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Rittenhouse '91 carry on
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From the Editor

What a wonderful time to be at Wilkes. I almost forgot how exciting the start of the fall semester is. Cool days, cooler nights.

The incoming class is finding their way around, the sophomores and juniors continue to plug away, the seniors have their eyes on the prize and last year's class is hard at work in their careers or in graduate school.

It's a time of new beginnings and new possibilities - not just for them, but for us.

With the recent kickoff of Wilkes's "Endow the Future" Capital Campaign, we, as alumni, are in a position to travel a similar road as these students.

It's the chance for us to strengthen the tradition of supporting Wilkes. It's the chance for us to continue working to help them like others helped us. Most importantly, it's the chance for us to make sure the prize they receive is one that will best secure their future.

As this issue started to come together, I learned a lot about the capital campaign. I learned that donations to the annual fund mean scholarships and grants for students. Gifts to the capital projects will result in new buildings and improving existing buildings. And the endowment helps us to remain financially strong.

So, I decided to take a good look around to see what affect all this has on these freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduates.

Just mentioning the new Student Center to them stirs up an excitement that lights up their faces. In their words, they can't wait for it to be completed and some have even started bragging to friends at other schools.

Next I took the opportunity to talk to a few scholarship recipients. It goes without saying that they appreciate the awards. But what they feel does need to be said to you is that they appreciate you and your help.

And who could forget the look of pride and exhilaration on the faces of the 320 graduates as they walked off the stage at Spring Commencement.

As you will see through the alumni featured in this issue, the appreciation they feel as students doesn't end when they walk off that stage. After the hustle and bustle of college life fades from memory, one important thread has woven its way through their lives. These very special individuals have never forgotten what Wilkes has done for them. And they are grateful.

With your help, that gratitude will continue as we all help Wilkes "Endow the Future."

Sincerely,

Alissa

Alissa M. Antosh '91

Dear Editor:

I received a message on my answering machine in Margate, N.J.:

"This is Mike Hudick from Los Gatos, Calif. I believe I may have your class ring."

I reacted as most people would - this guy must have the wrong number, or maybe this is a hoax. I graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1958 and never really knew what happened to my ring, but since I had a ton of other things on my mind, I kind of let the message go out of my mind.

The morning of my godchild's wedding, Mike called again. "I believe I have your class ring. I found it in the lost and found in the Wilkes bookstore when I worked there as a freshman undergraduate in 1962."

I replied that I never got a Wilkes ring because I really liked my high school ring.

"No, this is a high school ring. Can you describe yours?"

It turned out that Mike was given permission to take the ring after it languished for at least four years. He was determined to find the owner, but a series of events in his life side-tracked his original intent.

After his wife died, he found the ring which he had placed in her jewelry box years earlier. He brought it with him on a business trip and set aside a day to do some research in Wilkes-Barre.

He found a '58 Nanticoke High School yearbook in the repository and matched up my name, Judy Butcher, to the JAB inscription and the words "Wilkes Bound" under the picture. After contacting Wilkes's alumni office, he looked up my name in the directory, got my phone number in New Jersey and found me 36 years later.

I still think of the Wyoming Valley as "The Valley with a Heart" and the people who grew up in it and who attended Wilkes as a reflection of that motto. Certainly, in his act of kindness, Mike Hudick displayed the tenacity and heart of a Wilkes graduate. I will now proudly wear my long lost ring to my 40th class reunion.

Sincerely,

Judith Butcher Gallagher '62

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The mother/daughter team of Bev

Hiscox '58 and Carol Rittenhouse

'91 carry on the family tradition of giving thanks to Wilkes by giving back.

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On September 18, the University kicked off its "Endow the Future" Capital Campaign which calls on alumni support to maintain and enhance opportunities available to Wilkes students.

I think there are really two major goals to this campaign. The first is through capital projects, to improve the campus which has been evolving since the BUJC days of the 1930s.

Over the last several years, we have seen dramatic improvements in the quality of the campus and its facilities. The "Endow the Future" campaign will witness the completion of the crown jewel of the Wilkes campus - the new \$7.7 million Student Center/Dining Commons.

The center reinforces the commitment that has always been primary at Wilkes: that the student is at the center of all we do.

The time has come for Wilkes University to be handed over from all the loyal families in the valley who over six decades helped start and then continued to support it, to its alumni around the world.

Throughout its history, BUJC, Wilkes College and now Wilkes University has had a major challenge in giving the commuter student the same high quality experience enjoyed by residential students. The Student Center is going to bring these two parts of the student body together for the first time. As a community, we will be physically united by the architecture and location of this beautiful building.

The second goal of the campaign is to encourage our alumni in being more deeply involved in the long-term support of Wilkes through gifts to the endowment and the Annual Fund.

One of my challenges from the first day I arrived here, was to see that Wilkes alumni feel proud, that the people who graduate and become new alumni feel they have received an education second to none.

Essential to this goal has been the effort to increase significantly the gifts from alumni to the Annual Fund to support programs, to support scholarships and to support improved equipment and facilities.

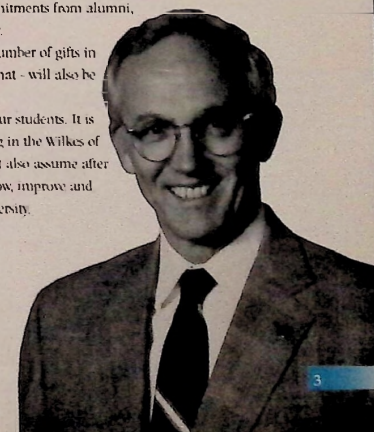
The surest way for Wilkes to thrive is for its alumni to show through their gifts that the place where they got their opportunities will be there for the next generations. It will enable Wilkes to keep pace with the changes we must accommodate in this rapidly changing world.

That is why growth of the endowment is so important. It not only generates earnings for the operating budget, but in difficult years, it also provides a source of financial strength.

I'm proud to say that our alumni are showing their commitment to "Endow the Future" of Wilkes. Already we have three seven-figure commitments from alumni, the first such alumni gifts in our 65-year history.

As important as those gifts are, a very large number of gifts in the thousands and hundreds - and even below that - will also be needed to put us over the top.

By investing in Wilkes, you are investing in our students. It is vital for present students to see alumni investing in the Wilkes of today and tomorrow - a responsibility they must also assume after their graduation - if Wilkes is to continue to grow, improve and fulfill its promise as an outstanding small university.



Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth

Bedford and Sullivan To Head the new College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies



Dr. Bonnie Bedford, dean of the new College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies



Dr. Fred Sullivan, associate dean of the new College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies

Dr. Bonnie C. Bedford, associate professor, English, was recently named dean of the newly formed College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies at Wilkes, while Dr. Fred Sullivan, associate professor, department of mathematics and computer science, was named associate dean.

In May, the Board of Trustees approved a strategic, long-range plan designed to focus the University's strengths and improve the quality of education for its students.

As part of this plan, the former School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; School of Science and Engineering; and the School of Business, Society and Public Policy were combined to form the new College.

"The result of these changes will be a University that is stronger, leaner and better able to serve its students," said Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president. "It is important that we take these steps now to position the University for even greater success in the 21st century and hold down the cost of a Wilkes education."

Bedford joined the Wilkes faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor and currently serves as chair of the University Curriculum Committee; member of the Department Curriculum Committee; and member of the University Cultural Affairs Committee.

She was inducted into Beta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma - the International Honorary Society for Women Educators and is a current member of the Dramatists Guild, the Drama League of New York, the National Council of Teachers of English, and the Author's League of America.

Bedford graduated magna cum laude from Waynesburg College with a bachelor of arts degree in English and theatre arts. She received her master's degree and Ph.D. in English from SUNY-Binghamton.

Sullivan arrived at Wilkes in 1993. In addition to his role as associate professor of computer science, he also serves as the coordinator of the computer science laboratory.

Sullivan earned a bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree in mathematics from Louisiana State University.

Welton Farrar Lauded For 50 Years of Service

Welton Farrar, professor emeritus, was presented a framed, color portrait by members of the business and economics department at a luncheon honoring his more than 50 years of service to Wilkes University.

Farrar joined Wilkes as an economics instructor in 1948, after receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

During his tenure at Wilkes, Farrar served as a professor of business, chair of the fringe benefits, student publications, academic freedom and several athletic committees; director of sports publicity; and founded the school's golf club.

Farrar retired in 1988, but continued to teach part-time for many years. In his honor, the Welton G. Farrar Scholarship was established as an annual award given to an outstanding sophomore majoring in any of the business disciplines.

You, too, can honor Welton Farrar at the Return to the Haunted Hill Celebration during Halloween Homecoming Weekend.

Welton Farrar, professor emeritus; Ken Fox, Wilkes-Barre photographer; Russel Harvey, professor of business and economics, Wilkes University



Construction on the new Student Center/Dining Commons is right on track. Completion is expected in the summer of 1999.

Phonathon's Top Caller Gets Wrapped Up In His Work

He has to call you, even though you've never met. He has to ask you to give something you value greatly. But just as important, he wants you to know he has something very valuable to give you in return. Who is he?

He's Jeff Reichl, a junior psychology and political science major from Allentown, Pa., and he spent the 1997-1998 academic year calling nearly 600 Wilkes alumni on his way to raising \$11,000 for Wilkes's Phonathon Campaign. With your help, Jeff earned the title of Top Caller for the year.

"Jeff is a very positive caller," said Todd Sloan, annual giving program manager at Wilkes. "He and his fellow callers are ambassadors of Wilkes. The calls they make may be the only contact that alumni have with the campus."

Phonathon callers work 3 hours a night, 3 nights a week during the 12-week program. But this isn't the only job Jeff holds to help pay his

way through college. In addition to carrying a full class load, Jeff works in the Annual Giving Office; in Rumours, a non-alcoholic nightclub/coffee bar located in the basement of the Armand C. Marts Center; and as an orientation leader.

Jeff finds his greatest satisfaction comes not only from his success at fund-raising, but from the time he spends connecting with alumni.

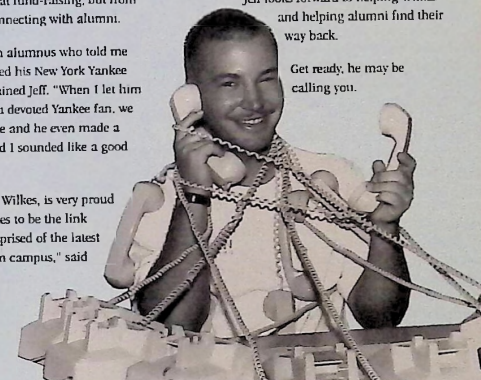
"One night I called an alumnus who told me that my call interrupted his New York Yankee baseball game," explained Jeff. "When I let him know that I, too, am a devoted Yankee fan, we talked for a long while and he even made a pledge because he said I sounded like a good kid."

"Jeff enjoys his life at Wilkes, is very proud of his school, and loves to be the link that keeps alumni apprised of the latest events taking place on campus," said Sloan.

"Alumni ask me everything from how the football team is doing, to how the construction on the new Student Center is coming along," said Jeff. "Most of them want to know about the programs or activities they were involved in as a student at Wilkes."

Now entering his third year with Phonathon, Jeff looks forward to helping Wilkes and helping alumni find their way back.

Get ready, he may be calling you.



Caller I.D.: Jeff Reichl from Allentown, Pa., dialed his way to the title of Top Caller for the 1997-1998 Phonathon Campaign

Michael A. Steele Receives First Ever Fulbright Fellowship at Wilkes

What started out as an excursion for Dr. Michael A. Steele, assistant professor of biology, to teach and follow-up on his research on animal/oak interactions, ended up as a serendipitous learning experience for the entire Steele family.

Steele recently returned from a nine-month sabbatical leave in Mexico, made possible through the Fulbright Fellowship he was awarded last year. Steele is the first Wilkes professor ever to receive this award.

In Mexico, Steele extended his research on the behavior of squirrels and other food-hoarding animals. He studied the specific decisions they make when storing acorns, and the effects of their behavior on the regeneration of oak forests. Steele elected to visit Mexico because of the high diversity of oak species (>180), the predominance of oak forests, and the environmental threats to this important ecosystem in Mexico.

Steele collaborated with faculty and students from the National Herbarium in Puebla and the Centro de Ecología at UNAM in Mexico City, Mexico. The group conducted over a dozen studies that

complement those that he and his collaborators are now conducting in eastern deciduous forests of the U.S.

Steele says that his "efforts in Mexico will lead to a better understanding of natural modes of regeneration and eventually the protection and management of several important oak forests across North America." In addition to continuing several research projects in Mexico, Steele is working on a Mexican-U.S. initiative to develop a Center for Oak Ecology in Central Mexico.

The Fulbright Fellowship provided a salary, relocation allowance and living expenses for Steele, wife Margaret, and children, Michael, Jr., age 17; Tyler, age 10; and Emily, age 5. They stayed in a small apartment complex in the center of historical and cultural Puebla, a town surrounded by three volcanoes. During their stay, six volcanic eruptions, two hurricanes, an earthquake and the historic forest fires of '98 provided some regular excitement.

While Steele lectured and worked on his research, Michael, Tyler and Emily each attended a different school. As an unexpected surprise, Tyler who spoke little Spanish, learned to speak fluently by the end of the trip and Michael, who previously had two years of Spanish in high school, also mastered the native language. In fact, half of Tyler's classes were spoken exclusively in Spanish.

For an added bonus, the trip allowed the Steele family time to visit and learn about some of Mexico's most historical sites, driving 10,000 miles across 20 Mexican states from the northern U.S. border to Yucatán.



Dr. Michael A. Steele

Greetings from ANNUAL GIVING

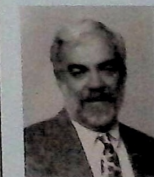
The Annual Giving Office is pleased to welcome the volunteer leaders for the 1998-1999 school year.

David L. Davis '75, chair of the annual fund; Melanie Maslow Lunnia, vice-chair of the annual fund; Marino J. Santarelli '73, chair of the trustee campaign; Constance A. Schaefer '56, chair of the university council campaign; Gary H. Williams '72, M '82, chair of the community/business campaign; Joseph S. W. Sekusky '77, chair of phonathon; Jacqueline Willison '83, vice-chair of phonathon for faculty and staff; Chad A. Lyncowicz '95, chair of the alumni board campaign; Marc Eakin '99, chair of the senior class gift committee.

Kudos, Dr. Lennon

Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs at Wilkes, was awarded the University of Rhode Island's URI Excellence Award in Education for his achievements and support of the university. Lennon received a master's degree and a doctorate from URI.

Dr. J. Michael Lennon



The Steele family exploring the Aztec ruins in Monte Alban, Oaxaca City, Mexico. Front row from left to right is Margaret, Emily, and Tyler. Standing is Michael, Jr.

MALATESTA APPOINTED NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

by John Seitzinger, Sports Editor



ADDY MALATESTA

Former associate athletic director, Addy Malatesta of Berwick, Pa., was appointed director of athletics by Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth following the resignation of former director, Phil Wingert.

Wingert, who cited personal reasons for his resignation, will remain at Wilkes as the associate athletic director. "I am looking forward to being able to spend more time concentrating on my role as head soccer coach," said Wingert. "Without the additional responsibilities as athletic director, I will be able to give the program the same attention I did when I first started here. I am eager to spend more time building that program."

Head coach Malatesta (far left) joins in the celebration after her field hockey team captured ECAC championship glory in 1996.

"Wilkes is fortunate to have two quality athletic administrators in Phil Wingert and Addy Malatesta to guide our program," said Breiseth. "I have complete confidence that Addy will continue to improve the environment for our student-athletes, our alumni and our fans."

Now in her tenth year as a member of the Colonels staff, Malatesta will continue her role as head coach of the women's field hockey team. Under her direction, the team has advanced to four Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League titles, three Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Mid-Atlantic Regional championships, and an NCAA playoff appearance in 1995.

"My primary concern is the welfare of the student-athlete," said Malatesta. "I want to lend my support to all of the athletic teams and hard-working, talented group of coaches that we have on staff at Wilkes. I will continue to work cooperatively within the University's academic structure to ensure that student-athletes have the opportunity to compete in athletics, while also striving to achieve a quality educational experience."



Malatesta recently completed a stint as vice-president of the MAC Operating Committee and is a member of the MAC Field Hockey and Softball Games Committees and the MAC Senior Women's Administrator Committee.

She is National Chair of the NCAA Division III Softball Committee, serves on the division's Regional Field Hockey and Softball Selection Committees and is also involved in the ECAC as a member of the Softball and the Women's Basketball Selection Committees.

A graduate of Slippery Rock University with a bachelor of science degree in health, physical education and recreation, Malatesta went on to earn her master's degree in education from East Stroudsburg University.

On Deck

by John Seitzinger, Sports Editor



The field hockey team will look to improve on last season's 9-10 overall record as five of their top six scorers gear up for the 1998 season. Top scorer, senior Lisa Werkheiser returns to lead the Lady Colonels at the forward position. Joining her is senior forward Melanie Kalmanowicz, junior forward Sara Clause, sophomore forwards Beth Abrams and Jill Wilson. Under the direction of head coach Addy Malatesta, the Lady Colonels have a good shot at a Freedom League title.

Junior tailback Mike Hankins, who was named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and established a new Middle Atlantic Conference record in rushing in 1997, will guide the football team toward a MAC Freedom League Championship this season. Hankins is just 351 yards shy of Jason Smith's school rushing record of 2,956 career yards. With a sharp offense and equally strong defensive unit, head coach Frank Shepleck is eagerly awaiting the 1998 campaign.



With 21 veterans returning from last season's squad, men's soccer coach Phil Wingert has reason to be optimistic in 1998. Leading the list of returnees are senior forwards Rob Rolland and James Lacy and senior defender Tim Seymour, who each earned second team All-Conference honors last year. Rolland was the team's top scorer with nine goals and four assists as the Colonels tied for the MAC Freedom League title with a record of 5-1-1.

Women's soccer head coach Kevin Vrabel hopes to carry on the winning tradition with 12 letterwinners returning for the 1998 program. Last season the Lady Colonels established a new school record for wins,

fashioning a 7-11 mark. Senior Laurie Lobbie, who plays midfield, is the team's top returning offensive threat. Sophomores Donna Rothrock, Julie Olenak and Lisa Shafer will also help bolster the offense this fall.

First-year women's tennis coach Bill Van Der Sluys welcomes back an experienced group this fall. Leading the way is sophomore standout Mary Waldorf, who played out of the number one singles position during her freshman season. Also contributing will be fellow sophomores Marny Dickson, Angie Cardoso, Southai Sophanmixay and Kathy Donlin; juniors Courtney Scutt and Nicole Weiss; and senior Dolly Chaudhuri.

The women's volleyball team will rely on five letterwinners to help turn their fortunes around this season. Sophomore middle blocker Carin Smurl returns along with her sister, sophomore middle blocker Shannon Smurl, senior Shanna Henniger, sophomore outside hitter Lisa Day and sophomore defensive specialist Becky Conway.



Trustee Scholars Take Trust Seriously

By Alissa M. Antosh '91

Here's the investment. You recruit five of the most promising high school students throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. You tell them that as long as they maintain a specific grade point average, you'll give them a full four-year scholarship. You turn them loose on the campus of Wilkes University and then you wait.

Here's the dividend. Everyday, they're trying to prove to you that they are worthy of the opportunity given to them.

- The result:
- Three Wandell winners (perfect 4.0 averages)
 - Two Outstanding Graduate Awards
 - One UPS Scholarship
 - One American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship
 - One Pa. Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship
 - National Honor Societies
 - Internships
 - Three acceptances into medical school
 - Two placed in careers

Regina Tarone, Amy Blake, Jill Fasciana, Jeff Zapotoczny and Michael Fras, better known as the 1994 Trustee Scholars, are the personification of a Wilkes graduate.

These super-scholars were, at a very young age, shown confidence in their abilities, with the ambition for a promising and successful future. The investment paid off handsomely.

It is said that history repeats itself. That is definitely the case with Regina Tarone of Hazleton, Pa. When she graduated from Hazleton Area High School, she did so as the top student of her senior class. When Regina graduated from Wilkes this Spring, she repeated her exemplary performance by receiving the Outstanding Graduate Award for her respective school and was named a Wandell Award recipient for maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average for all four years.

"Receiving the Trustee Scholarship allowed me to study at the university that I wanted to, plus it allowed me to receive a double major," explained Regina.



Jeff Zapotoczny

"Because it is such an amazing gift, it gives you an incentive to succeed and work harder."

Regina, who graduated with degrees in both French and accounting, took full advantage of the opportunities at Wilkes. She applied for and won the Pa. Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship, which awarded her a total of \$9,000. And as a 1997 recipient of the American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship, Regina studied abroad at the University of Paris IV Sorbonne.

But it was her internship with Deloitte & Touche in New York that helped her land a staff accounting job there that she will begin this October. Regina's future plans include pursuing a master's degree in international business in the year 2000.

Amy Blake of Archibald, Pa., was also first in her class at Valley View High School, earned the title of Outstanding Graduate and because of her perfect 4.0 average, joined Regina on the commencement stage to accept her Wandell Award.

"I wanted to show Wilkes that they made a good choice when they chose me to receive the Trustee Scholarship," said Amy. "It made me want to live up to the expectations and I really wanted to do well."

Amy proves the adage that "hard work is its own reward." In addition to being a Trustee Scholar, Amy was also accepted into the Wilkes/Hanemann/Guthrie Scholars Program which guaranteed her acceptance into medical school.

Amy is parlaying her biochemistry degree into a medical degree at the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences/MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She will graduate in 2002 and plans to go into family practice.

For West Pittston native Jill Fasciana, the phrase "when you find a good thing, stick with it" is appropriate. She and Amy started out as roommates at Wilkes and enjoyed the experience so much that they now room together at Allegheny-Hanemann.

Jill majored in biology and minored in chemistry, and she, too, was a Wandell winner and a Guthrie Scholar. But unlike her fellow scholars, Jill was also chosen as a UPS Scholar.

"Getting the Trustee Scholarship meant that there was no financial burden for me," said Jill. "I was free to concentrate on my studies to live up to the expectations placed on me."



Amy (far left), Jill (next) and Regina (far right) take center stage as recipients of the Wandell Award presented to graduates who maintained a perfect 4.0 average throughout their college career.

According to Jeff Zapotoczny of Edwardsville, Pa., "the Trustee Scholarship made my college career possible and it gave me an immediate chance to go to school. Without it, I would have been on a five or six-year plan, or maybe I would have even taken time off."

For Jeff, variety is definitely the spice of life. He used his freedom from financial concerns to experiment with the Wilkes curriculum. He started out as an electrical engineering major, decided to try a few computer courses, dabbled in a little philosophy and ended up graduating with two degrees in both computer science and philosophy.

Jeff was elected into Phi Eta Sigma, a national freshman honor society, served as an orientation group leader and a Resident Assistant for Pickering Hall in his junior year. And in his senior year, was senior orientation leader and a Resident Director.

Just two days after graduation, Jeff started work as a professional software consultant with Keane, Inc., in Pittsburgh.

Michael Fras, of Binghamton, N.Y., has a close connection to Wilkes. Literally. As the third of the Guthrie Scholars, he is joining them in pursuit of a medical degree at Allegheny-Hanemann.

Michael received his undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in chemistry. He was inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honor Society.

"It was really flattering to be chosen a Trustee Scholar," said Michael. "It was a great honor and it freed up a lot of money that I needed for other things."

After medical school, Michael plans to pursue the field of gynecological surgery.

Outstanding graduates Regina Tarone with Dr. Anne Gatory and Amy Blake with Dr. Umid Nejb

Endowing the Future, A Wilkes Family Tradition

By Jason L. McCahan

Beverly (Blakeslee) Hiscox, a mother of five, looked at a number of colleges and universities with her children. She wanted to help them find an institution that would best serve their individual higher education needs.

"Education is a very high standard in our family," said Beverly (Bev) '58. "When I think of Wilkes, caring and nurturing are the first two words that come to my mind."

When Wilkes thinks of Bev, gratitude and selflessness hallmark her character. Motivated by a feeling of appreciation, Bev has made a career of giving back to the school which she feels has given her family so much.

"The Hiscox family has a strong loyalty and commitment to Wilkes," said Bev. Four other family members have passed through the hallowed halls of Wilkes. **Husband Harry graduated in 1951, daughter Carol (Hiscox) Rittenhouse graduated in 1991 along with daughter-in-law Jill (Seward) Hiscox, and sister-in-law Kathryn (Hiscox) Quinn graduated in 1944.**

"Even if I wouldn't have attended Wilkes as a student, Wilkes University is the kind of institution that I want to support as a community member."

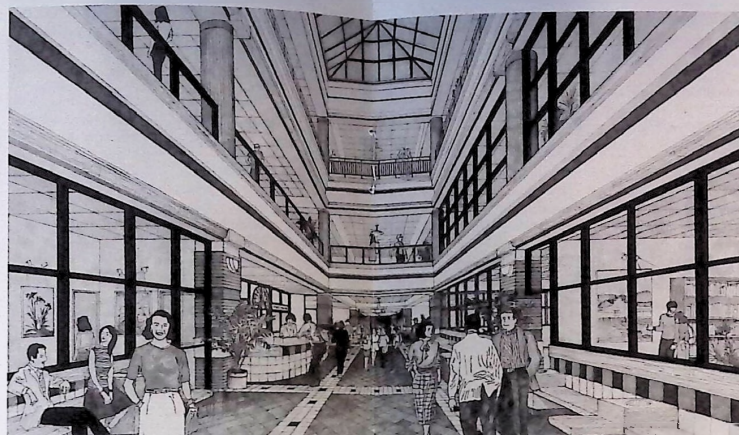
And support it she does.

A trustee since 1985, Bev served as president of the Wilkes Alumni Association, national chair of the regional Wilkes Tomorrow alumni campaign, chair of the annual fund campaign, and was a member of numerous development and student activities committees.

Bev's current Wilkes project is chairing the Steering Committee for the 1998 Capital Campaign, which kicked off September 18. The five-year fundraising effort will raise funds for scholarship endowments and capital projects like the new Student Center. It will also contribute to the annual fund and other current projects.



ENDOW
The FUTURE
Wilkes University



Artist rendering of the new \$7.7 million Student Center, one of the capital projects included in "Endow the Future."

"Like my siblings, I wanted to go away to college," explained Bev's daughter **Carol '91**. "I transferred to Wilkes during my sophomore year because I knew I would be happier there. I feel that I grew up at Wilkes. It was a part of my hometown and my family."

"Although my family has always been involved with Wilkes, I am thankful for the positive impact that Wilkes has had directly on my life," said Carol. "I had many wonderful experiences there so I want to help Wilkes maintain its caliber of education and its diversity of classes which helps enrich the college experience for others."

Bev and Carol are a sample of the many Wilkes alumni who have donated time and financial assistance to help sustain Wilkes as the university that has influenced their lives.

According to **Claire Fox, Wilkes's director of development** who oversees all of the school's fundraising efforts, a record 25 percent of Wilkes alumni supported the university financially last year. "That is the highest alumni participation rate ever," said Claire.

"I owe everything to Wilkes and am very grateful," said **Judith Hopkins** who graduated from Wilkes in 1957 with the aid of scholarship support and worked in the Wilkes library.

"Wilkes gave me the opportunity to advance in life, to have a successful career and to be in a position in which I can pay back my gratitude to the institution," said Judith.

"Through the years, others have contributed to Wilkes to ensure that it would be there for students like me," said Judith, a librarian at the State University of New York in Buffalo who recently gave a donation to the Wilkes library. "Now I am just returning the favor so that Wilkes can be there for the many others who will attend in the years to come."

"Every little bit helps," said **Karen Bednarczyk '96**, co-chair and spokesperson for the Anthony "Badger" Marasco Memorial Scholarship. Karen and three of her classmates established the "Senior Class Gift," a fund-raising effort to endow a scholarship in the name of Marasco, who lost his life in a motorcycle accident.

"The scholarship is the best way I know how to honor him since it also contributes to the university." The scholarship will be awarded for the first time this fall.

"As a graduate student, I know how hard it can be to give money, but I always try to scrape a little together," said Karen, who is now attending graduate school at Virginia Tech.

Marica (Barbella) Noblitt '73, believes that it is very easy for students to go to an institution for four years, get a degree, and continue on with their lives without recalling their college years.

"That is not the case for me," said this chief operating executive of a consulting firm in Chapel Hill, N.C. "Wilkes University gave me a strong education, personal experiences, and many fond memories. Wilkes is a way of life and it is only natural to give back."

Marica not only wanted to thank the university but also a member of the faculty who made a positive impact on her life. **Jane Lampe Groh**, dean of student affairs at Wilkes who retired in May of 1997, "gave of herself to thousands of students," recalled Marica. "Endowing a scholarship in her name is the only appropriate way I could honor Jane while also doing something for the University."

"Wilkes was one of the building blocks in my life," said **Tony Vlahovic '82**, owner of a wellness and fitness center in Princeton, NJ. "It is the foundation of my work ethic and has played a major part in my life that has allowed me to fulfill my dreams."

"Wilkes gave me an excellent education and an opportunity to play baseball and football. Donating to the annual fund and to the university's athletic programs is my way of saying thank you for everything."

"Once you are out in the professional world, different groups and organizations begin to ask for donations, so you have to pick and choose," said Vlahovic. "Although I gave just a minimal amount after graduation, I always plan ahead to give at least something to Wilkes each year. Some years are better than others, but Wilkes never pressures me to give more."

"Another reason I give to Wilkes is because education is so important," added Vlahovic. "I look at it as if I am planting a seed; I am giving others a chance to experience the great educational opportunities that I had."

"Giving back is not an obligation, but is something I feel I have to do. My parents taught me that if someone gives you something, you try to give them something in return."

Tony Vlahovic '82

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The following panel presented the members of the Golden Oldies Club, who are all traditional Bruins in the Longfellow Student Center.

Front row: Air Corps Cadet Frank Rock Bayly, Cadet John Hernandez, Cadet James Dinkels, Cadet James Jones Dinkels '68, Manuel Martinez '48

Second row: Nicholas M88, executive director for alumni

Third row: Joseph Lee Hunter '48, Miriam Baumgart '48, Joseph Berger '48, Eugene Shawyer '48

Fourth row: Herman Baumgart '48, Jerome Mutterer '49, Arnold Nussli '48

Fifth row: Glenn Goshall '48, Dr. Christopher N. Bassett, Wilkes University president, Attorney Joseph I. Santos '48

Class Notes

BACHELOR'S

1951

Marilyn (Wilkes) Dugan was featured in the Connecticut Post newspaper, Bridgeport, Conn., as a "Woman of Substance," in recognition of more than 10 years of community volunteerism and service. Marilyn resides in Wilton, Conn., with her husband, Joseph. They have three children, Mark, Timothy and Megan.

1957

Donald W. Jaikes retired from full-time ministry at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Spring Hill, Fla.

Robert W. McCurrin, Ph.D., and his wife are retiring in Woodstock, England and at their retired farmhouse in S.W. France, in the Bordeaux area. Robert was a counselor and science teacher with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in England for 36 years.

1958

Thomas Jenkins retired after a 40-year teaching career. He was honored with the personalized musical, "Let's Hear It For Our Principal," presented by the fifth grade students at Main Street Elementary Center in Plymouth, Pa., where Thomas served as principal.

Emma Minemier Firda retired from the Perkasie School District after a 35-year career. She resides in Levittown, Pa.

Keith Williams retired from the Perkasie School District. He and his wife, Flo, have two children, Mark and Scott, and have five grandchildren, Brittany, Derek, Rachael, Amy and Shane.

Ruth Younger Davidson announces the birth of her fourth grandchild, Aaron James Davidson. Ruth teaches English composition at Capital College of Penn State University. She resides in Pottsville, Pa., with her husband, William. She has three children, Mary Ella, James and Deborah.

1959

Evald Richard Eskilson, a project engineer for Kimberly-Clark Corp., has retired.

1960

Peter W. Perog retired from his CPA practice. He resides in Little River, S.C., and has two children, Douglas and Carolyn.

Bernard W. Wabulla retired as CEO director from the Ardara Grouping, King of Prussia, Pa. He resides in Collegeville, Pa.

1963

Ted Begun was appointed a Commissioner of the West Windsor Environmental Commission. He sells real estate for Borgdorff Real Estate in Princeton, N.J., where he also resides.

Robert E. Cherundolo was appointed executive director of Greater Wilkes County Labor Management Council. Robert and his wife reside in Mooresville, Pa. They have three children and two grandsons.

1964

Jane (Edwards) Bonomo is the C.E.O. of Bonomo's Inc., Blacksburg, Va., specializing in women's retail apparel and accessories. Jane and her husband, Vittorio, also reside in Blacksburg.

Reunion Giving

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Classes celebrating Reunion this year are:

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Richard Owen Burns received a graduate degree from Brooklyn Law School and is a self-employed attorney in Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. He and his wife, Lynda, have three children, Marc, Lisa, and Susan.

1965

R. Lawrence Gubanich was appointed chief financial officer of Diversified Prescription Delivery. He resides in Phoenixville, Pa.

Gary Popovich is the general manager of world-wide information technology services for IBM Corporation, Somers, N.Y. He resides in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

1967

William G. Kimmel received a presidential faculty award from California University of Pennsylvania, where he is a biology and environmental sciences professor.

Raymond E. Lowery received the "Golden Apple" award and a certificate in recognition of his year as president of the Wyoming Valley West School Board, Plymouth, Pa.

1968

Ellie Mae (Hamm) Buckley received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix, Ariz. She resides in San Jose, Calif.

Dennis A. Jones co-authored "Video Production," a video-based module of instructional materials for technology education. He resides in Leicester, Ga.

1969

Lawrence P. Sanitsky is the first executive director of N.J. Shant, Saddle River, N.J.

1970

Georgiana (Cray) Bart exhibited her painting, "Yellow Mug with Orange and Lemons on Red Cloth," with the American Society of Contemporary Artists at the Salmagundi Club in New York City. Georgiana has been accepted into three national exhibitions.

Paula Gilbert Gray is a calculus teacher at South Plains-Farmers High School, South Plains, N.J., and president of Southern Wine, Inc. She resides in Somerset, N.J.

Marianne (Baker) Peterson received the International Sterling Award in real estate from Goldwell Banker, Newtown, Pa., where she also resides.

Neil Seidel was promoted to vice president of PNC Bank, Scranton, Pa. Neil is senior administrative officer in retirement and investment services.

1971

Alice (Engel) Elman opened "Broadway Dreams," a clothing and shoe store specializing in dancing, proms, skating and exercise apparel. It is located in Kingston, Pa., where Alice also resides.

1972

Charlie Beckley was promoted to vice president, logistics administration and U.S. availability planning at Mattel, Inc. Charlie resides in Redondo Beach, Calif., with wife Kathy and their two daughters, Casey and Carrie.

Robert Byrne, Lt.C., is director of the cadet counseling center at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., where he and his wife, Alice, reside with their two sons, Elliott and Brendan.

Catherine Chandler-Oliveira announces the birth of her granddaughter, Moriah. Catherine teaches Spanish at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, where she serves as an administrative officer in the Faculty of Medicine and is pursuing post-graduate studies in multicultural education.

Patricia (Hodakowski) Hinchey, Ed.D., M.'75 published a book titled, "Finding Freedom in the Classroom-A Practical Introduction to Critical Theory." Patricia is an assistant professor of education at Penn State Worthington, Scranton, Pa. She and her husband, Ed, reside in Dallas, Pa., with their two children.

1973

Paul A. Cstgi married Sybil Blitzstein. Paul is director of human resources for Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia. Sybil is a business manager at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. They reside in Havertown, Pa.

Josephine (Schifano) Fintayson is a guidance counselor at Fitch Senior High School, Grafton, Conn. She resides in Mystic, Conn.

Shirley (Davis) Newhart married Robert Hainly. They reside in Hershey, Pa., with children Julia, Joseph, and Hillary.

William J. Reese is professor of educational policy studies and of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and former editor of the *History of Education Quarterly*.

Alumni Close-Up



Standing: **Gina Scazzaro Fair '82**, Fort Myers, Flor.; **Terry Sellinger Craig '80**, Parkland, Flor.; **Joanne Youngs**, **Geri McFar Dougherty '81**, Ambler, Pa.; **Helen Gorgas '82**, Portland, Maine; **Karen Snyder Zelsner '82**, Stamford, Conn.; **Jeannie Bennis Seidolf '81**, Sarasota, Flor.; **Mary Giblin Galeito '81**, Vineland, N.J.; **Sharon Snyder Bergen '82**, Orlando, Flor.; **Maureen Falvey Creamer '80**, Saddle Brook, N.J.

Alumnac Get Away With Bi-Annual Reunion

Nine alumnae from the classes of 1980 through 1982 met at the Sunland Harbour Resort and Spa in Sarnia Island, Florida for their bi-annual reunion.

Every two years, the women get together by getting away for a weekend of fun and catching up. This year's festivities at the spa included a mixture of exercise, relaxation and of course, pampering.

The women worked out in body strengthening classes, fitness bowling, water aerobics and tennis lessons. They relaxed by walking on the beach, spending time at the pool and enjoying the view of the harbor from their penthouse suite. Facials, massages, seaweed scrubs and manures provided the pampering.

"We plan to come in the year 2000," said Gina Scazzaro Fair, class of '82. "This group of women is very lucky to be able to get away like this together. We could have a great time whenever we want!"

1974

Andrea Bogusko is proprietor of a music retail store, free-lance musician, private instructor, and professor of music education at King's College, Wilkes-Barre.

Jenny Centrella was named coordinator of real estate sales for Earth Conservancy, Ashley, Pa. Jenny also owns and operates Appraisal Associates of Wilkes-Barre. She resides in Dallas, Pa.

Deborah E. Dunleavy was appointed vice president of institutional advancement at Johnson Technical Institute. Deborah resides in Hightstown, Pa.

Angela Vauter received a doctoral degree from the Department of Health Studies at Temple University, Philadelphia. She is a professor in the recreation and leisure services management department at East Stroudsburg University.

1975

Paula (Pinter) Page married Julius Gabriel.

Joan (Bonfanti) Shannon was promoted to human resources supervisor of Turkey Hill Dairy, Conestoga, Pa. Joan resides in Lancaster, Pa.

1976

William Goldsworthy was sworn in as mayor of West Pittston, Pa., where he resides with his wife, Janner, and children, Anne, Karyn, Carrie, and Brandon.

Dorothy (Dottie) Martin serves as editor of The West Side Leader newspaper, Wilkes-Barre. Dottie resides in Forty Fort, Pa.

Claire Maziarczyk wrote and co-published a book on miniature pastepaper patterns through the Alembic Press in Oxford, England.

Maureen B. K. McHale was elected treasurer and board member of the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society. She is the business office director at Mercy Health Care Center, Wilkes-Barre, and resides in Forty Fort, Pa.

Jay Thomas was certified in advanced nursing administration by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Jay is director of nursing systems at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre. He resides in Plymouth, Pa.

1978

Ellen Alaimo was appointed director of the Northeastern Pennsylvania office of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. Ellen resides in Shavertown, Pa.

Marilyn J. (Anderson) Patterson is a free-lance musician and active as treasurer, assistant organist, and music director at First Baptist Church, Ledgewood, N.J. Marilyn resides in Dover, N.J., with her husband, Charles, and two children, Matthew and Margaret.

Anthony J. Pinto, Jr. M'82 is executive vice-president at Synergist Technology Group, Inc., in Carbondale, Pa. Tony resides in Dunmore, Pa., and has three children, Tina, Maureen and Anthony.

Anthony J. Shipula II was named director of development of College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa. He resides in Hanover Township, Pa.

1979

Mark DeFalco, Lt.Col., is the squadron commander of the 51st maintenance squadron in Osan AB, Korea. Mark and his wife, **Joan Mancini '80**, reside with their three children, James, Erica, and Mark, in Korea.

Nureen J. (Corbett) Johnson was promoted to senior manager of marketing services for the North Central and Eastern regions of Gelsinger Health Systems. Nureen resides in Dallas, Pa.

John O. Iychos, Jr., was appointed chief financial officer of Data Systems Network Corp., Farmington Hills, Mich. John and wife Kimberly reside in Novi, Mich.

Andrea Schneider is an herbalist. Husband, **John Sile '84**, was promoted to director of quality assurance for TIT, Semiconductor Corp., Nevada City, Calif., where they also reside.

1980

Patrick A. DeLorenzo, Jr., is a senior consultant at Claremont Technology Group, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio. He resides in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Nicholas T. Gard, Attorney, opened a law office in Mount Carmel, Pa. Nicholas and his wife, Cheri, have two daughters, Nicole and Alyssa.

Joel P. Kane, Lt.Col. of the United States Marine Corps., is commander of the Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron-30 in New River, N.C.

Alumni Close-Up

Robert J. Harper Completes Banner Year

Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Harper '81, was personally recognized by President Bill Clinton after completing a three-year assignment as a White House Military Office Presidential Advance Agent for the President and the aircrew of Air Force One. Clinton exchanged handshakes, posed for a picture and met one-on-one with Robert.

Shortly after being reassigned to United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., Robert was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

Robert lives in Bellevue, Neb., with his wife, Heidi, and two children, Shannon and Robert James (Robbie).

William V. Lewis, Ph.D., M.'86 was elected president of the St. David's Society of Wyoming Valley, Inc. He is an assistant vice-president and registered investment advisor with Merrill Lynch, Wilkes-Barre, and also serves as adjunct professor with Wilkes.

John Miranda is a business education teacher at Princeton Regional Schools, Princeton, N.J. John and his wife, Jeannie, reside in New Hope, Pa., with their three children, John, Nicky, and Timmy.

Joseph S. Solomon is director, Parente Energy Consulting, Joseph resides in Media, Pa., with his wife, Kathy, and two sons, Joseph and Michael.

David M. Williams was elected assistant vice president and associate general counsel at Amertex Life Insurance Co., Lincoln, Neb.

1981

John Hargreaves M'85 was promoted to director of financial analysis for Nabisco. John resides in Great Meadows, N.J.

Susan A. (Matley) Hritzak M'88 and husband William announce the birth of son Brian. They reside in Forty Fort, Pa., with their daughter Danielle.

1982

Mark Thomas was promoted to vice president of television at WVA-TV Channel 44 in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

1983

Timothy Bahorik is a senior systems analyst for Procter and Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio. Timothy resides in Liberty Township, Ohio, with his wife, Amy, and two children, Hanna and Jonah.

David Carey M'98 was selected as the Outstanding Environmental Engineering Graduate Student by Wilkes University. David resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Mary Ann (Fedor) Dittus received the L.H. Galley Hospital Medical Staff Nursing Practice Award at The Friends of Nursing Gala Celebration. Mary Ann is a staff nurse in coronary intensive care, chairperson of performance improvement and leads the coordinating council on ACCU. She resides in Rydelsville, Pa., with husband David.

Thomas L. Gaylets was promoted to supervisor of the cardiac cath lab and intervention services at the Community Medical Center, Scranton, Pa.

Janice M. (Nagle) (Gaylets) Pettinato announces the birth of son Luke James.

Trish Riley M'95 is the director of cardiac services for Complete Home Care, Inc.

1984

Patricia (Brannon) Sincavage was appointed regional manager of Harmon Communications Southeast Pennsylvania cable system.

Stephen J. Joyce, M.D., was elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is the director of clinical cardiology at Community Medical Center Healthcare System. Stephen resides in Clarks Summit, Pa., with his wife, Peggy, and their four sons.

1985

Cherie Burke accepted a position as a CRNA/clinical instructor at the Bowman Gray Baptist Medical Center, Winston Salem, N.C. Cherie resides in Greensboro, N.C. with husband Todd Cox and children Collin and Kelsey.

Michael Marino, Jr., received a doctoral degree in analytical chemistry from American University.

Tom McGuire is the sports information director of Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pa. Tom resides in Mountaintop, Pa., with wife Audrey and son Nicholas.

David Schoenholz is the co-owner of "Irving's Bagels," a chain of three bagel shops in State College and Altoona, Pa.

Karen (Anderson) Schulz and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Ruth.

1987

Michael Bernetski was promoted to the position of pavement system engineer for PennDOT's district +0 regional office, Dunmore, Pa.

Neil Douris is a marketing manager at Avery Dennison Corp., in Philadelphia, Pa. He and his wife, Athena, reside in Newtown, Pa.

Glenn R. Whiteman II, is a biology teacher and head wrestling coach at Dieruff High School, Allentown, Pa. Glenn is completing an internship for a principal's certification. He and his wife, Nidia, reside in Lehigh, Pa.

1988

Susan G. (Marino) Laurita and husband **Thomas** announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace. Susan is a credit analyst for United National, Bridgeville, N.J. Tom is a finance manager for Prudential Investments, Newark, N.J. They reside in Clinton, N.J.

Michelle A. Riek earned a juris doctorate from Temple University Law School, Philadelphia, Pa. Michelle resides in Roslyn, Pa., with her husband, Anthony Symes, and child, Taylor.

1989

Terry (Levi) Speck and his husband, Stanley, announce the birth of son Jordan Michael. Terry is a certified nurse anesthetist at Gelsinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., and at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville, Pa. The family resides in West Hazleton, Pa.

1990

Janice (Saldukas) Parsons earned a master of education degree specializing in secondary school counseling from Wilmington College, New Castle, Dela. She is a science teacher at W.T. Chipman Middle School, Harrington, Dela., and resides with her husband, James, in Dover, Dela.

John J. Serafin M'98 joined PNC Bank Corp. as an assistant vice president. He also received a master of business administration degree from Wilkes University. John and his wife, Mary Ellen, reside in West Pittston.

Keith Silligman and wife Nancy announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Victoria. Keith is the associate executive director for Stetson Community Hospital in Natchez, Miss.

Alumni Close-Up

Mike Grohs is a Big Hit with Little Leaguers

Former professional baseball player, **Michael K. Grohs '95**, sponsors an annual "Future Stars Baseball Clinic" in Kingstown, Pa., that teaches the fundamentals of baseball to boys and girls ages 8-13.

Mike began his playing career at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., before being drafted by the San Diego Padres. After a notable injury cut short his baseball career, Mike finished his college career at Wilkes, receiving a bachelor's degree in marketing.

"The one benefit I can say I achieved in pro ball was leading the league in hit batsmen my first year with SD," said Mike. "With a 93 mph fast ball, sometimes I didn't know where it was going."

Mike is a financial adviser, developing portfolios for potential clients, for Prudential Securities, Moore, Pa.

For more information on the "Future Stars Baseball Clinic," contact Mike at (717) 714-9928.



Aimee Ann Zaleski graduated with honors from the Ohio State University College of Law in Columbus, Ohio, and earned her juris doctorate. Aimee has accepted a position with the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris, and Arthur in Columbus, Ohio.

1991

James F. Burke is vice president in charge of commercial lending at North Penn Savings and Loan Association in Scranton, Pa. James and his wife, Jo Marie, reside in Clarks Summit, Pa., with their daughter, Lauren Taylor.

Christine (Campbell) Davis is a captain and operations research analyst with the United States Air Force. Christine and husband John reside in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Susan (Yurkanin) DeBella is a music educator in the Potomac Mountain School District, Tobyhanna, Pa. Susan and her husband, John, reside in Archbald, Pa., with their daughter, Adeline Marie.

Ella (Lukavitch) Karassik and husband Steve announce the birth of daughter Erika Gabriella. They reside in Mohnton, Pa.

Drs. Eric and Jamie (Mazetis) Knorr announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Jacqui. Eric is in his last year of anesthesiology residency at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. Jamie is a staff anesthesiologist with Davis Eye Associates. Eric and Jamie reside in Winston-Salem, N.C., with their daughter and son, Stefan Eric.

M. Helen (Shorten) Trygar is a nurse practitioner for Guthrie Clinic-Tyler Center. Helen resides in Moscow, Pa., with her husband and two children.

Carl P. Ungvársky is a licensed professional engineer by the state Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. Carl is a digital systems group leader for Communication Microwave Corp., Mountaintop, Pa., where he also resides with his wife, Carol Ann.

Robert Watkins was appointed roadway program specialist in the district maintenance program unit of PennDOT's district 4-0 headquarters, Danville, Pa.

1992

David S. Noyle M '91 is a general manager for P.M.H. Technologies, Inc., Allentown, Pa. David, wife Karen, and son Alexander David, reside in Toyahvale, Pa.

J.R. Hupp is a public relations and special events coordinator for Pennsylvania's NE Territory Sales Bureau, Allentown, Pa. J.R. resides in Carlisle, Pa.

Joann M. Scubelek married **Scott Prushinski '93**. They reside in Clarks Summit, Pa.

1993

Darley Cardone and **Mary Christina Repotiski**. Darley is stationed with the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 120, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., where he was designated a naval flight officer and awarded his Navy Wings of Gold. He was also promoted to the rank of Lt. Junior Grade.

Regina M. Costanzo and **Shawn P. Flannery**. Regina is a retirement investor for Prudential Investments, Scranton, Pa. She is pursuing a graduate degree in computer science and resides in Thoron, Pa.

Ed Hurlbrink is an internet consultant for Vero Inc., and resides in Chalfont, Pa.

Diane (Amari) Kolojechick is a free-lance musician, private instructor, a substitute with Northwestern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, and a member of the Tunkhannock Woodwind Suite.

Frank Mitchell and **Gisele Sum**. Frank is an admissions officer for Ross University, New York, N.Y. They reside in West Caldwell, N.J.

Jeffrey Myers was promoted to head of communications for Sears Industrial Sales in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he also resides.

Rima Saad is working on a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences and resides in Somerville, Mass.

Ben Tranguch and his wife, **Marie**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Julia Marie**. Ben is an industrial engineer for Proctor and Gamble, Mahanoy, Pa. He and his family reside in Dallas, Pa.

1994

James A. Bruck was promoted to facilities manager for Lorid Skynet. He resides in Homestead, Pa.

Bernard J. Castle and **Michele R. Snyder**. Bernard is a caseworker at Northeast Counseling Services, Nanticoke, Pa. Michele is employed in the comptroller's office of College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa.

MASTER'S

1976
Anita (Bogusko) Sirak is principal at Bishop O'Hara High School, Danville, Pa.

1978
Michael J. Speziale, Ph.D., is assistant superintendent of the Dallas Area School District, Dallas, Pa., where he also resides.

1980
Don Rephas was promoted to director of sales and marketing, builder-direct channel, of American Woodmark Corporation, Winchester, Va.

1989
Edwin E. Renninger was appointed vice president of middle market lending in commercial banking at Summit Bank. He and his family reside in Whitehall, Pa.

1990
Anthony F. Turquato was promoted to vice president of Wayne Bank and is an instructor for Lackawanna Junior College and Institute Community College. Chapters of the American Institute of Banking. Anthony is also pursuing a graduate degree in banking from the University of Colorado.

1991
Judith A. Ellis was elected as the Wyoming Valley Woman's Club Woman of the Year. Judith is a placement specialist at the Department of Career Services at College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa. She resides in Wilkes-Barre.

David Rephas was appointed regional sales manager for the central region of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Brian J. Rinker was named vice president of provider services for Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania and is an adjunct faculty member in the University of Scranton's Master of Health Service Administration degree program. Brian resides in Fort Fort, Pa.

Lisa Luzorchuk and **John B. Smith, III**. Lisa is an account manager for Microtech Leasing Corp., Princeton, N.J. They reside in Bridgewater, N.J.

Rebecca Loeser and **Dirk Heberle**. Rebecca is employed at the Skaneateles Golf Club in Skaneateles, N.Y., where they also reside.

Chris Sebastianelli married **Michele Chwastyk**. They reside in Plains, Pa.

Sandy Singer and **Dennis Staiger**. She is a teacher at Resnick Media School District, Media, Pa. They reside in Chaddsford, Pa.

Lisa Wruble was appointed to the position of rehabilitation RN at Riverside Rehabilitation, Plains, Pa. Lisa resides in Fort Fort, Pa., with her children.

1995

Ed Flutter is a staff accountant at the Trust Company Bank of New Jersey. He resides in Clifton, N.J.

Lisa Mastruzzo is a business analyst with Fidelity Investments, Boston, Mass. Lisa is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She resides in Brighton, Mass.

Christina Marie Ortiz received a bachelor's degree in social work from College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa., and is pursuing a master's degree in social work from Marywood University. She resides in Selden, N.Y.

1997

Kalen Churcher is a news assistant at The West Side Leader newspaper, Wilkes-Barre. Kalen resides in Plymouth, Pa.

Tracey A. MacMillan married **Michael DeRosier**. They reside in Doylestown, Pa.

Colleen McGarry is a mathematics teacher, girls' basketball coach, and Key Club advisor at Pittston Area High School in Pittston, Pa., where she also resides with her son, Tyler. She was inducted into the Pittston Kiwanis Club.

1992

Rosalie Mancino was appointed assistant elementary principal at Cheston School in Easton, Pa. Rosalie is an adjunct faculty member in the education department of Moravian College.

Peggy G. Montgomery was hired as the second principal for Bonfield Elementary School. She is enrolled in the doctoral program at Widener University. Peggy and her husband, Robert, reside in the Little, Pa., area with daughters Nicole and Melissa.

1993

Gail (Watson) Haas is an operations facilitator for Teley USA Inc., Marietta, Ga. Gail resides in Canton, Ga., with her husband, James.

1995

Patricia Silvestrini, Navy Reserve Lt., received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving as assistant training officer at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Reserve Fleet Hospital 400, Fort Dix, N.J. Patricia is an assistant professor at Marist University and is certified as a clinical nurse specialist at Marist Community Hospital, Carlisle, Pa.

1997

Greta Lynn (Herman) Aluvilla is a support services administration manager at CSM, Wilkes-Barre. She resides with her husband, James, and their son, Paul, in Ashley, Pa.

Melanie Whitebread is an assistant professor at Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, Pa. Melanie resides in Mountaintop, Pa.

1998

Patricia McDonnell was chosen as one of the nation's 100 outstanding educators through the Learning Heroes Awards program, sponsored by BellSouth and Southern Life. McDonnell, Minn., was recognized for her "Computer Writing Center" project. The implementation has a teacher at the Dr. David W. Butler Elementary School, Wilkes-Barre.

Judith M. Nowak presented a ten-week workshop titled, "Healing Your Life," at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Janet S. Stephens is a specialized lab technician for Oram Sylvania, Towanda, Pa., and resides in Wyahosing, Pa.

Aaron Stoker married **Deanna Marie Frudenberg**. Aaron is a produce clerk at Mr. Z's Food Mart, Plains, Pa. Deanna is a sales representative for Sears, Wilkes-Barre. They reside in Plains, Pa.

1998

Michael T. Beachem was awarded a MACDHO Scholarship for his essay, "How College Student Personnel Can Address the Issue of Violence on Campuses."

Charles J. Copley IV received the alumni award for leadership during Wilkes University's 51st annual spring commencement. Charles resides in Waverly, Pa.

Brian J. Strassman and **Amy Lynn Brown**. Brian is a youth sports coordinator at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, D.C., in Rockville, Md.

In Memoriam

GRADUATES

1947

Marion M. (Lavix) Sillup was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. and H&R Block as an income tax consultant for 17 years. She was an Army veteran, serving in the medical corps for three years as a master sergeant, and also served as a notary public.

1952

Carl Strye was a project engineer for Ingersoll-Rand before retiring. He served on the Nazareth Area School Board in Nazareth, Pa., was an active firefighter with the Nazareth Vigilance Hose Company No. 1 for 34 years, was president of the Firemen's Relief Association, Nazareth, was former president of Nazareth Fire Company and a safety officer for the State Firemen's Association. He also was a state champion trumpet player, performing with various area orchestras.

1955

Sandy A. Furey, M.D., was an army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War as chief of cardiology of U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Gordon, Ga., and as personal physician to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dr. Furey worked in private practice in Moosic and was president of the board of the Diabetic Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He established the area's first diabetic treatment center in Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, Pa., where he was the first director of medicine before retiring after 28 years.

Joseph J. Trosko of Harrisburg, Pa., was a dentist and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental School.

1957

Raymond J. Falchek, Sr., was a sales engineer for the Honeywell Corp., before founding Ameri-Kleen Inc.,

which distributed industrial and temperature controls to various industries. He was a member of the Kinsmen band, playing big-band era and 50's music for more than 20 years.

1959

Anthony Joseph Mendola was an Army veteran, serving in France and Germany from 1953 to 1955. He taught music privately in the Wilkes-Barre area and was employed by Easton Area School District as a music teacher. He was also employed as a special education teacher in Encino, Calif., where he resided.

1961

Charles L. Isely was employed by Sprague and Henwood, Scranton, Pa., and was a public accountant. He also was a Navy veteran and resided in Wilkes-Barre.

1968

Joseph E. Aufiero was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the mid 1960s, spending most of his tour in South Korea providing support for the Seventh Division. He was employed in sales and marketing with the Penn State Geisinger Health Plan in Plains Township, Pa.

1970

David Elwyn Jenkins was an agent and sales manager for Western-Southern Life Insurance Co., Fort Fort, Pa., for the last 28 years. He was also a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, where he served as an elder and trustee.

1977

Mary Anne Coach Polachek was employed by Holy Name School, Fort Fort, Pa., as a fifth grade teacher for 12 years. She was also a volunteer for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

Ethel (Tischler) Grob studied painting at Wilkes College. Her works were exhibited throughout the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania.

Regina Ward was employed for a number of years at Wilkes College.

Alfonso Zawadzki, Lt. Col., U.S. Army (retired), was former assistant dean of admissions at Wilkes University. He retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Higher Education Research and Statistics.

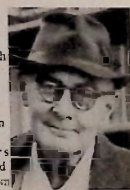
Thomas Robert Richards
April 8, 1915 - June 23, 1998

Thomas Robert Richards, former math professor and chairman of the math department at Wilkes, died in June.

Tom was honored as class valedictorian when he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1931 at the age of 18. He also received a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a master's degree in mathematics from Bucknell University.

After a 40-year teaching career at Wilkes, Tom was named one of the top 10 greatest professors by the Wilkes University Alumni Magazine in 1993. In addition, the Mathematics Reading Room, Room 404 in the Stark Learning Center, was named in his honor. Surviving him is a sister, Ruth Richards, Wilkes-Barre.

Donations can be sent to Wilkes University's Development Office, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18766. All donations will support the Math Department.



Keep your classmates informed of your accomplishments: marriages, births, awards, recognitions, promotions, and new jobs. Include photos and supporting articles (newspaper clippings, written descriptions) whenever possible. Attach them to this form, and mail to:

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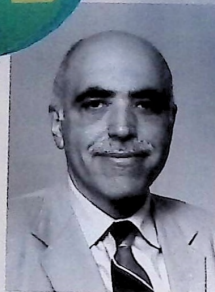
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CLASS NOTE

SOME GOOD TIPS Dr. Anthony L. Luzzo



When I enter your restaurant, please do not address the members of my party as "guys," for I assure you that our last names are neither Lombardo, Fawkes, nor LaFleur.

Dear Walter/Waitress:

I send this letter with the utmost respect and admiration for the arduous tasks that you are called upon to perform. I recognize that you are required to labor for long and late hours, often weary, and compelled to move between a blistering, hot kitchen and a freezing cold dining room. Please accept my comments as constructive criticism, meant only to call your attention to several small matters which surely must have escaped your notice.

With these disclaimers aside, I set forth hereunder my grievances:

When I enter your restaurant, please do not address the members of my party as "guys," for I assure you that our last names are neither Lombardo, Fawkes, nor LaFleur.

If I am alone, please do not shout "Just one," for I am extremely sensitive about my unpopularity. You would never exclaim "Just six!"

If the restaurant is nearly empty, please do not seat my party adjacent to the only other diners in the establishment, for I do not feel the necessity of bonding with strangers whose only kinship with me is that we happen to be hungry at the same hour on the same day.

Please do not introduce yourself to me. I know that you are probably a

very nice person, but I am not inclined to socialize at this time.

I would appreciate all discussions to take place reasonably close to the table which I occupy, as I do not care to provide information regarding my use of ketchup upon filet mignon to those persons seated close by.

Please make all reasonable efforts to serve all in my party at the same time, so that those served earliest are not compelled to watch their once hot food turn tepid. Similarly, please serve my entire entree together. I abhor mashed potatoes as a dessert.

I would prefer not to become familiar with the dictatorial persuasion of the owner, and accordingly, would like to be out of earshot when you discuss these and related personal matters with co-workers.

While I admire your ability to discern those times when my mouth is filled, I would prefer for you to wait a moment before inquiring as to whether or not "everything is all right here."

Please do not refill my drink to the brim, as I am known to be extremely unsteady at the art of lifting my glass to my lips (especially when such glass contains a product made of hops, barley and malt).

If there is a problem with the quality of the food, it is my desire that you act

as my agent whose role is to zealously guard my culinary interests. I would prefer that you not pass any blame unto the kitchen help, since I would never be so bold as to confront these persons directly (especially in light of their proclivity toward utilizing sharp knives).

Please do not remove my dishes without ascertaining that I have in fact completed the dining experience, as I have been known to intentionally finish prior to the other members of my party, hoping for an additional helping of their leftovers.

I would rather not have the check delivered until I have requested this item. I sometimes will order a cup of coffee after the fact and detest unsightly displays of crossed-out numbers on checks.

Finally, I would appreciate your assuming that I desire the change from the large denomination bills that I proffer as payment. While the service may have been excellent, when I remit \$40 for a \$20.12 tab, I rarely include a gratuity of 98.807%.

Thank you, and I hope to see you again soon.

Dr. Anthony L. Luzzo is Associate Professor of Business Administration and Economics. It is rumored that he spends in excess of 90% of his disposable income in local and regional dining establishments.

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