two of the largest optometric journals in the country.

Christopher Rexer and Marianne Scicchitano Rexer announce the birth of a son, Timothy Joseph, on March 19, 1989. Christopher is employed at Cherry Semiconductor as a supervising process engineer. Marianne is an assistant professor at Johnson & Wales University. They live in Smithfield, RI.

William J. Wertly accepted the position of student navigator with the 450th Flying Training Squadron at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, CA.

Karen Miller-Zingak accepted a management position with Prudential Mutual Fund Services in Edison, New Jersey. Karen resides in Bedminster, NJ, with her husband, Lawrence.

## 1986

Carmen F. Ambrosino received the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award. In addition, Carmen was selected to be in Who's Who in Finance and Industry and also inducted into the International Directory of Distinguished Leadership. Carmen and his wife, Bernice, have a son, Carmen Jr.

Richard Bunchalck and Gina Berlot '87 were married on May 5. Richard is

a senior accountant at Zavada & Associates, and Gina is a registered nurse at Nesbitt Hospital. The couple resides in Mountaintop.

Maryann Cortese married John Rubino. Maryann is director of operations at Community Medical Center Health Care Systems. They reside in Scranton.

David E. Gallick was accepted as a clinical associate of marriage counseling at the University of Pennsylvania in the psychiatry department. He and his wife, Colleen, and daughters, Amy and Nicole, reside in Plains.

Patricia Ann Gronski accepted a position at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center in Allentown as a registered nurse. Patricia resides in West Hazleton.

Andreas Hess and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of a daughter, Daniela, on May 23, 1989. Andreas is an associate general agent for Irv Borochan and Associates. The Hess family lives in Tucson, Arizona.

Kelly Lacey married William Corcoran on November 4, 1989. Kelly is a senior accountant with Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates of Wilkes-Barre. They live in Mountaintop.

Neal McHugh married Diane Gatfield. Neal is an environmental scientist at Van Note Harvey Associates, Princeton. Diane is a first grade teacher for the Spring Lake Heights Board of Education. They reside in Point Pleasant, NJ.

Linda Kinney has been promoted to assistant cashier at First Eastern Bank. She and her husband, Larry, reside in Hazleton.

Raphael Kon and Lisa A. Mikulis exchanged wedding vows on June 2, 1990. Both Ralph and Lisa are medical students in their fourth year at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City.

Steven Kotch is engaged to Susan Michalek. A September 22 wedding is planned. Steven is employed with the credit department of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Wilkes-Barre.

Mark F. Michno married Sharon Ann Ruffley. He is employed as manager of Michno Motors GMC, Inc. The couple resides in Nanticoke.

Kirk Nunemacher married Nanette M. Dana. Kirk is employed by Norden Systems, Norwalk, CT, as an electrical engineer and is pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering. The couple is residing in Bridgeport, CT.

Gwyn A. Thomas passed the bar examination and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar. Gwyn is employed as a tax consultant by the accounting firm of Deloitte and Touche of Philadelphia.

David Warnick was promoted to senior auditor of internal audit at Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Janet Ann, reside in Co-nyngham.

Cheryl Zack is a national buyer for VWR Scientific, Inc. in Media, PA. She now resides in Newton Square, PA.

## 1987

Christine Bolcarovic is engaged to Richard Rakauskas. They are planning a 1990 summer wedding. Christine moved to Kissimmee, Florida, where she is employed by the *Orlando Sentinel*.

John A. Cherrie received his master's degree in statistics from the University of Tennessee at Nashville. He works in the Biostatistics Department at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. He will be working with experiments and data for cancer studies.

James DeCinti and Kimberly Penkala were married on July 1, 1989. James is employed by Whiteman Tower Inc., and Kimberly is employed by Northeastern Bank of Pennsylvania.

Cornelius Douris is a product specialist and account manager for General Electric. Cornelius is pursuing his MBA degree. He resides in Holland, PA.

Timothy A. Frateschi and Cynthia Matero Frateschi '85 announce the birth of a son, Joseph, on March 25, 1989. Timothy is a New York State Legislative Representative in Syracuse. Cynthia is a personal account executive

for Manne Midland Bank. The family resides in Syracuse, NY.

Sheldon and Rosanne Thomas Lamoreaux announce the birth of a son, Alexander Sheldon, on August 4, 1989. They reside in Plains.

Douglas E. McClure has accepted a graduate assistant position in the civil engineering department at Villanova University. He is also working towards a master's degree in environmental engineering.

Deborah Susan Mican is head nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Carbondale. She resides in Waymart, PA.

Randall Olszyk married Margaret Trevelan. Randall is employed at Hershey Chocolate USA of Hazleton. The couple resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. George Ritz married Debra

McGuire. George is a resident physician at the State University of New York and King's County Hospital Center. The couple resides in Brooklyn.

Kimberly Ann Tokach married James Michael Kellar. Kimberly is employed as a registered nurse at the Kidney Center of Delaware County, Woodlyn, PA. Kimberly and her husband reside in Glen Mills.

Lisa Berkoski Zaleski married Captain Ronald Zaleski at the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis. Lisa is employed at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center. The couple resides in Pittsburg, California.

## 1988

Polly Ann Kunkle married David Schaefer. Polly Ann is community relations associate at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. The couple resides in Dallas, Pennsylvania.



### Morrell '88 to co-produce "Hearts of Space"

Andrew Morrell '88 has been named production assistant and co-producer of "Music from the Hearts of Space," a radio program produced in San Francisco and carried by more than half the nation's 460 public radio stations. Morrell has been working as producer/host for his own show, "Acoustics," at WVIA-FM in Avoca. He was visiting classmate Kim Supper in San Francisco and decided to take his resume to "Hearts of Space" producer Stephen Hill on a lark, he said. He never expected a job offer but jumped at the chance when it came. "Music from the Hearts of Space" features contemporary space music, Morrell said, "atmospheric, contemplative, with a spacey texture that conjures up your own space, either outer or inner." Morrell said he loves working in public radio because it offers the alternatives that are "extremely important for a diverse basis to our culture. I love the idea of having high standards for programming. There's something that's special about good radio programming. It creates an intimate bond between producer and listener."



**Deborah J. Marquart** graduated from the Aircraft Maintenance Officer School and has been assigned to the Hill AFB, Utah, as Officer in Charge of the 388th TFW Munitions Branch. Deborah resides in Layton, Utah.

**Cheryl Mundo** has been nominated for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities (1990 Edition). She graduated in May, 1990, with a master's degree in music from Temple University.

**Major John J. Ormardo**, Commander of the 1st Battalion, 109th field Artillery, is general chairman for the annual Veteran's Day Parade.

**William S. Peightel** and his wife, Brenda, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Kay, on September 24, 1989. William, Brenda and their two daughters reside in Reedsville, PA.

**Gerard P. Pernot** married Patricia Shovlin. Gerard is an account representative in the client services division of the Prudential Asset Management Company, Moosic. Patricia is employed by Wilkes University in the departments of English and foreign languages. They reside in Avoca.

**Donald Semyon** is a client services representative for the *Times Leader*. Donald resides in Wilkes-Barre.

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**Frederick A. Scholoth** and **Linda Mahalick** were married in June. Fred is project director and Linda is a sales manager at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Michigan.

**Michael Yamrick** and his wife, Pamela, announce the birth of a son on October 4, 1989. They reside in Dallas, PA.

## 1989

**Joseph Bauman Jr.** married **Cynthia Kratzer**. Cynthia is employed by Northeastern Bank, Wilkes-Barre, and Joseph is employed at Bridgetone Firestone Inc. The couple resides in Hughestown.

**Regis Cabonor** has been appointed assistant administrator of Delaware Valley Medical Center. Regis resides in Nazareth with his wife and two sons.

**Maria DiCredio** is engaged to **George N. Ramitely** and a September 22, 1990, wedding is planned. Maria is the owner of her own business, A&M Services, in Doylestown, PA.

**Mary Beth Olson** married **Edward J. Farrell** in May. Mary Beth is a registered nurse in the oncology unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center.

**Patrice Marie Pienta** has completed her internship at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre and is employed at the Maryland Medical Laboratory Inc. in Baltimore.

**Theresa W. Prykowski** and her husband announce the birth of a son, Thomas, on December 1, 1989. They reside in Hatfield, PA.

**Kimberly Soltis** is engaged to **Gary R. Rio**. Kimberly is employed at the Allied Signal Corporation, South Montrose, Pennsylvania, as a manager of material planning and inventory control. An October 28, 1990, wedding is planned.

## 1990

**David H. Daniels** announces his engagement to **Emily Shortz** of Wilkes-Barre on April 15, 1990. David and Emily work at RT Environmental Services, Inc., in King of Prussia.

## In Memoriam

Gene W. Andrukite '58  
Henry Benscoter '66  
John A. Cooney Sr. '48  
Patricia Brady Egidio '65  
Robert L. Evans '56  
Thomas Evans '60  
Annette D. Gold '54  
Enid Hershey '66  
James Kane '51  
Richard J. Kopko '67  
William F. Loughney '54  
George Barry Neilan '66  
B. Richard Rutkowski '51  
Joseph E. Swartwood '50  
Michael A. Trolie '74  
Eleanor Forrish Yatko '48



**Eloise Warriner Ehret**  
Trustee emerita **Eloise Warriner Ehret**, a native and former resident of the Wyoming Valley, died April 12 in Haverford, PA. She was preceded in death by her husband **Richard M.** on April 10. A graduate of Westover School and Cornell University (1925), she was an avid supporter of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scheie Eye Institute, the Committee for Young Musicians, the Central Women's Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Music Study Club. She served on the Wilkes Board of Trustees and was named Trustee Emerita on June 1, 1980. She had attended the Wilkes University Celebration events just two months before her death.



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SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ If Applicable MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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### NEWS ITEMS FOR THE QUARTERLY

If contacted, I would be willing to assist Wilkes in the following areas:

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

- ☐ Arrange internships and cooperative education for students.
- ☐ Encourage my employer to set up interviews/recruit at Wilkes.
- ☐ Participate in information interviews with students concerning my profession/business.

#### STUDENT RECRUITMENT:

- ☐ Refer names of prospective students.
- ☐ Contact prospective students and their parents.
- ☐ Host receptions for prospective students in my area.

#### ALUMNI RELATIONS:

- ☐ Serve on National Executive Committee.
- ☐ Act as class representative and assist in class reunion efforts.
- ☐ I would be interested in having the Alumni Office contact me about career opportunities in my profession.
- ☐ Assist in alumni regional chapter activities.

#### UNIVERSITY FUNDRAISING:

- ☐ Participate in alumni fund phonathon.
- ☐ Serve on an alumni chapter fundraising committee.
- ☐ Make personal solicitations for Wilkes.
- ☐ Act as a class agent for alumni fund.



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WILKES UNIVERSITY — 1990

*They come to us  
Marked by the world,  
Prepared and unprepared, serious and alert:*

*All who enter  
Have been taught  
Education is the key  
To raise their sights  
Beyond their expectations  
Of what the good life can be:  
To change the environment,  
To modify behavior,  
To keep the mind ever free.*

*Unwilling to live with  
Peace or justice that lies  
Disabled or inert,  
Unable to accept  
A mind closed to freedom  
Or silent for fear of being hurt.*

*We confer  
All the rights and privileges  
Institutions of higher learning grant:  
Your right to think,  
To be, to do,  
To harvest what you plant,  
To strive for truth,  
To speak for truth  
And when you're wrong, recant.*

*The values  
That informed us  
Remain fundamentally the same,  
Our mission unchanged  
With the changing  
Of our name:  
Do you strike the match  
To light the candle  
Or to watch the flame?*

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