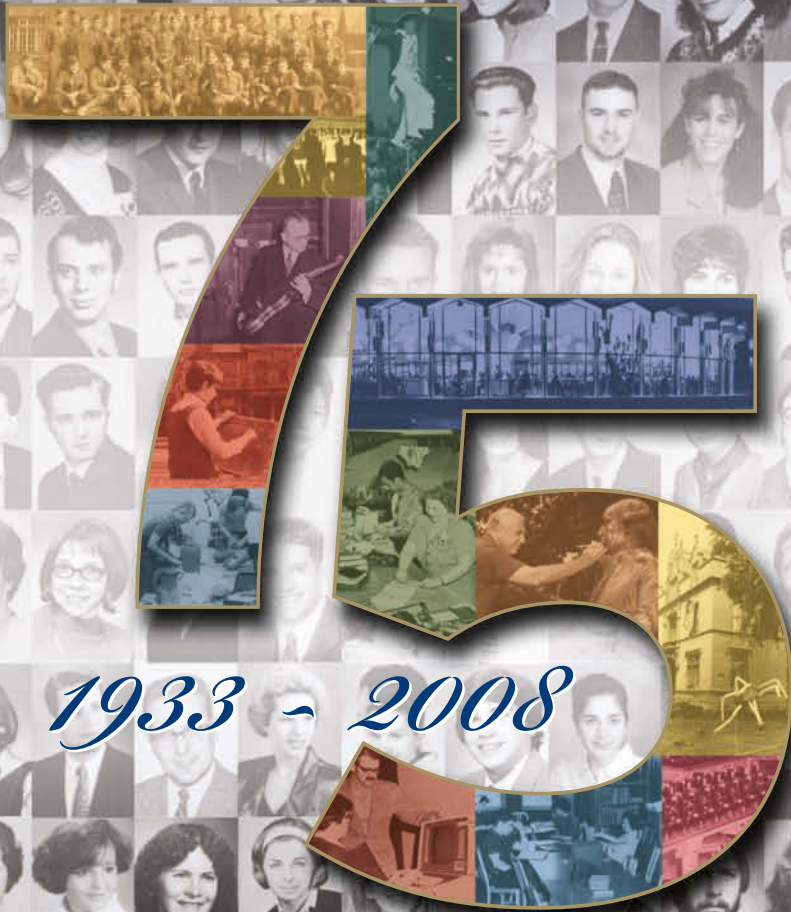


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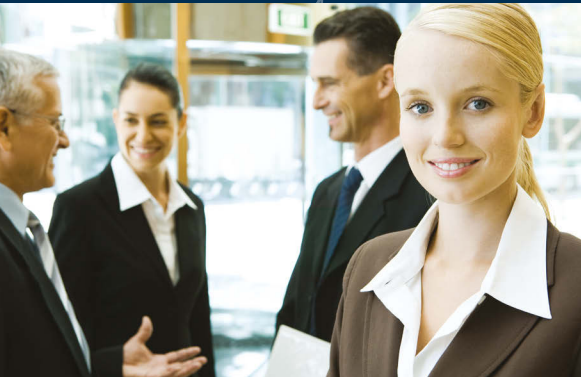
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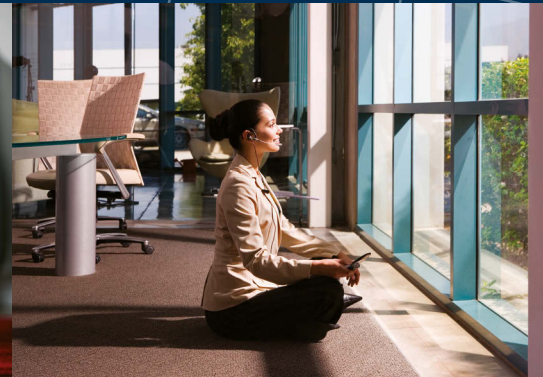
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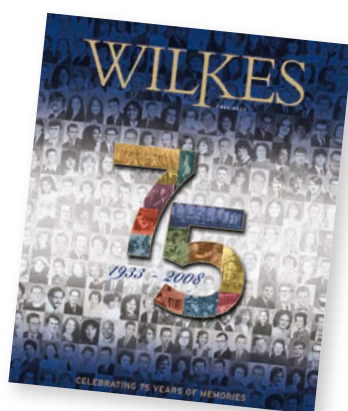
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On the cover: From its earliest days as Bucknell University Junior College, Wilkes has been devoted to providing personal attention to students. In this month's issue, you'll find reminiscences of alumni, faculty and staff. We hope they conjure up a few memories of your own. And we hope you'll join us as we kick off the anniversary celebration at Homecoming 2008; look for details on page 21.

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Here's to the Next 75 Years!

WILKES UNIVERSITY HAS WEATHERED MANY storms over the years – not just the catastrophic Agnes flood, but the challenges of the Depression, war and economic instability. It continues not only to survive but to thrive as both an educational institution and a vibrant member of the communities it serves.

The University's success stems from its unique and deep commitment to community. That commitment is what attracted me to Wilkes, and such commitment will define the quality of successful institutions in the future.

Many initiatives have demonstrated this commitment over the years: engineering programs founded to support the region's electronics industry; pre-medicine, pharmacy and nursing programs vital to serving medical needs;

environmental science studies crucial to healing scars left by mining; and graduate education to enhance K-12 teaching and administration. Wilkes is also committed to providing each undergraduate student with a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, which are essential for success in a constantly changing world.

I came to Wilkes because of its capacity to look beyond self-interest and because of the small classes that allow students to develop close relationships with faculty and staff mentors. And as we chart the course for the future, we remain faithful to these values.

To succeed and flourish in the long-term, we must broaden our sense of whom we serve and where. We must grow to meet lifelong education needs through graduate and adult programs. As students' needs change, we will need to change as well.

Interest in web-based programs is exploding, especially as the energy crisis comes upon us, and we must be prepared to meet that demand. And we must continuously explore new academic opportunities, as we are with the law school.

At the end of the day, we must offer a set of programs that balances the ups and downs of demand while increasing our profile and prominence in the region. However, our dedication to the student will not change.



University President Tim Gilmour
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Dr. Tim Gilmour
Wilkes University President

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Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence in the liberal arts, sciences and professional programs. The university provides its students with the experience and education necessary for career and intellectual development as well as for personal growth, engenders a sense of values and civic responsibility, and encourages its students to welcome the opportunities and challenges of a diverse and continually changing world. The University enhances the tradition of strong student-faculty interactions in all its programs, attracts and retains outstanding people in every segment of the University, and fosters a spirit of cooperation, community involvement, and individual respect within the entire University.

Celebrating the Class of 2008

More than 4,000 family and friends filled the Wachovia Arena on May 17 for the 61st annual spring commencement.

President Tim Gilmour conferred 330 bachelor's, 307 master's and 71 doctor of pharmacy degrees. Former N.J. governor and chairman of the 9/11 Commission Thomas Kean delivered the keynote address. Kean is a friend and former colleague of Wilkes Trustee William Tremayne '57.

Four graduates were honored with distinguished awards for academic excellence and leadership. Accounting major Karl Kemmerer, biochemistry major Brynn Beaver and English major Angelina Teutonico received the Mabel Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award for attaining the highest grade point averages in the graduating class. Beaver and Kemmerer both graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 average, and Teutonico graduated summa cum laude with a 3.99.

The Alumni Award for Leadership went to Kaitlin Taber-Miller, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in musical theatre. Taber-Miller served as an e-mentor and orientation leader and participated in two alternative spring break service trips abroad and to hurricane-ravaged New Orleans.

Three Wilkes graduates were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force. Each graduate completed training at Wilkes' Air Force ROTC Detachment 752. Lt. Michael Lewis became the first recipient of the Wilkes Flyboys Distinguished Graduate Award; he also received the AFROTC Distinguished Graduate Award.

Graduates celebrated with more than 4,000 friends and family at Wachovia Arena. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL P. TOUEY



The answer to CORRUPTION AND OPPORTUNISM is not to turn away or to complain about our problems but to ensure that the best and the most qualified and the most compassionate BECOME OUR LEADERS.

– Thomas Kean



The Sounds of Wilkes

The Wilkes University Chorus and Civic Band recently recorded a CD of traditional Wilkes songs.

These songs, often played and sung at graduation and sports events but never before recorded, include the *Alma Mater*, *Wilkes is in Town Again*, the *Touchdown Song* and the *Homecoming Song*. A number of Wilkes alumni joined current Wilkes students in the production of the recording.

The CD, which also includes recordings of other recent performances by the University Chorus and the Chamber Singers, will be available for purchase during Homecoming 2008, Oct. 3 to 5.

For more information on the CD, please e-mail alumni@wilkes.edu.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE TONDRICK

Law School Initiative Takes Step Forward With Hiring of Dean Loren Prescott

Loren D. “Chip” Prescott Jr. took the reins as dean of the Wilkes University Law School Planning Initiative on June 1.

Prescott, formerly vice dean and professor at Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, Pa., leads efforts to investigate feasibility and



Loren “Chip” Prescott. PHOTO BY MARK GOLASZEWSKI

develop plans for northeastern Pennsylvania’s first law school. Preliminary plans call for enrolling between 80 and 100 first-year students in fall 2010.

“If feasible, the addition of a law school represents a great opportunity for the revitalization of Wilkes-Barre and the region. Wilkes’ mentoring culture is uniquely suited to training a new generation of attorneys skilled in the practice, not just the theory, of law,” said President Tim Gilmour. “Chip Prescott brings both experience and vision to this initiative.”

As dean, Prescott will complete an in-depth market analysis of enrollment trends, look at parameters for a law school library, and develop a trailblazing curriculum. He is scheduled to submit plans for trustee consideration in April 2009.

“The Wilkes Law School Initiative provides Wilkes University with a unique opportunity to serve the legal community in northeast Pennsylvania as it participates in the debate over the future of legal education,” Prescott says. “I look forward to working with my new colleagues at Wilkes and with the bench and bar in NEPA as we continue to pursue this important new project at Wilkes.”

Job demand for lawyers remains strong, with starting salaries dependent on where and in what fields one practices, according to the Association of Legal Career Professionals. In addition, 90.7 percent of 2006 law school graduates for whom employment status was known were employed as of Feb. 15, 2007. The overall median starting salary reached \$62,000, while the median compensation for private practice was \$95,000.

Prescott began his career as a certified public accountant, receiving a bachelor’s degree in business administration from University of Washington. He earned his juris doctor degree from Willamette University College of Law and a master of laws degree in taxation from University of Florida College of Law. He is currently a doctoral candidate in public administration at Penn State University.

For more information on the law school initiative, contact Prescott at law@wilkes.edu or (800) WILKES-U Ext. 3220. Updates on progress will be posted at www.law.wilkes.edu.

Mystery Newspaper Inspires Online Archive

Did you know that the first campus newspaper was called the *Bison Stampede*? Neither did University archivist Harold Cox until last year, when he sorted through the meticulously organized files of the late Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski, dean of women for Bucknell University Junior College. In “Sangy’s” files was one copy of the mysterious newspaper.

Cox decided to investigate if additional copies existed. “I had my doubts after talking with George Ralston,” says Cox. “Even he hadn’t heard of the *Bison Stampede*.” Cox then contacted his Bucknell University counterpart, who confirmed the existence of the newspaper and had in her possession all 13 printed copies.

Inspired by the discovery, Cox set out to archive all editions of the *Wilkes Beacon*. Six months later, Cox launched an online, searchable database that

contains portable document format (pdf) files of nearly all *Beacon* editions from 1936 through 1970. His goal is to archive the remaining issues from 1971 to 2000. Since 2001, the *Beacon* has been automatically archived online.

To help build the archive, Cox asks any alumni or friends of the university who may have old issues of the newspaper to contact him at

harold.cox@wilkes.edu. To browse and download editions of the *Bison Stampede* and *Beacon*, visit <http://beaconarchives.wilkes.edu>.



Prestigious \$1 Million Grant Will Bolster Biology at Wilkes

“Super labs,” new faculty, and a beefed-up curriculum preparing students for emerging science careers are among improvements biology majors will soon notice, thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

“Anyone graduating with a Wilkes biology degree can take pride in this award,” says Mike Steele, chair of biology and primary author of the grant. “This recognition by HHMI shows Wilkes is continuing to develop and grow.”

HHMI invited 224 of the country’s top colleges and universities to apply for the science education funding and awarded only 48 grants “to the nation’s best undergraduate institutions,” according to HHMI.

Wilkes will use the grant to strengthen students’ abilities in mathematics, physical sciences and computer science so they can integrate these disciplines into life sciences. New “super labs” will immerse students in research for 10 days between their sophomore and junior years.



Students will have more opportunity for laboratory and research experience thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. These students are tracking songbirds along the Susquehanna River. PHOTO BY KIM BOWER-SPENCE

“There is nothing like this in the area,” Steele says. “This kind of requirement is very unusual at the undergraduate level.”

Eileen Sharp, coordinator for health sciences professional programs, adds: “The science research and laboratory opportunities available for Wilkes students helps them learn strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills so necessary in a health care career and gives them an advantage over students applying to health professions programs from other undergraduate institutions.”

Madeleine Albright and Environmental Innovator Highlight Fall Lectures

The nation’s first female secretary of state and an environmental innovator will each present lectures at Wilkes University this fall.



Madeleine Albright. PHOTO COURTESY OF WASHINGTON SPEAKERS BUREAU

- Madeleine K. Albright, U.S. secretary of state in the Clinton administration and principal of global strategy firm The Albright Group LLC, will present the annual Outstanding Leaders Forum lecture at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the F.M. Kirby Center. Forum proceeds provide scholarships for promising business students at the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership.
- Electrical engineer Martin Eberhard re-invented the electric car into a sexy roadster that has the likes of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Larry Page lining up to buy one, even with its six-figure price tag. The car went into production earlier this year. The founder and former CEO of Tesla Motors delivers the Allan P. Kirby Lecture in Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, in the Darte Center. The Kirby lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information on either lecture, contact Rebecca Van Jura at (570) 408-4306 or rebecca.vanjura@wilkes.edu.

NEW TRUSTEES JOIN BOARD

The University Board of Trustees has elected four new trustees:

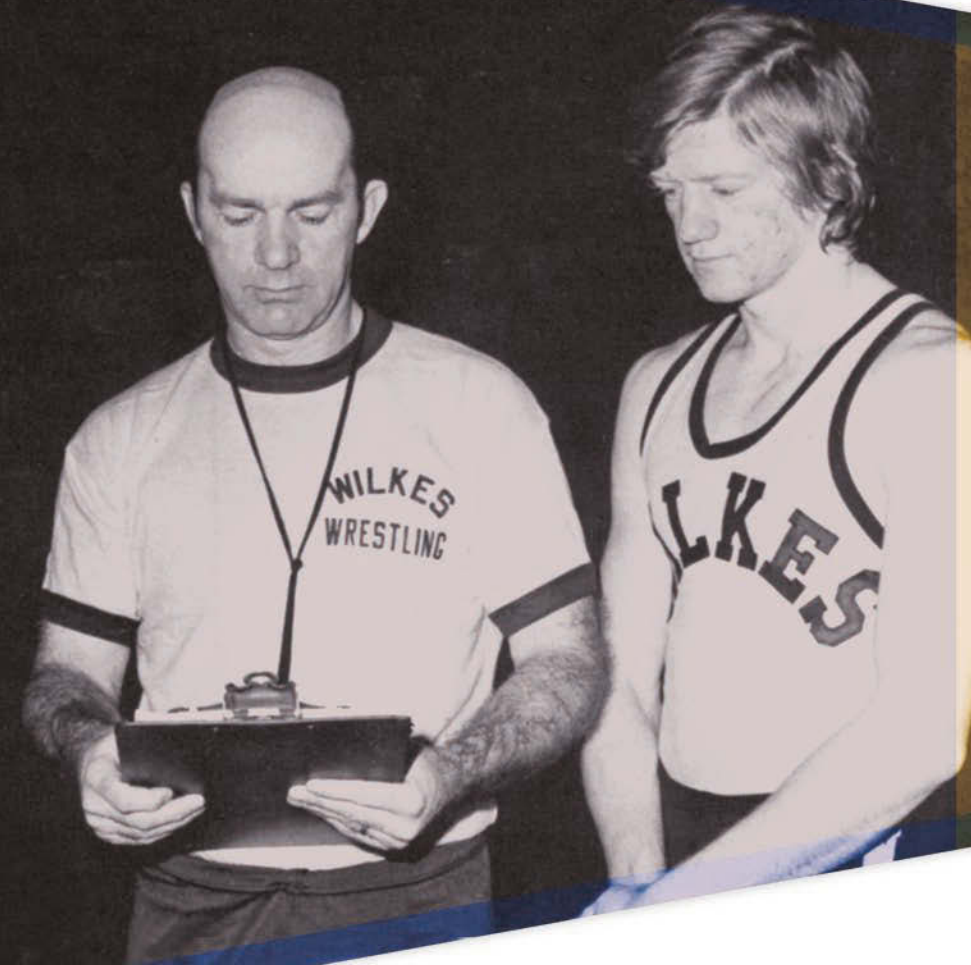
- **The Rev. Michael E. Brewster** is senior pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre. Brewster became pastor of Mt. Zion in 2004, after serving as interim pastor for one year.
- **Daniel J. Cardell '79** is an investment manager from Chicago. A chartered financial analyst, Cardell was recently named president and chief investment officer of Wayne Hummer Asset Management.
- **Carol Kotlowski Keup '89** of Kingston, Pa., serves as chief executive officer of Valley Distributing and Storage Company, a privately owned third-party logistics provider with 90 employees in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.
- **Hedy Wrightson Rittenmeyer '72** of Plano, Texas, is a member of the board of directors of The Bridge Breast Network, a nonprofit organization. She is also helping start a therapeutic horsemanship center in Nicholson Township, Pa.

Trustee **Jay S. Sidhu M'73**, former chairman and CEO of Sovereign Bank, currently chairs the board.

Wilkes Legends

THREE HALL OF FAMERS LEAVE AN INDELIBLE MARK ON ATHLETICS

By Reid R. Frazier



Left to right: John Reese, Doris Saracino and Rollie Schmidt influenced students well beyond the bounds of sport.

ONE WAS A LEGENDARY wrestling coach. Another made sure that women, too, could have their turn on the field or court. And another went four years without losing a single game.

For decades, John Reese, wrestling coach and athletic director, Doris “Dorie” Saracino, women’s coach and athletic administrator, and Rollie Schmidt, football coach, were Wilkes athletics. Those who played for them say the lessons they learned extended far beyond the bounds of sport.

Wrestling Preparedness

John Reese was the wrestling coach at Wilkes for 42 years, the longest tenure of any coach at any school in the country, and if you were to ask him how he managed to win 500 matches, two national titles, and go undefeated five times, his answer would be pretty simple. “I prepared,” says Reese, of Kingston, Pa. “Every night after I ate, I’d go upstairs and take my cue cards and get ready for the next practice. Every practice I ran was organized, and I think the kids knew that.”

After taking over the program in 1953, Reese built a wrestling powerhouse that tangled with, and often beat, much bigger schools. His most memorable win? At Navy, 1973. Wilkes’ 150-pounder clinched the match by pinning his opponent “on the anchor” — the iconic Navy emblem in the center of the home team’s mat. “It was unbelievable,” remembers Reese, who became a member of eight

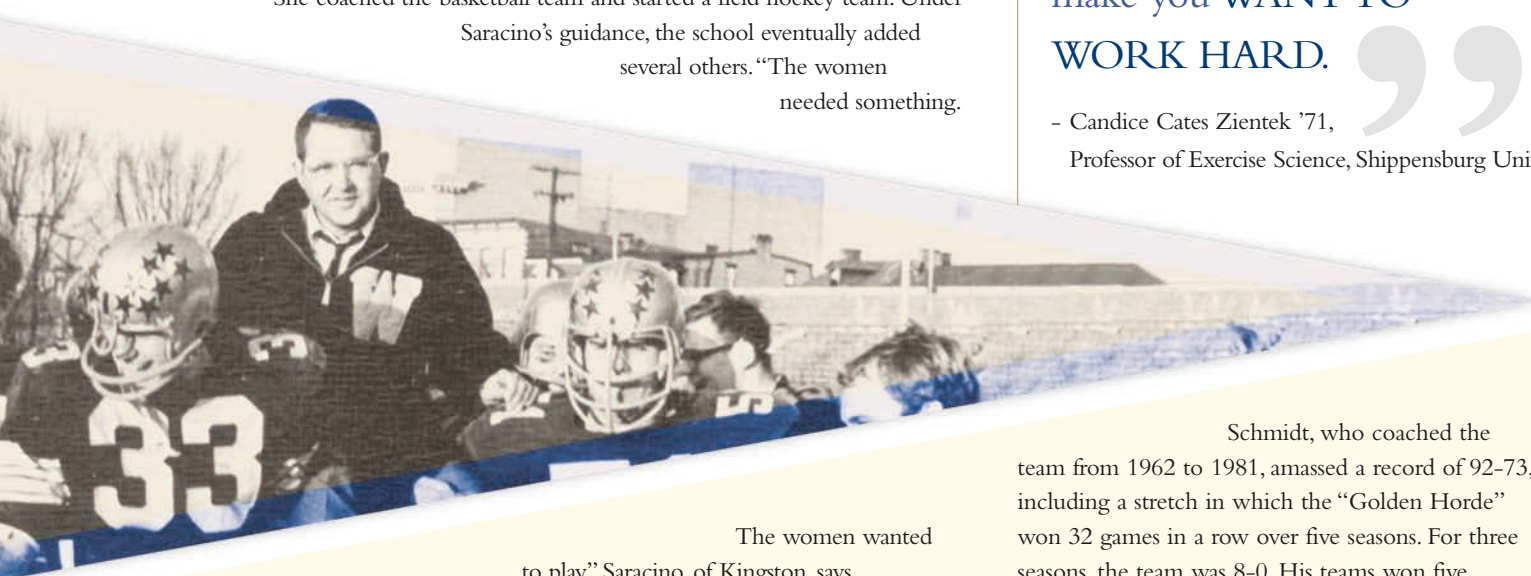
halls of fame, including the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1999. Reese also brought home Wilkes' first national championship in school history, in 1974.

"He taught us perseverance," says Ron Miller '93, an instructional designer from Woodbridge, Va., who wrestled and coached for Reese. "It wasn't necessarily about the winning, it was about the effort we put into it."

Blazing Trails for Women

When Dorie Saracino came to Wilkes as a physical education instructor in 1960, women's athletics consisted of a basketball team that practiced two days a week, and not much else. That soon changed.

She coached the basketball team and started a field hockey team. Under Saracino's guidance, the school eventually added several others. "The women needed something.



The women wanted to play," Saracino, of Kingston, says.

Saracino was active on women's intercollegiate athletics committees with the Mid-Atlantic Conference and NCAA. Representing Wilkes, she voted to include women's athletics under the NCAA umbrella, granting equal footing for female athletics at small schools like Wilkes. She also coached volleyball from 1975 to 1989.

At 4 feet 10 inches, she is "a giant in women's athletics," remembers Dotty Martin '77, a newspaper editor with the *Times-Leader* in Wilkes-Barre who played basketball.

"In my opinion, she is Wilkes women's athletics," says Candice Cates Zientek '71, a professor of exercise science at Shippensburg University. Zientek, of Fayetteville, Pa., adds, "She had a tireless enthusiasm for women's athletics. She'd work so hard, it would make you want to work hard."

A Golden Career

Rollie Schmidt was not one to give rousing halftime lectures to his football teams. "He didn't have to say a lot," remembers former Wilkes guard Bill Hanbury '72, now chief executive officer of the convention bureau of Washington, D.C., where he lives. "We were so well-prepared that by the time the game started, everybody knew what they had to do."

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Professor of Exercise Science, Shippensburg University

Schmidt, who coached the team from 1962 to 1981, amassed a record of 92-73, including a stretch in which the "Golden Horde" won 32 games in a row over five seasons. For three seasons, the team was 8-0. His teams won five conference championships and two Lambert Bowls. Schmidt also coached baseball and golf.

"The two catch phrases he had all over the locker room were 'pride' and 'poise,'" says Garfield Jones '72, a regional vice president for InTouch Health, a medical robotics company. "If you're prepared, you're never out of it," says the Shavertown, Pa., resident. He adds that many games were won in the last quarter or last few plays.

A case in point stands out as Schmidt's most memorable game. In 1966, Lebanon Valley and Wilkes were tied 7-7. LV scored and then missed the extra point, and Wilkes recovered the ball on the 20-yard line. Just one second remained, with 80 yards to go. Quarterback Joe Zakowski '70 threw a Hail Mary pass. The intended receiver fumbled, but the ball bounced off the shoulder of Paul Purta '67, who caught it and made the touchdown.

Devoted to WILKES

AL AND JANE LAMPE GROH SAY COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS MARKED THE INSTITUTION FROM ITS BEGINNING

By Kim Bower-Spence



Al and Jane Groh still live in the Kingston, Pa., home where they were married in 1977. PHOTO BY MARK GOLASZEWSKI

AL GROH'S ASSOCIATION WITH Wilkes spans every decade of its 75-year existence. He arrived on the campus of Bucknell University Junior College as a student in 1939, returned less than a decade later to teach at BUJC, Wilkes College and Wilkes University, and still maintains a close relationship and affection for the institution that gave him not only an education but a career, a mission — and wife Jane Lampe Groh.

The Wilkes-Barre native and 1941 BUJC graduate recalls walking by the fledgling institution's buildings on his way to Boy Scouts. His parents encouraged him to attend the local junior college.

Classes, each with about 20 students, took place in the original Conyngham Hall, lost to fire in 1968. Groh helped pay his way by working on the maintenance staff. "One of the things I did was clean the gutters on Chase Hall."

After studying English, speech, drama, economics, sociology and music at BUJC, Groh and fellow student Muriel Rees enrolled at Syracuse University

1933

Bucknell opens junior college

1934

BUJC takes over entire former Business College building

1935

Director John Eisenhauer resigns

First issue of *Bison Stampede* is published



1936

Eugene Farley becomes director

First issue of *Bucknell Beacon* published



School anthem is published



with the help of Norma Sanguiliano, then dean of women and director of thespians at BUJC. “She drove us up and introduced us to the campus” — a six-hour trek in 1941. Groh majored in English, journalism, radio and theater.

With World War II brewing, Groh had enlisted in the service before heading off to Syracuse. He was called up the March before his scheduled graduation; he and other soldiers received their degrees on time anyway. Groh flew 50 missions as an engineer gunner in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Foggia, Italy, in 1943–44.

Upon his return to Wilkes-Barre, Groh worked at his father’s Studebaker dealership for a year. Then Sanguiliano asked him to replace her as BUJC’s director of theater when she left to marry. A garage behind Chase Hall — a replica of the stately mansion — served as the theater for his production of *Barretts of Wimpole Street*, depicting the real-life romance of poets Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning. Groh began teaching English, speech and theater at Wilkes in 1948 and never left.

Groh recalls enthusiastic support from the community, with local shops donating costumes and citizens attending performances. The Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club sponsored musicals from the 1950s through the 1970s. Groh spearheaded efforts to build the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts, completed in 1965.

In 1952, he organized the first annual United Nationalities Pageant. He wrote the script and recruited Trustee Annette Evans to narrate the event celebrating Wilkes-Barre’s unique blend of ethnicities.

“We wanted to emphasize the strengths of each of these ethnic groups and preserve their customs and costumes and food,” Groh explains. “I thought it was important for people of different faiths and backgrounds to work cooperatively together.”

The first program featured songs and dances from the Jewish, African American, Greek, Swedish, Syrian, Slovak, Irish, Italian, Polish, Lithuanian, Welsh and Russian communities. It opened with the *Star-Spangled Banner* and closed with *America the Beautiful*. The effort continues today as the Fine Arts Fiesta, held each May on Public Square.

Wilkes’ commitment to embracing and respecting all faiths and nationalities was one of the things that attracted Jane Lampe to Wilkes in 1969.

She had worked at colleges in Illinois and Massachusetts and was attending a conference in Atlanta when Farley interviewed her for dean of women. “I was struck by the fact that the president would be interviewing people,” she says. “What impressed me about Dr. Farley

What is a dream but a man’s life
As he would want it to be,
That shapes itself through all his
days In the Light of Eternity.

– From *A College is Built in the Image of Truth*,
written for Eugene S. Farley by Al Groh, 1957

was that he talked a little bit about the college, and then he talked extensively about the students. That just hit me right between the eyes. This is the kind of place I wanted to be.”

An interview on campus with George Ralston “iced the cake,” she continues. “You couldn’t help but absorb that pervasive commitment.”

Groh and Lampe married in 1977 in the living room of the Kingston, Pa., home they still share. Al retired in 1987; Jane in 1997. But they’ve maintained close ties and boast a strong affection for the institution.

Groh’s pride in Wilkes and the value of education shines through in his prolific poetry, which he started writing in ninth grade. His work fills four books and includes verses celebrating occasions like Wilkes anniversaries, colleagues’ birthdays and each Fine Arts Fiesta. “I don’t write as frequently as I used to, but I write for an occasion or event.”

But Lampe Groh adds: “He’s still filling lots of notebooks.”

1937

Admiral Harold Stark donates family home, now Chase Hall



Bertha Conyngham donates her home, which becomes the first college-owned building

New BUJC Alumni Association organizes first outing

1943



HQ 6th Training Detachment, Aircrew, unit activated (Flyboys)

- CROMWELL THOMAS
- ROBERT DEYOUNG
- GERTRUDE DOANE
- CHARLOTTE LORD
- SAM ROSENBERG
- LESTER TUROCZI
- CATHERINE BONE
- DORIS SARACINO
- WELTON FARRAR
- JOE SALSBURG
- TOM RICHARDS
- BEN FIESTER
- JOHN REESE
- TOM BIGLER
- OWEN FAUT
- SYLVIA DWORSKI
- ANNE LIVA
- PHIL TUHY

WILKES

My Reminiscence

When I was young and could not know
 What I'd grow up to be
 Or what I'd do, or where I'd go
 One place shaped and molded me
 In those early formative years
 Where Dr. Eugene Farley repeatedly told
 Faculty, colleagues, and students
 The mind should be open not controlled

The school was small
 But the standards were high
 Students learned to write
 With the who, what, when, where, why
 And were encouraged to be leaders
 With a vision and a prayer
 And a harvest of dreams,
 With a challenge to explore and accept new themes
 And new ideas with the expectation they will last.
 Above all to try
 To help others help themselves achieve
 Not just get by

From its inception the College played a prominent role
 In cultural and community affairs
 Earning the Valley the right
 To be known as the Valley with the heart that cares
 Leadership makes changes that matter
 And never forsakes those who are troubled
 For those who flatter
 A university's strength is the way it addresses
 Those in need
 And helps them help themselves
 Grow and succeed

Among them Shelley Freeman, Dan Kopen, Jack Lambert
 Jack Ellis, Bill Crowder, David Greenwald, Joel Fischman
 Liz Slaughter, Mary Russin, Cathy DeAngelis, David Frey
 As Coach, Counselor, Conscience, and Dean, George Ralston taught us
 "Plan your work and work your plan"
 And encouraged students
 To be guided by the Faculty's *Marks of an Educated Man*
 To be open to all ideas
 Wherever they appear
 And to face challenges
 Without prejudice or fear

Such as the Labor-Management-Citizens Committee
 The Institute of Municipal Government, Fine Arts Fiesta
 The United Way, Martin Luther King Jr. Committee for Social Justice
 The Peace Center, Joint Urban Studies Center

1944

Original Weckesser Hall becomes first dormitory, housing 16 female students

Flyboy unit deactivated

Cheerleading squad formed



1946

First football game

Military band organized



1947

Wilkes College formed

Eugene Farley inaugurated as first president

Colonels adopted as athletic nickname

- VORIS B. HALL • FRANK DAVIES • JOHN WHITBY • JOHN CHWALEK • CATHAL O'TOOLE
- HAL THATCHER • GEORGE ELLIOT • MILLIE GITTENS • ART HOOVER • HAROLD COX
- BILL GASBARRO • DICK CHAPLINE • HUGO MAILEY • CHARLES REIF
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- KLAUS HOLM • ROBERT AND PATRICIA HEAMAN
- NORMA SANGIULIANO
- GAY MEYERS

Trustees, Colleagues, Alumni, and Friends
 Like Judge Rosenn, Genevieve Todd Brennan, Clayton Karambelas, Arnaud Marts
 Secured scholarships and funds
 For facilities for sports, learning and living, and the arts
 Acknowledging that education needs proper working tools
 To build a stronger land for freedom
 Where conscience rules

We thank Admiral Harold Stark, Gilbert McClintock, the Kirby family
 The Sordoni family, Dorothy Dickson Darte, the Conyngham family
 Annette Evans, Tom Shelburne, Frank Henry, Jay Sidhu, Charles Miner, Gene Roth,
 Frederick and Ann Weckesser, George Fenner, Geraldine Nesbitt Orr

Presidents Farley, Michelini, Capin, Breiseth, Gilmour
 Whose Faculty, Colleagues, and Friends helped Wilkes reach its 75th year:
 Your commitment to education at Wilkes
 Set the standard for students studying here
 With a challenge from the past to explore new themes
 With a vision and a prayer
 And a harvest of dreams
 To stretch the mind's dimension
 And to seek surprise
 Is to take the journey
 That leads us to be wise

ALFRED S. GROH '41
 PROFESSOR EMERITUS



- UMID NEJIB
- BOB RILEY
- GENE HAMMER
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- RALPH ROZELLE
- JIM RODECHKO
- MARY CRAIG
- STANKO VUJICA
- STANLEY GUTIN

Groh acknowledges some of the faculty and staff with whom he was privileged to work during his many years at Wilkes.

1948

First Wilkes graduates receive diplomas

1950

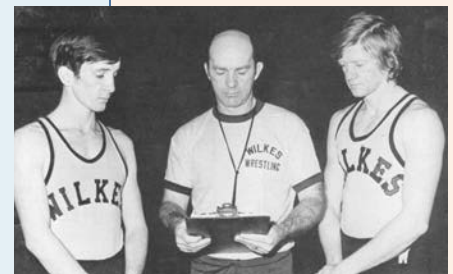
Wilkes Gymnasium opened

1951

Gilbert McClintock donates home

1953

John Reese appointed wrestling coach





75 YEARS *of Memories*

AS WILKES UNIVERSITY
CELEBRATES ANOTHER
MILESTONE, ALUMNI,
FACULTY AND
ADMINISTRATORS
SHARE THEIR
STORIES



The War Years

In early autumn of 1943, Pennsylvania high school seniors were offered a test to enable them to skip their last year of high school to enter college. George Ralston was my football and basketball coach at Forty Fort High School.

Eighteen of us from the Wyoming Valley high schools passed the test and entered Bucknell Junior College as freshmen. I was one of two from Forty Fort High. We had one girl in the group.

The theater was the Chase Hall garage or carriage house. We were directed to always refer to it as the theater, never as the garage.

The student body was primarily young women, since most males of college age were already in the armed forces. At age 16, I was one of the few males on campus. There were some informal social events such as tea dances in Chase Hall. As I recall, there were off-campus events such as a prom, but there were not enough students to make much of a difference. Also, most of us were concentrating on making good grades, lived at home, and commuted to Bucknell on the trolley.

There were some good athletes among the few males on campus, but most intercollegiate sports were a wartime casualty. The nearby YMCA was the center of athletics for BUJC, and we played an informal basketball schedule with local high schools.

The strength of the Bucknell Junior College, in my opinion, was the administration of Dr. Eugene Farley and an outstanding faculty. I have learned from other sources that Bucknell University, like many others in wartime, was

1957



Stark Hall
opens

1958

Five-story Glen Alden building (Parrish Hall) purchased

1961

Artillery Park is leased for athletics

1964

Stark Hall expansion opens

1965



Golden Horde era begins with football team's 34-0 defeat of Ursinus

Darte Center for the Performing Arts dedicated

First three master's degrees awarded

Ralston Field hosts first athletic contest



under extreme financial pressure, and transferred seven faculty members to BUJC to reduce costs. In doing so, BUJC was on the way to success.

The faculty included Drs. Charles Reif, Paul Geis, Daniel Gage and Mary Craig. I am slighting some others, since as a liberal arts major I avoided science and math classes that were not requirements. I do recall Dr. Reif telling his class that overpopulation and destruction of the environment would affect our futures. He was an outstanding prophet as well as a teacher. He also did considerable research of nearby Harvey's Lake.

Over the years, I have enjoyed the alumni magazine articles about "Sangy's girls," my classmates of that era. By 1944, there were few males on campus. Poor Norma Sanguiliano was so

desperate for a male lead for a play she directed that she cast me in the role. I had little interest in the show, and my performance was mediocre at best.

It was apparent that BUJC was barely hanging on financially. There were no male high school graduates to fill classes, and many girls passed up on college to fill jobs that earlier had been the province of boys.

Fortunately for BUJC, the college obtained a government contract to train Army Air Force cadets going into pilot training. The happy cadets on campus convinced me

that my future was in the Air Force, and I unwisely enlisted in the reserve at age 17, passing up on all the free college alternatives available through the other services, in particular the Navy. Dr. Paul Geis was also an influence, since he offered me part-time employment correcting the papers of cadet navigators. Also, I wanted to enter the service as soon as possible, as I was afraid that I would miss the war if I did not act promptly. This may sound as strange reasoning today; but in those times, it was common thinking of most of the young people I knew.

– Arthur C. Williams '44, Sacramento, Calif.

Testing Honor

Academic life at BUJC was an excellent experience for me because I had the opportunity to demonstrate that when called upon to do the job, I could meet the challenge. This experience proved that a college career was not beyond my ability, so it was a great confidence builder for me.

In all of our classes, it was understood that if there was a test, the teacher had to leave the room. This was part of the honor code. Another part was that if you saw anyone abusing the honor code, that person must be reported. I strongly supported the honor code; if a person could not be trusted in class, then how could that person be trusted to carry out an assigned and necessary task when not supervised? In the classrooms at BUJC, I did not see any abuses of the honor code.

I loved Bucknell University Junior College and gained great confidence as a result of my experiences there. Our obligations to Wilkes and the U.S. Army Air Corps were just the ticket for dedicated and enthusiastic young men. BUJC was given a tremendous responsibility in educating its youthful cadets. In taking care of them, it accepted the responsibility and completed its obligation with an earnest commitment to the nation, the boys and the army.

– John Agren, East Providence, R.I. (Flyboy)



Music Professor Paul Geis

1966

First newly constructed dormitory, Pickering Hall, opens



1968

Farley Library opens

Original Conyngham Hall burns



1969

Music Building opens at Dart Center



From Music to Medicine

I started when it was Bucknell Junior College. At the time, there were only two women on campus: myself and Dorothy Pickering. I was a student in the fine arts program, taking classes in voice, piano and organ. I took my first science class, with Dr. Charles Reif. A few weeks into the semester, he approached me and said, "Dorothy, I have heard you play and may I say, I think you are very good ... at science."

Later, I would go on to become the first woman president of the pre-med club at the school. It was tough for women to get into medical school at this time, mostly because space was limited and the schools were concerned about a woman being able to commit the time to the work involved in becoming a doctor, instead of committing themselves to raising a family.

It was at the urging of Dr. Reif that I did pursue my studies in medicine at what was then called the Women's Medical School of Philadelphia, today known as Drexel University.

I recall the day I graduated from the school. As I was walking up the aisle after having accepted my diploma, I noticed a rather tall man standing there, and as I got closer I noticed it was Dr. Farley. He had driven down to Philadelphia to attend the service and congratulate me.

– Doris Gorka Bartuska, M.D. '49, Philadelphia, Pa.



Doris Gorka Bartuska

An All-Male Musical

Thinking back on my undergraduate years at Wilkes, many things come to mind. The campus itself had a total of three buildings, many of us lived close enough to walk to class, and in the event you bumped into Dr. Farley and you were *not* wearing your tie, he made sure you knew he noticed.

I relished being on the first wrestling and tennis teams and co-captain and coach of the first swimming team, which met at the local YMCA. And I have many fond memories of the presentations I took part in with the thespians on campus. One unforgettable production was titled *All in Fun*. It was an all-male musical with words and music written by the students and the professors! The Irem Temple was the venue for the event. A summer was not complete without a picnic at Dr. Farley's farm. And Dean Ralston coached some of the most astounding football teams, even going as far as driving the teams where they had to go to compete.

Since 1949, this campus, with the guidance of some fine presidents and working boards, has undergone a metamorphosis that is remarkable. And despite our growing number and schools of learning, we hope to keep this family feeling, enabling us to help each other and Wilkes University to continue prospering into the 21st century.

– Clayton Karambelas '49, Kingston, Pa.

Dinner and Tea With the Farleys

I came from a very small high school in Waymart; in fact, we had only 34 students in the class, so it was quite exciting to begin going to Wilkes. I remember there were a lot of veterans going to school at the time I was there.

One of my fondest memories of the school has to be the dinners and teas the Farleys would hold at Kirby Hall. They believed it was very important that the students not just study but also socialize outside of the classroom. So every once in a while, Dr. Farley and his wife, Eleanor, would invite some of us over for dinner. Of course, you found yourself having to be on your best behavior; Dr. Farley would expect nothing less.

The campus was a very active one; the school would hold dances at St. Stephen's Church in Wilkes-Barre with either a band or a DJ. Of course, we would go to the theater and other places, both with students and faculty. You always had the sense that faculty was there to help you, both in and out of the classroom; it really was like one big family.

– Barbara Medland Farley '50, Noxen, Pa.

(Dr. and Mrs. Farley's daughter-in-law)

1970

Francis Micheline becomes president



1971

Hahnemann program for pre-medicine begins

1972



Agnes Flood

1975

Stark expansion completed

Robert Capin becomes president



An Unexpected Turn

In the spring of 1964, as I was prepared to graduate with a degree in history and a minor in education, I was summoned to the office of Dr. Eugene Hammer, head of the education department. Dr. Hammer asked me if I had ever considered teaching in a private school. My honest answer was “no.” I fully expected to teach in a public school, but was resigned to the fact that I would probably have to leave the area.

The headmaster of Wyoming Seminary Day School (now Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Forty Fort) had contacted Dr. Hammer looking for someone to teach history. Dr. Hammer recommended me, and I went to the interview. Several days later, I was offered the position at what I thought was an insultingly low salary. The reality of securing a history position in 1964 was bleak. So with some trepidation, I accepted the Seminary position, which included free housing, room and board in one of the dormitories in Kingston.

I assumed that I would stay a year or two and then move on to a secondary position. I found the teaching conditions at the day school almost ideal, with small classes, enthusiastic students and supportive parents. I spent 11 years at the day school, moving quickly into an administrative position. In 1976, I moved to Vero Beach, Fla., to become head of St. Edward's Lower School. I remained at St. Edward's until my retirement in 2004. My 39-year career stemmed directly from that conversation with Dr. Hammer.

– Robert Bond '64, Vero Beach, Fla.

A Flood of Memories

I have a lot of different feelings about the time of the Agnes Flood in the summer of 1972. At the time, I had decided to spend the time between my junior and senior year at Wilkes on campus. I took a summer job as an RA (resident assistant) and had signed up for a couple of classes, never expecting to find myself in



The Agnes flood devastated campus in 1972.

the middle of a natural disaster. I can still remember working with other volunteers down along the river, as we were packing sandbags and doing whatever we could to keep the water out.

Then came the call to leave, get out of the area. I was very impressed with the way the town's people welcomed me and other students into their homes and lives during that time. Finally, the water went down and we returned to campus. I recall wading through the mud and thinking about the loss and damage to these great homes and buildings.

I was working with the director of housing at Wilkes, Don Yost, and spending days cleaning dorms, pushing out the flood mud, washing down walls and throwing out that which could not be salvaged. Then in the evenings, I would go to friends' houses in the Pittston area and spend time helping them clean up. During the whole experience, I was amazed by the spirit of the people on campus and in the area, how they came together in such difficult times.

– Glen Flack '73, Delran, N.J.

Honored to be Back

My years at the college (and it was Wilkes College then!) saw many changes and adjustments, especially as a result of the flood of 1972. Prior to the flood in my freshman year, I remember having classes in the auditorium of the beautiful church on Northampton and South Franklin streets. I have many memories of eating lunch and hanging out at the “commons,” the eatery for commuter students which is no

longer there. One of my history classes was in a small one-story building (also removed), next to the commons. The present library was a popular place to study and to socialize with other commuters.

Now some 30 plus years later, I am back at Wilkes as an instructor in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. While walking through the campus, I am able to

1980

Rosenn Lecture Series established



1981

Housing in Sterling Hotel discontinued



1982

Evans Hall opened

1983

Chapman and Parrish halls and Guidance Center sold

witness the progress and observe the many improvements that have occurred throughout the years. I feel honored to have lived through part of its history and to be here on campus getting a feel for its future!

– Anita (Miller) Williams '75, Forty Fort, Pa.

A Time for Breakthroughs

As a Wilkes College student, I had the unique opportunity to view the world in a wider sense – to learn from the experiences of my professors and fellow students. These experiences allowed me to gain information that helped me develop skills and competence, and broaden my knowledge in many areas. They helped me build a foundation from which I have built a satisfying and meaningful career.

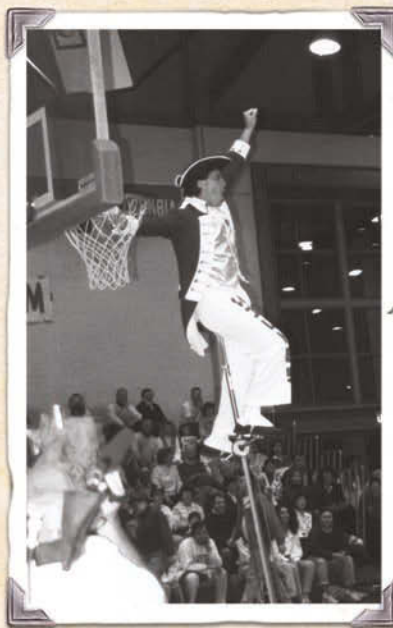
Developing strong mentoring relationships were important to my success. Reflecting upon my undergraduate years, I can identify many examples where mentoring played a key role in enriching my educational experiences. For example, Alex Pawlenok, my advisor, persuaded me to persevere when I wanted to throw my accounting book out the fifth-floor window of Parrish Hall. Dr. Bradford Kinney helped me develop critical thinking skills and to organize and communicate in a clear and concise way.

Having the opportunity to practice much of what I learned in the classroom was important to my development. Being elected junior class president gave me the first opportunity to work with a team of people of diverse backgrounds and skill sets.

– Colleen M. Gries Gallagher '81, Bridgewater, N.J.

Rallying the Colonels

One memory that stands out in my mind is the afternoon that a huge group of Wilkes students met at the Marts Center. We were all dressed up in blue and gold and we marched down to King's



Bob Wachowski

College for their homecoming basketball game. The Wilkes stands were filled with fans that did not sit down and did not stop making noise from tip-off till the final buzzer.

Another sport, another parade! Again, meeting at the Marts Center, a caravan of cars and a huge flying W float paraded through the streets of Wilkes-Barre (without a permit) and traveled to the King's football field. The year was 1993 and the football team was 9-0 going into the final regular-season game. Wilkes fans were seated on both sides of the field, and again they were up and cheering the entire game.

– Robert “Colonel Bob” Wachowski '89, '94, York, Pa.

Preparing for Game Day

Looking back and trying to put my finger on the fondest memory I have, one spot on campus always comes to mind: Ralston Field and the Munson Field House. I loved it there! I loved the preparation: a Sunday ice bath to take the edge off the previous football game, the sound the TV made when you turned it on, working with coaches and teammates. Returning to the field on Tuesday for a full-contact practice, I wanted to take advantage of every snap.

Game day or practice was always the same speed. I have vivid memories of the work we did and the price we paid. No Saturday ever came without six days of preparation. Graduation was great, and my mother cried, but I would not have walked across the stage if I did not get the tools to succeed from the game that I love and that has given me so much!

– J.J. Fadden '99, Boston, Mass.

1984



Christopher Breiseth becomes president

1987

Burns Bell Tower and Carillon dedicated



1989

Marts Center multipurpose building opens



Wilkes becomes a university

History Professor Looks Back



Harold Cox

I am the last active faculty member on campus who worked with Dr. Farley and along the way has enjoyed the pleasure of working with some of the best faculty members Wilkes has ever seen.

I include in the list people such as Dr. Charles Reif, who many referred to as the mayor of Butler Hall. In the day that single faculty members still lived on campus, Dr. Reif and others shared Butler Hall as living quarters, and he earned the title of mayor when

he posted a roster outlining times for bathroom use by those staying in Butler.

Dr. Harold Thatcher went under the name “Harry the Hatchet” and put himself through school playing the piano at silent movies. Staff member Millie Gittens came to the school in 1941 and went on to run the bookstore for years while still finding time to work with students in their plays.

These are just some of the examples of the types of people that Dr. Farley brought to Wilkes, and he expected them to do more than just teach students in a classroom, that the educational experience was more than just information in books. Dr. Farley demanded that the faculty have a loyalty to both the school and the students, and he encouraged them, the faculty, to take a personal interest in the learning and growth of the students.

– Harold Cox, Ph.D., University archivist and professor emeritus

– Compiled by Mark Thomas '82 and Kim Bower-Spence

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Presidential Reflections

Only five men have led this institution through all its 75 years – through depression and war and flood, as well as social and demographic changes.

Here are their remembrances:

Francis J. Michelinini

1970-1975

My Wilkes experience started in 1955, when I joined the faculty as the third full-time member of the then-growing biology department. Dr. Farley made it very clear that the mission of Wilkes was to bring all people together, that it was a school where the individual worth and accomplishments of the student were most important. He also expected the faculty to impact the community and do more than just teach the students directly from some textbook.

I would become the first president to rise through the ranks of Wilkes, starting in 1963, when I became the dean of academic affairs, to the time that I would succeed Dr. Farley.

The transition from Dr. Farley into my administration was made easier when he was appointed chancellor at



1993

Allen P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship established

1995

Classroom and Office Building (Breiseth Hall) opens

John Wilkes statue dedicated



1996

School of Pharmacy launches

Shelburne Telecommunications Center dedicated

Wilkes and took on the critical role of fund raising. Having Dr. Farley in this position allowed my administration to focus on academic and curricular program reviews. The academic administrative structure took the form of three newly created divisions: humanities, social sciences and science. New interdisciplinary initiatives were encouraged.

Just as this came into place, the Agnes Flood hit in 1972, and Wilkes had to move into a survival mode. The community came together to pull off this tremendous rebuilding effort.

Robert Capin

1975-1984

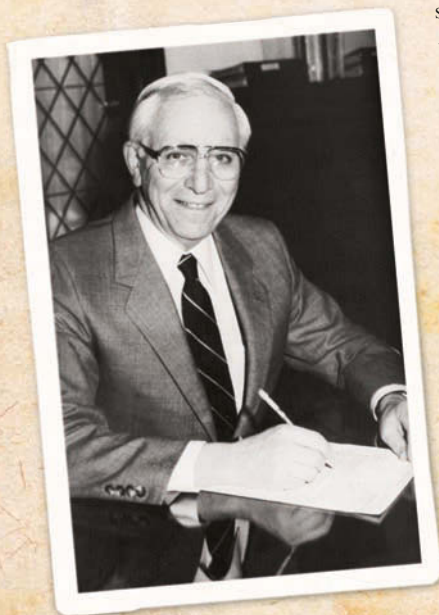
My primary responsibility as president was to balance the budget while rebuilding the campus after the Agnes flood of 1972. I inherited several problems that required constant attention.

First, of course, was the cost of rebuilding. Dr. Michelini led the rebuilding project from 1972 to 1975. However, the college was several million dollars in debt after rebuilding. Of course, all the time we were involved in the cleanup I was

still charged with putting the college back on its feet both physically and financially.

Academically it was also a difficult period because of the impact of the flood and the related costs for the college, students and their families.

Despite all these challenges, the quality of our academic programs remained high.



Christopher N. Breiseth

1984-2001

I was the first outsider to become president since Dr. Farley himself.

We made a serious commitment to community service during my time at Wilkes. I was active in a group called Campus Compact, involving college presidents to guide students into community service both locally and nationally. Wilkes students were soon not only helping others in the Wyoming Valley but also using spring vacations to help with hurricane relief efforts in Florida and elsewhere.

I was impressed and proud of the dedication of Wilkes faculty. Physically, the campus was transformed. We invested nearly \$50 million to renovate the wonderful old buildings but also to build several new structures: the Marts Center, the Henry Student Building and Breiseth Hall. We also renovated and expanded facilities at Ralston Field. The Fenner Quadrangle created a campus environment, including the statue of John Wilkes, which is one of my most pleasurable contributions. In addition, the endowment increased from about \$2 million to \$25 million.

– Compiled by Mark Thomas '82



1999



Student Center, later named for Frank and Dorothea Henry, opens

2001

COB renamed Breiseth Hall

Joseph "Tim" Gilmour becomes president



2004

Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership launches

Joint Urban Studies Center opens

First Outstanding Leaders Forum held



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW WILKES? Test Your Knowledge With This Quiz

1. The creation of Bucknell Junior College was largely the work of whom?
 - a. Frank G. Davis
 - b. Eugene Farley
 - c. Charles Pickering
2. How many students attended BUJC on the first day of classes?
 - a. 95
 - b. 148
 - c. 210
3. Where was the first class taught?
 - a. Second floor of Kirby Hall
 - b. Third floor of the Wilkes-Barre Business College
 - c. The Farley farmhouse
4. When the dramatic society was first formed in 1934, where did practice take place?
 - a. Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre
 - b. The Paramount
 - c. The college basement
5. What is Wilkes' "W" symbol known as?
 - a. The Big W
 - b. The Running W
 - c. The Flying W
6. What is the name of the Wilkes mascot?
 - a. The Colonel
 - b. Colonel Bob
 - c. Colonel Wilkes
7. What year was Wilkes incorporated as Wilkes College?
 - a. 1945
 - b. 1947
 - c. 1951
8. What is the name of Wilkes' literary magazine?
 - a. *The Beacon*
 - b. *The Colonel*
 - c. *Manuscript*
9. In 1961, Wilkes got national recognition on what news program?
 - a. *The Tonight Show*
 - b. *The Today Show*
 - c. Paul Harvey's *The Rest of the Story*
10. What is the name of Wilkes' newspaper?
 - a. *The Wilkes Record*
 - b. *The Beacon*
 - c. *The Bulletin*
11. What year was an Air Force pre-flight training program established?
 - a. 1941
 - b. 1943
 - c. 1951
12. What Wilkes alumna was co-anchor at WNEP Channel 16 in the 1980s?
 - a. Debbie Dunlevy
 - b. Karen Harch
 - c. Fran Pantuso
13. What was the first building to be deeded to BUJC?
 - a. Chase Hall
 - b. Weber Hall
 - c. Conyngham Hall
14. Which detachment of the Air Force ROTC is located at Wilkes?
 - a. Detachment 668
 - b. Detachment 752
 - c. Detachment 418
15. What year did Wilkes become a university?
 - a. 1989
 - b. 1991
 - c. 1994
16. Who is the only alumnus to become president of Wilkes?
 - a. There have been none.
 - b. Robert Capin
 - c. Christopher Breiseth
17. What is the Wilkes motto?
 - a. Unity Amidst Diversity
 - b. Education is the Key to Success
 - c. From Each His Best
18. What does *annicola* mean in Latin?
 - a. Dwelling by the riverside
 - b. A refreshing drink
 - c. River valley

—Compiled by Mark Thomas '82

Answers: 1. a - Frank G. Davis; 2. b - 148; 3. b - Third floor of Wilkes-Barre Business College; 4. c - The college basement; 5. c - The Flying W; 6. a - The Colonel; 7. b - 1947; 8. c - *Manuscript*; 9. c - NBC's *Today Show*; 10. b - *The Beacon*; 11. b - 1943; 12. b - Karen Harch; 13. c - Conyngham Hall; 14. b - Detachment 752; 15. a - 1989; 16. b - Robert Capin; 17. a - Unity Amidst Diversity; 18. a - Dwelling by the riverside

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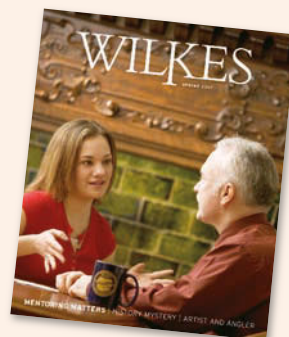
University Center on Main (UCOM) opens

Student Services, administration consolidate in UCOM



2007

Wilkes magazine debuts



Spring Commencement moves to Wachovia Arena

2008

Dean for Law School Initiative named

First Flyboy Award Presented at Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Michael Lewis '08 was presented with the first ever Flyboy Award during the May U.S. Air Force ceremony where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. This award will be presented annually to the distinguished graduate. It honors the more than 700 aviation cadets educated at Bucknell University Junior College in 1943 and 1944 as part of the U.S. Army Air Corps 6th College Training Detachment.

As Joe Rodowsky, secretary of the Flyboys, says, "The cooperation between BUJC and the Army Air Corps helped the war effort and sustained the school until the war ended and regular students returned. It was a great success." This annual award is a tribute to the success of the Wilkes Flyboys.

“The COOPERATION between BUJC and the Army Air Corps helped the war effort ... It was a GREAT SUCCESS.

- Joe Rodowsky, secretary of the Flyboys



Michael Lewis '08, center, received the Flyboy Award on the day he was commissioned a U.S. Air Force second lieutenant. With him are Trustee Emeritus Arnold Rifkin and Flyboy secretary Joe Rodowsky.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL P. TOUEY

New Faces Join Alumni Board of Directors

The Alumni Association welcomed 10 new board members for 2008-09. Joining are:

- Karen Bednarczyk Cowan '96
- John H. Ellis '79
- Michael Mattern '04
- Mark Rado '80
- Charles Robinson '57
- Kristine Pruett '99 M'06 (faculty/staff representative)
- Deborah Tindell (faculty/staff representative)
- Christine Corser (Student Alumni Association president)
- Carl Santana (student government president)
- David Sborz (senior class president)

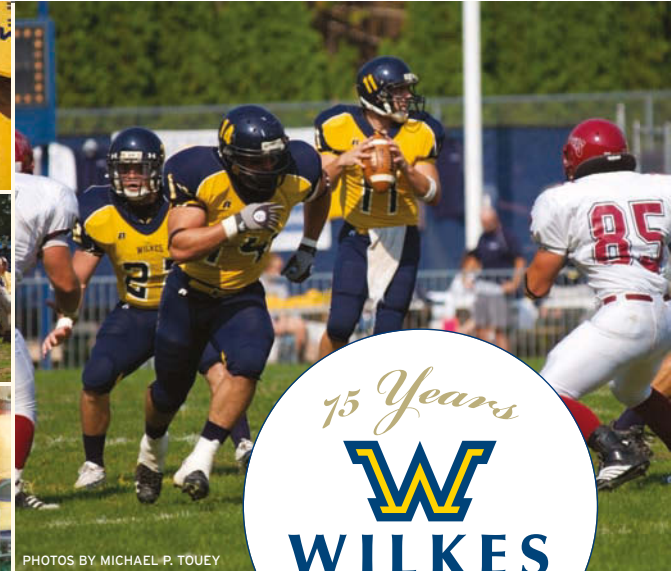
These officers were elected at the April board meeting and participated in the June meeting. Each board member serves on at least one board committee, which include alumni network, alumni services, homecoming, nominating, scholarship and undergraduate alumni relations.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Sandra Carroll, executive director of alumni relations, at (800) 945-5378 Ext. 4132 or sandra.carroll@wilkes.edu.

Come back for Homecoming 2008 and Wilkes 75th Anniversary!

Highlights of the weekend include:

- 75th Anniversary Parade
- Tailgate Tent
- George Ralston Alumni Golf Tournament
- Silent Auction of Dean Ralston's Bowties
- Celebration of the Golden Horde football teams and Coach Rollie Schmidt throughout the weekend
- Short courses on a variety of topics
- *Satisfaction* – a Rolling Stones tribute band – at the Kirby Center
- Opportunity to witness the revitalization of Wilkes-Barre
- And much more!



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Friday, Oct. 3

All day – Open classes

- 11 a.m. – George Ralston Alumni Golf Tournament, Irem Temple Country Club
- 11:30 a.m. – Bucknell University Junior College Luncheon and Shuttle Tour
- 3 to 7 p.m. – Welcome Reception and Registration for Golden Horde, Munson Fieldhouse and Ralston Field
- 3:30 p.m. – Alumni College sessions, Breiseth Hall
- 5 p.m. – Colonels Happy Hour, Rodano's on the Square
- 6 p.m. – Golden Colonel Welcome Back Reception and Induction, Kirby Hall
 - 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Dance, Irem Temple

Saturday, Oct. 4

- 8:30 a.m. – President's Breakfast (Ancestral Colonels, Golden Colonels, BUJC Flyboys), Henry Student Center Ballroom
- 9:30 a.m. – Alumni College sessions
- 10 a.m. – Homecoming 5K Ragin' Road Race
 - McAndrew Cup, Regatta on the River
- 10:30 a.m. – 75th Anniversary Parade, starting at West Ross and South Main, ending at Ralston Field
- 11 a.m. – Tailgate Tent and Colonels Carnival, Ralston Field
 - Reunion for a celebration of women's athletics at Wilkes (A Tribute to Doris Saracino), the Golden Horde and football alumni, and much more
- 12:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Golden Horde football teams and Coach Rollie Schmidt, Ralston Field
- 1 p.m. – Wilkes vs. Lebanon Valley football game, Ralston Field
- 4 p.m. – Tent Festival, Fenner Quadrangle
- 5 p.m. – Tour of campus and of the revitalization of downtown Wilkes-Barre, Alumni House
- 6 p.m. – Football Alumni and Current Team Reception honoring Coach and Mrs. Schmidt, Henry Student Center
- 7 p.m. – Class of '58 Dinner, Weckesser Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Golden Horde Reunion and Dinner (by invitation), Henry Student Center
 - Reception at the F.M. Kirby Center
- 8 p.m. – Rolling Stones Tribute Band *Satisfaction*, Kirby Center

Sunday, Oct. 5

- 9:45 a.m. – Memorial Bells (Remembrance of Alumni)
- 10:30 a.m. – Athletic Hall of Fame Reception (Tribute to Coach Reese), 214 Marts and Henry Student Center Ballroom

Alumni College

Return to the classroom during Homecoming Weekend

Friday, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m.

- History of Wilkes, by University Archivist Harold Cox
- How to Save on Gas!
- The Wilkes of Today and Tomorrow

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.

- History of Wilkes, by University Archivist Harold Cox
- Forest Green, by Michael Steele, biology professor
- 19th and 20th century life in Wilkes-Barre: One Perspective, Juanita Patience-Moss '58
- Information about Identity Theft
- The 2008 Election, by Kyle Kreider, political science professor
- Emotional Intelligence: An Introduction, The Sovereign Center for Leadership and Business Development

Check The Colonel Connection for updates.

REGISTRATION

Coming back for Homecoming? Stop by the first floor of the Henry Student Center to pick up your name tags and all information about the weekend. **Register from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 4.**

To see more of what's happening during Homecoming weekend and 75th anniversary celebration or to register, go to <http://community.wilkes.edu/2008homecoming>

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Joan Shoemaker of Rocky Hill, Conn., retired from the Connecticut State Department of Education in 1997. She spends two days a week as a docent at the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, the oldest public art museum in the country. She will celebrate her 10th year in this position. She also works on the advisory council for the North Central Connecticut Area Agency on Aging. She is a graduate of the Leadership Greater Hartford Third Age Initiative. Joan keeps in touch with **Gail (Laines) Chase**, **Helen (Krachenfels) Reed** and **Della (King) Keller**.

1963**Reunion Oct. 3-5** 

Nick Alesandro retired six years ago as manager of the Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Albany, N.Y., office. His career spanned 33 years in the stock brokerage business. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Albany Park Playhouse, where he is advertising manager. He spends his spare time golfing and following the New York Yankees. He and Jeanne, his wife of 41 years, have two children, Nicholas and Courtney, and two grandchildren, Mia and Henry.

1965

Donald L. Davis is chairman of the board of directors of ACTS Retirement-Life Communities Inc. Davis, a certified public accountant, is a retired shareholder in the accounting firm of

Philadelphia-based Asher & Company Ltd., where he was the director of accounting and auditing. Davis has served on the ACTS board since 1994 and has previously held the positions of treasurer and vice chairman.

1966

Michael G. Hudick is working toward his certified financial planner license in Los Gatos, Calif., where he offers comprehensive financial planning and retirement planning for small businesses. He retired from his position as senior scientist at IBM Corp. in 1996. In his free time, he bikes, skis and hikes.

1967

Richard L. Kramer, C.P.A., received the 2008 Distinguished Public Service Award of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. This award recognizes CPAs who attain a high level of public service, who positively reflect the contributions that CPAs make in their communities, and who encourage more CPAs to become involved in charitable endeavors. Kramer is the principal of Tax Management Group, Pittston, Pa. He serves on the Wilkes University Alumni Association board of directors and is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Wilkes-Barre, PICPA Northeast Chapter and Jewish Family Service. He resides in Edwardsville, Pa., with his wife, Ruth. They are the proud parents of daughters Rebecca Stitzer and Allison

Kramer and the grandparents of Jacob and Robin Stitzer.

Bill Schmidt and wife Gretchen have been touring the United States in their 30-foot fifth-wheel since July 2007. During their travels, the couple visited **Doug Haughwout '64** and his wife, Ann, in Atlanta, Ga., in February, and met up with them again at an RV rally in March. The couple also traveled to Wilmington, N.C., to visit **Col. John Moyer '69** and his wife, Paula. The Schmidts will be working in Skagway, Alaska, this summer and encourage classmates to contact them by email at bng438@yahoo.com.

John Piloni recently retired as a school counselor from Immaculate Conception School, Clinton, N.J.

1969

Marc M. Levey, a partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie LLP, has been recognized as one of the "Best of the Best" in tax in Legal Media Group's Expert Guides series 2008. Levey joined Baker & McKenzie's New York office in 1997 and was elected partner in 1998. He is admitted to practice in the states of New York, California, Pennsylvania and Illinois and in the District of Columbia.

Joe Wiendl of Stockton, Calif., and **Bernie Vinovrski** of Fresno, Calif., both members of the Golden Horde football team, met to reminisce and plan the

upcoming Oct. 3-5 reunion. They also celebrated the birthday of **Marcella (Wroblewski) Vinovrski '70**. Bernie is associate vice president of enrollment services at California State University in Fresno, Calif. Marcella teaches first-grade special needs children. Joe works in sales for Contour Bed Systems in northern California.

1971

Richard Mark retired from Faith That Works Ministries in November 2007, ending 39 years of ministry. Mark served in the United Methodist Church from 1967 to 1990 and Faith That Works Ministries from 1992 to 2007. He was recently honored for his years of service by The Worship Center in Lancaster, Pa., with a special service.

1972

Ron Rittenmeyer, chairman, CEO and president of EDS, will continue to run the company after completion of its planned sale to Hewlett-Packard. Rittenmeyer will join HP's executive council and report to HP's chairman and chief executive officer. The acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval of EDS stockholders.

1973**Reunion Oct. 3-5** 

Richard Mendelsohn works for Sacramento County Child Protective Services in Sacramento, Calif. His position includes conducting

investigations of abuse, neglect and molestation of children.

1980

Diane (Brodbeck) Lowe and husband George recently retired to Arizona, where they participate in golf, tennis, pickleball and various other activities. The couple continues to work and reside in California but enjoy their time in their Arizona home. Their son John '06 works in Philadelphia. They are also the parents of George and William.

1983

Reunion Oct. 3-5

Stuart J. Kall published his second novel, *America's Most Gangsta*. It is available on Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and americasmostgangsta.com.

Scot Lefebvre is a senior quality assurance analyst for UPS Information Systems Division in Timonium, Md.

1985

Timothy Williams runs the technology departments for two school districts in Lancaster County as part of a cooperative agreement. He has been director of information technology for the Manheim Township School District for the last eight years and was recently named technology director at Eastern Lancaster County School District. He resides in East Petersburg, Pa., with daughter Anna and sons Grant and Owen.

1987

Kimberly (Tokach) Kellar recently passed the nephrology nursing certification examination. She is board-certified in general nursing practice and is currently the nurse manager of Kennedy Health System's Out-Patient Dialysis Unit in Voorhees, N.J. She lives in Woolwich, N.J., with husband Jim and two daughters, Taylor and Hayley.

Allan Knox is a mass rescue operations program analyst in the U.S. Coast Guard. In this position, he manages the U.S. Coast Guard Mass Rescue Operations program, as well as serving as agency expert and representative specifically as it relates to mass rescue operations. Allan and wife Elizabeth, daughter Mackenzie and son Shawn reside in Yorktown, Va.

Shirley Nelson Brough recently joined Computer Support Services Inc.'s technical services group as a Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Specialist, implementing, training and supporting customers who use Microsoft Dynamics GP accounting software. Brough owns a small business consulting firm that provides accounting, management consulting and training services. She served as an adjunct lecturer in financial

accounting and small business management at Susquehanna University and was a senior financial analyst for Geisinger Health System.

1988

Reunion Oct. 3-5

Leonard F. Witzak and his wife, **Elizabeth Smith Witzak M '98**, announce the birth of their son, Aiden Robert, on Dec. 29, 2008. He joins a brother, Charlie, age seven. Leonard is the owner/operator of Witzak Tax and Financial Services, and Elizabeth is the Early Childhood Coordinator for Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The family resides in Wilkes-Barre.

1989

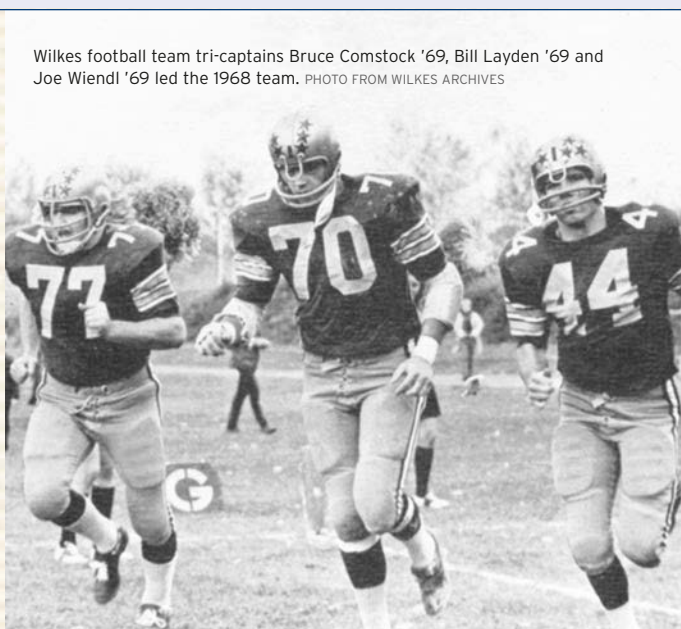
Lisa (Kravitz) Miller and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Sienna. She joins a brother, Jagger.

Recall the Days of Schmidt's "Golden Horde"

Celebrate the Wilkes football tradition during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 3 to 5. For the 75th Anniversary, a special reunion is being organized for the Golden Horde and all of Coach Rollie Schmidt's teams.

Recognize the Golden Horde and Wilkes football at the Tailgate Tent and the game. Then join a post-game reception in the Student Center.

For more information about Homecoming activities, including the Golden Horde Reunion, see <http://community.wilkes.edu/2008homecoming>.



Wilkes football team tri-captains Bruce Comstock '69, Bill Layden '69 and Joe Wiendl '69 led the 1968 team. PHOTO FROM WILKES ARCHIVES

1990

Lori Sportelli, O.D., was named “Optometrist of the Year” by the Maryland Optometric Association in December 2007.

1991

Dina Gavenas Nathan announces the birth of daughter Haylee Elisabeth Nathan on Oct. 26, 2007.

Anthony M. Orlando and wife Gina announce the birth of their twin sons, Eric Anthony and Nathan Michael, born Sept. 30, 2007. They join a sister, Olivia, age four.

1992

Regina Costanzo-Krieger is a special education teacher and athletics coach in the East Stroudsburg Area School District, East Stroudsburg, Pa. She is also a driver education teacher for Costanzo’s Driving School, a family business.

1993**Reunion Oct. 3-5** 

Karen Gerlach completed a Ph.D. in education at American University in Washington, D.C.

Frank Mitchell earned a master’s degree in higher education administration from CUNY Brauch College.

Bonnee Breese received a Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award on April 15, 2008. The award was given to one outstanding teacher from each of 61 Philadelphia public high schools. Breese teaches English at Overbrook High School.

1995

Kimberly Escarge Keller M’97 and husband Chris announce the birth of daughter Kaitlynn Nicole on Aug. 15, 2007. Keller is a senior accountant in the controller’s office at Wilkes University. The family resides in Dallas, Pa.

1998**Reunion Oct. 3-5** 

Michael T. Beachem IV was awarded the 2008 Region II Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He is a student affairs administrator at Temple University.

George Pawlush IV and his wife, Hunter, welcomed their first child, Margaret Alyson, on April 11, 2008. George is vice president of product control for Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C. The family resides in Waxhaw, N.C.

2000

Heather (Tahan) Keegan and her husband, Kevin, welcomed son Eli Paul on May 14, 2008. He joins a sister, Karyna.

Hollie Fields Schramm and her husband, William, welcomed a daughter, Alyssa, in December 2006. Alyssa joins a brother, Alexander.

James (Jay) Williams, Pharm. D., and his wife, **Carrie (Wilkes) Williams ’00**, Pharm. D., welcomed their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on Jan. 16, 2007. Jay is a

**TALKING FINANCE IN CHICAGO**

Dan Cardell '79 speaks to members of the Wilkes Students in Free Enterprise team about his career with Wayne Hummer Wealth Management at the company’s Chicago headquarters in May. Later that day, he and wife Ann Marie (Booth) '79 hosted an alumni event. He serves as president and chief investment officer of Wayne Hummer.

pharmacist for Caremark, and Carrie is a pharmacist for Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. The family resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Christina (Stucker)

Van Camp and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Reagan, on March 11, 2008.

2001

Kristy (Tkach) Dawe graduated from DeSales University in September 2007 with a master of science degree in nursing. She is certified as a family nurse practitioner and is currently employed as a nurse practitioner by Penn Medical Group P.C. She resides in Pen Argyl, Pa., with her husband, Greg, two dogs and a cat.

Loan Do married Robert Mask on April 19, 2008. The couple resides in Maple Shade, N.J.

Lisa Donaldson announces the birth of a son, Coleman Franklin Louis Batchelor, on Oct. 28, 2007.

Heather A. Earnest-Drake, Pharm. D., and her husband, Bill, welcomed their third daughter on July 30, 2007. She joins two sisters, ages 4 and 2. Earnest-Drake is a supervising pharmacist at Rite Aid in Corning, N.Y. The family and their Irish Setter reside in Big Flats, N.Y.

Jessica (Crowley) Howard, Pharm. D., is the March 2008 Shore Memorial Hospital’s employee of the month. Howard, a staff pharmacist at Shore Memorial since 2002, currently resides in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., with her husband, Brian.

2002

Jennifer Gahwiler Bartell welcomed twin girls, Lauren and Lindsey, on Jan. 14, 2008. They join a sister, Emily.

Erin Theresa Priestman married James Moran on Nov. 3, 2007. She is employed by Tobyhanna Army Depot as a mechanical engineer. The couple reside in Berwick.

2004

Selena Marie Bednarz married **Brandon Michael Clark** on Sept. 8, 2007. She is employed by Aberdeen Proving Ground as a mathematician. The couple reside in Baltimore, Md.

Rebecca Jean Broyan received a master's of divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary on May 17, 2008. She is on the path to becoming an ordained minister.

Jessica Hinkel married **Michael Leibig** on May 17, 2008.

2005

Nicole Ripper married **Thomas P. Zeiser** on May 3, 2008.

2006

Kristin Derlunas accepted a position with the Fairfax Bar Association in Fairfax, Va. Her job duties include running the overall communications efforts for the association.

Miranda Heness married **Eugene Philbin** on May 5, 2007. Heness is employed as an office manager at Taylor Consulting and Contracting in Moosic, Pa. The couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

2007

Nadine Stewart and **Mark Schneider**, both former residents of Wilkes-Barre, were married Sept. 22, 2007. The couple resides in Hackettstown, N.J.

**In Memoriam
1942**

Jeannette Jones Phethean died May 21, 2008, in Leesburg, Fla. She was born in West Pittston, Pa.

Phethean was a graduate of Bucknell University Junior College, Pennsylvania State University and Trenton State University, now known as the College of New Jersey, with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in teaching. She served in the W.A.V.E.S. during WWII, taught in the Bristol Township, Pa., School District, and had worked as a chemist in the laboratories of Armstrong Cork Company in Lancaster, Pa.

She and husband Edward moved to Leesburg in 1997. She wrote a genealogy column that appeared in the *Leesburg Daily Commercial* from 1987 until 2003 and maintained her involvement in genealogy until her death. She is survived by sons James of Brandon, Fla., Edward of Bensalem, Pa., and George of Leesburg; eight grandchildren; and sister Harriet J. Davies of Pittston, Pa.

1949

June Persing McGuire, Cartersville, Ga., passed away March 4, 2008. She was married to **Delbert McGuire** '51.

1950

Martin D. Popky of Kingston, Pa., passed away on May 25, 2008, following a lengthy illness. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of Meyers High School and attended Wilkes College.

Popky owned and operated Martin D. Popky Agency, Kingston, for more than 50 years and previously owned several other small businesses, including Avenue Travel, Kingston, and a bowling alley in Wilkes-Barre.

In the 1960s, he worked with B'nai B'rith International to lobby Congress to develop and build the first project of its kind in the world: the B'nai B'rith Apartments on Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre, which has become a model for nearly 40 similar senior citizen housing projects in six countries worldwide.

Popky served for 35 years as president of the local B'nai B'rith Housing Foundation, as well as treasurer and a board member of GRIT, which owns and operates the Washington Square Apartments, Wilkes-Barre. In February 2006, the local B'nai B'rith apartment building was renamed in his honor.

Popky was also honored with citations in the Congressional Record of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as both the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a resolution from the Luzerne County Commissioners. Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas M. Leighton declared Feb. 26, 2006, "Martin D. Popky Day."

Popky is survived by his wife of 51 years, the former Janet Monsky; daughters Linda Popky, Woodside, Calif., and Judy Popky, Atlanta, Ga.; a granddaughter and brother.

Joseph T. Woznitski of Lititz, Pa., passed away May 10, 2008. Woznitski was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and served in World War II in the U.S. Navy before earning his bachelor's degree from Wilkes College. He was employed by Nestle Foods for 38 years, holding various sales leadership roles during his tenure. Woznitski was an avid outdoorsman, raising champion field beagles and homing pigeons, as well as enjoying fly-fishing, tennis and golf. He was also a third degree Knight of Columbus and a member of Knights of Columbus Council 10827 of St. James Parish.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Josephine (Grosek) "Babe" Woznitski; a son Harry A. Nobel; daughters Sandra C. and Laura J. Woznitski; and three grandchildren.

1951

William Bennett Jr. of Forty Fort, Pa., recently passed away. Bennett graduated from Edwardsville High School and attended Shrivensham American University, England; Biarritz American University, France; Wilkes-Barre Business School; and Wilkes College.

Bennett served honorably with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe during World War II.

He worked at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co., Easton Structural Steel, Hudson Motor Car Co. and Glen Alden Coal Co. For more than 30 years, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co., where he served as

an accountant, tax auditor, supervisor and was promoted to corporate staff assistant.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Julie Astrauskas; daughter Susan Gorman of Forty Fort; son William Bennett, Glen Gardener, N.J.; five grandchildren; and sister Peggy Kal of Columbia, Md.

1956

Joseph R. Jablonski, Ed.D., died Nov. 23, 2007. Jablonski was born in Ashley and grew up in Kingston, attending Wilkes University for his undergraduate degree in English. Jablonski served in the U.S. Army and received a master's degree from Trenton State College, now known as the College of New Jersey. Jablonski later received a doctorate in education from Temple University. Jablonski, a Levittown, Pa., resident, taught in the Bristol Township School District until he retired. He enjoyed skiing and cycling and was a member of the Lower Bucks County dog club, where he was a trainer.

1960

Jean A. Ide of Tunkhannock, Pa., died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007. She was a graduate of Coughlin High School.

1975

Capt. Raymond T. Woronowicz, Dallas, Pa., died on April 27, 2008.

Woronowicz began his career as a patrol officer and through civil service testing and education, he was appointed as a juvenile and narcotics detective. He was promoted to

the rank of lieutenant and in 1978 was promoted to the rank of captain.

During his career, he completed extensive training, receiving 58 certificates and diplomas in law enforcement, criminal justice and narcotics training. He was Wilkes-Barre City's first crime prevention officer and the first crime prevention officer in northeast Pennsylvania. The certified police instructor taught criminal justice courses at LCCC and was a guest instructor at the Pennsylvania State Police training center, Wyoming.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict, assigned to Battery "A" 967th, located at Fort Sill, Okla., as a staff sergeant in charge of communications. Before retiring, he was a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department, appointed in 1962.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Lois Whittington; son Raymond P., Dallas; daughter Jackie Janus, Dallas; three grandchildren; and brother Edward, Wilkes-Barre.

1977

Michael S. Jarolin of Nanticoke, Pa., passed away on April 8, 2008.

Jarolin, a lifelong resident of Nanticoke, was a graduate of Nanticoke High School, Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, Nanticoke, and was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources as a

sanitation engineer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley; son Matthew; and wife Deborah Kravitz Jarolin.

Surviving in addition to his mother are sisters Kathleen Bachkowski, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Brenda Heck, Nanticoke; and brother Robert of Douglassville.

1978

Thomas J. Lubas died on Sept. 6, 2007, after a brief illness. A resident of Allentown, N.J., Lubas is survived by his wife, Jan, and daughter, Anna.

1993

Leonard T. Hill Sr. M'97, a 17-year resident of Sterling, Pa., passed away on April 25, 2008.

Born in Nanticoke and raised in Shickshinny, he attended Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University. He was employed for 37 years by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 542.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Mary McCloskey, in 1988. Surviving are his wife of 17 years, the former Louise Gilby; daughter Lisa Hill; son Leonard T. Hill Jr.; and a granddaughter.

Faculty/Staff

Jerome Kucirka '67, Ph.D., of Dallas, Pa., passed away June 9 in Wilkes-Barre. The Wilkes-Barre native was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School and Wilkes College.

He earned his doctorate in physics from Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Kucirka was a faculty member for more than 27 years, serving in the physics, engineering and mechanical engineering departments, and finally the engineering and physics division of Wilkes University. He taught a wide variety of advanced and introductory courses in these various departments. For most of his career at Wilkes University, Dr. Kucirka was intimately involved with a variety of courses introducing engineering to students. Over the years, he helped to develop and teach several versions of these introductory courses. He worked on department, school and university-wide committees. He was adviser to the Physics Club and Sigma-Pi-Sigma, the Physics Honor Society, from 1989 to the present. In the early 1990s, Dr. Kucirka was one of the organizers of the Wilkes University's Core Studies Program, where, among other projects, he worked on "writing across the curriculum." He taught the freshman introductory core course he developed for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Gaye C. Gustitus, D.O.; and brother, John, Beaumont, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Wilkes University, Office of Development, 84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18766

Dr. Anthony J. Turchetti, noted area psychiatrist, lawyer and engineer, died March 27,

2008, at J.F.K. Medical Center, Lake Worth, Fla.

Born in Pittston, Pa., on March 20, 1925, Turchetti lived in Wyoming, Pa., and was a 1942 graduate of Wyoming High School.

Turchetti was professionally qualified in engineering, law, medicine and psychiatry, having received a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering in 1945 and a master's degree in mechanical engineering in 1947 from Pennsylvania State University, a juris doctor degree in law from the George Washington University School of Law in 1952, and his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia in 1960. In 1968, he completed a residency in psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania/Philadelphia General Hospital Residency Program and did psychiatric research on homicide at the University of Edinburgh, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, in Scotland.

Turchetti worked as a research engineer at the Pennsylvania State University's Ordnance Research Laboratory and was later employed by the U.S. Navy in

the Bureau of Aeronautics. In the 1950s, he worked as a patent attorney in Philadelphia. In the early 1960s, he became medical director of American Petroleum Institute in New York City, where he was responsible for execution of medical research projects for oil companies.

After completing his residency in 1968, Turchetti worked as a psychiatrist in the Wilkes-Barre area.

Turchetti served as associate dean for the Hahnemann Medical College and associate professor of medicine and psychiatry and was involved in the development and execution of the Wilkes-Hahnemann Medical Education Program in family medicine from 1973 to 1981. He served on numerous boards in the Wilkes-Barre area, including United Health and Hospital Services Family Practice Residency Program, and Rural Health Corporation and Maternal Health Corporation. He was also a psychiatric consultant with various area associations.

In the 1970s, Turchetti became the co-founder of the

television program *Call the Doctor* and served the Pennsylvania federal courts as a forensic psychiatrist. Turchetti was an adjunct professor of forensic psychology at Wilkes University and also served as a team physician from 1963 to 1975, which contributed to his induction into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000.

Turchetti retired in 1993 and was residing in Palm Beach, Fla., at the time of his death.

He is survived by a sister, Claire Turchetti Wyandt, Singer Island, Fla.

Friends of Wilkes

Julia (Julie) D. Znaniecki, teacher, local historian, civic and community leader, passed away on May 29, 2008.

Znaniecki was a charter member of the Wilkes University Polish Room Committee, where she was a member and past president for almost 50 years. The organization is a historical, educational and cultural organization that sponsors annual scholarships for students of Polish descent to attend Wilkes University and

serves as a resource and reference room on Polish history and culture. For 20 years, Znaniecki organized the Polish Room's booth at the Luzerne County Folk Festival.

From 1974 to 1985, Znaniecki participated in the Polish Room Chorus and most recently worked on a compilation of Anton Piotrowski's poetry, published by Wilkes University Press in 1998.

Znaniecki grew up in the Hanover section of Nanticoke. She was a graduate of Nanticoke High School in 1926, followed by East Stroudsburg University (Normal School) in 1928. Her first teaching position after graduation was sixth grade at the McKinley School in Nanticoke; the rest of her early career included teaching English to seventh- and eighth-graders.

Znaniecki took leadership and fundraising roles in the American Cancer Society, the Nanticoke Hospital Auxiliary, the Luzerne County Historical and Geological Society, the Wyoming Valley Girl Scout Council, Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council and Kosciuszko Foundation Ball.

Her husband of 51 years, Vincent Frank Znaniecki, died in July 1988.

Znaniecki is survived by children Jule Znaniecki Wnorowski '61, Wilkes-Barre; V. Paul Znaniecki, Stevensville, Md.; Jean Z. Smith of Gaithersburg, Md.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



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September

- Through Oct. 5** Art exhibit: “Remembering Helen: The Sordoni at 35,” Sordoni Art Gallery
- 5** Alumni Reception, home of Fred ’61 and Janet Demech
- 7** Cruise Philadelphia Alumni Event
- 25-28** Theatre Production, *Picnic*, Dart Center

October

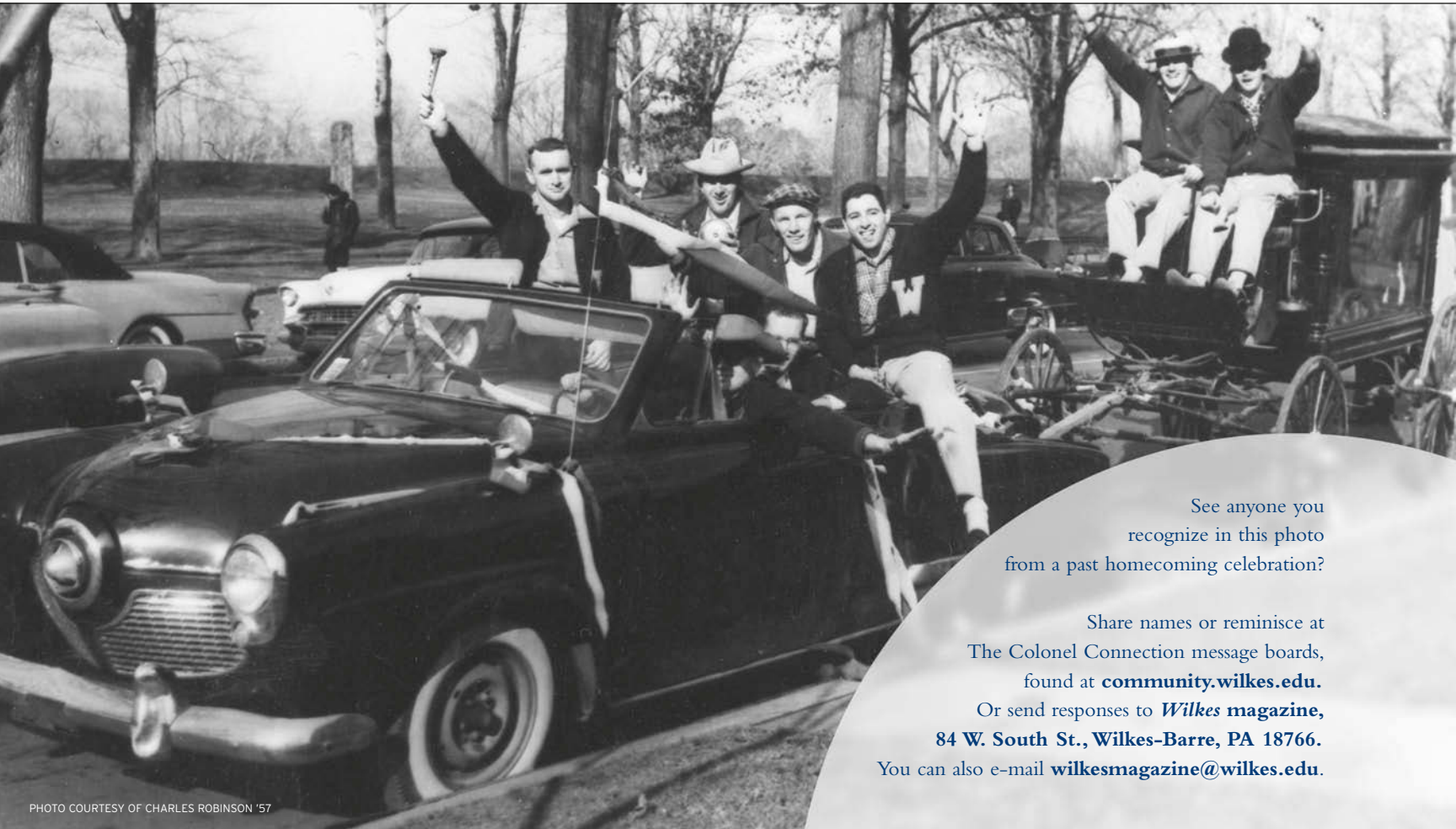
- 1** Kirby Lecture, “green” entrepreneur Martin Eberhard, founder and former CEO of Tesla Motors, Dart Center
- 3-5** Homecoming/75th Anniversary Celebration
- 17** Art exhibit: Ron Ehrlich, Sordoni Art Gallery. Closes Dec. 12.

November

- 7-9, 14-16** Musical Theatre Production, *Carousel*, Dart Center
- 13** Connecting the Dots student-alumni career networking event, Henry Student Center Ballroom
- 22** Annual Alumni Bus Trip to NYC
- 22** Flute Ensemble, Upper Lobby, Dart Center

December

- 1** String Ensemble, Gies Hall, Dart Center
- 5** Civic Band Concert, off campus
- 6** Civic Band Concert, Dart Center
- 6** “A French Christmas,” Wilkes choral ensembles join the Robert Dale Chorale, St. Luke’s Church, Scranton, Pa.
- 7** “A French Christmas,” Wilkes choral ensembles join the Robert Dale Chorale, St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre.



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Alumni from the class of '57 enjoy a reception during Homecoming 2007. Annual festivities offer plenty of opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new relationships.

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