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The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

After completing the six-year doctoral program, Wilkes University's Pharm.D. recipients have their fingers on the pulse of the future of health care.

See story on page 8.

Embracing Change

In lieu of my traditional "letter," I've decided to use this space to get a little editorial spring cleaning done. There are some exciting changes taking place at Wilkes that you should know about.

The most obvious is the size of this issue. We expanded it back to 20 pages, because so many of you are accomplishing so much that "Class Notes" was overflowing. We faced the same pleasant situation with "On Campus" and "Alumni Journal."

Speaking of class notes, you'll notice on page 19 that we omitted the slowly shrinking Class Note Response Form. I've seen a dramatic change in the method in which you've been sending in your class notes information. From the last issue to this one, the majority of information was sent to the [alumnipub@wilkes.edu] email address. And, the printed form was so small that nearly everyone who did send it in, attached an additional page to it.

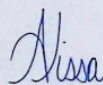
In February, Wilkes hired a new, full-time web content manager to oversee the development of the newly designed Wilkes web page, which recently logged its millionth hit. Jason Holly will, starting with this issue, put all the *Wilkes Universes* on the web, and he will create a link to the Class Notes Response Form, so you can submit your class note with ease. For those alumni without access to a computer or the Internet, you can still mail your note to me at the address in the masthead (in the bottom left corner of this page).

Another change worth noting is in the location of some campus and alumni events. Now that the Student Union is available, most events that were held off campus or in other campus buildings will be held in the second floor ballroom. With both Pickering buildings now torn down, parking is available behind the Student Union. Access to the lot is off of South Franklin Street.

Probably the most dramatic change about to occur will be in May, when the first doctoral class in school history graduates. These doctors of Pharmacy and the new Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University are profiled on pages 8-11 and discussed in the Presidential Perspective on page 3.

As you read through this issue, you'll discover even more changes in the making. As you embrace the change of seasons, I hope you also embrace and appreciate all the new changes back at your alma mater.

Sincerely,



Alissa M. Antosh '91

Dear
Wilkes University:

I would like to take this opportunity right before I graduate to express my gratitude for a wonderful five years. After trying to figure out the best way to show my thankfulness, I decided the *Universe* would be the best way to reach everyone that has contributed to my achievements. It is also a way to let alumni know that when they mention Wilkes University, they are talking about a school that offers a great education and a wide range of opportunities to its students. And that was exactly what Wilkes did for me.

I applied to Wilkes as my safety school. During my senior year of high school, the Alumni Association sponsored a "meet and greet" social in northern New Jersey, where I live. After an evening of talking one-on-one with President Breiseth and listening to stories from alumni about their experiences at Wilkes, I was hooked. Just from listening that evening, I knew I wanted to be part of the "family" everyone was talking about. Wilkes seemed small, personal, and interested in the well-being of every student.

If I listed all the activities, organizations, and clubs I have been involved with, it would fill the rest of this *Universe*. However, I do need to mention some of the greatest opportunities that Wilkes has given me. One of the most fascinating experiences I had was working on the new Student Union. As one of two student representatives chosen for the planning committee, I got to take part in almost everything that made the building a reality. From visiting other schools to inquire about their recently established buildings, to helping decide what will go into ours, the experience I gained was incredible. And, just when I thought my participation was over, I was asked to be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Groundbreaking and then again for the Grand Opening. These were two very special days for Wilkes, and I still can't believe I was a part of them.

I want to thank the alumni for making Wilkes what it is today and I want to tell all incoming students to never underestimate the power of a small university. Wilkes can be everything you want it to be. What other school can you go to where the President of the University decides to sit down and have lunch with you in the school cafeteria and inquires about your semester and what you have been up to? At Wilkes, you are not a number, you are a face with a name. They care about you and love who you do.

Just before I has gone by this hat. A part of me does not want to leave and another is ready to go. But, before I grab my cap and gown, walk across the graduation stage and say good-bye, I want to say thank you. Thank you for giving me the wings to help me fly!

With much gratitude,
Breisher Takem, May 2000

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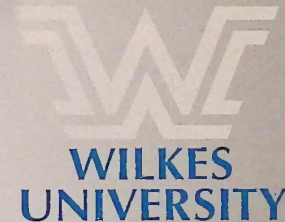
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ON THE COVER

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy's doctoral program prepares Wilkes students for their future roles as long-term caregivers and counselors. Student Mike Brundage, is shown taking the pulse of a patient during his clinical rotation at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston.



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Presidential Perspective

It's the dawn of a new century at Wilkes University. With the spring semester nearing completion, I am pleased to report that Wilkes has effectively positioned itself to enter the 21st century with confidence and competence — the two qualities that most characterize our graduates.

On Saturday, May 20, 2000, 62 graduates who exemplify these ideals will make history, earning the very first Pharm.D. (Doctor of Pharmacy) degrees ever from Wilkes. It's a day that we have eagerly anticipated since the School of Pharmacy officially opened in 1996, when these first students were celebrated at a special ceremony.

Adding to the excitement is the enhanced national recognition Wilkes enjoys as a result of the generous \$3 million gift of Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt Orr to name the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in memory of her late husband, Abram Nesbitt 2nd. Thanks to this gift, the largest one-time donation in school history, Wilkes joins just five other schools nationally which have a named school of pharmacy. It is fitting that the name Nesbitt, long synonymous with the highest quality health care in Northeastern Pennsylvania, will be linked with every class of Doctors of Pharmacy that graduate from Wilkes.

The long-term impact of the pharmacy program is even more significant in terms of the actual and perceived quality of Wilkes University — Wilkes is gaining the reputation as the national educational treasure it has been in fact for most of its nearly seven decades. The pharmacy program, along with the nursing and health sciences programs have helped shift Wilkes's reputation from regional to national in its quality and reach.

The nursing program, under the skillful direction of chairperson Dr. Mary Ann Merrigan, is thriving. Located in the recently acquired and renovated Pearsall Hall, the department recently secured a two-year, \$50,000 grant from the *Helene Fuld Health Trust, HSBC, Trustee* to provide scholarship support through the Licensed Practice Nurse-Registered Nurse program. This announcement comes on the heels of the December announcement that Wilkes's baccalaureate and master's nursing programs were granted accreditation for 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the maximum length of time any school can achieve.

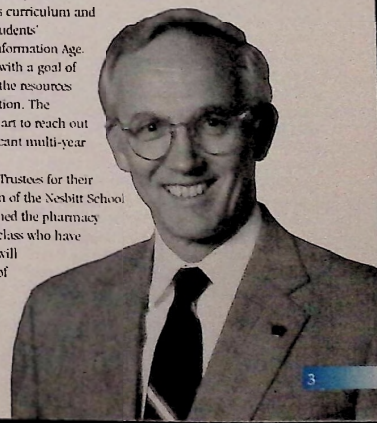
Another proud moment came last fall, when it was announced that nursing alumna, Dr. Catherine DeAngelis '65, the long-time Vice Dean of Academic Affairs of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, was named editor of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. She is the first woman in the 116-year history of the Journal to be named to this position. "Cathy," as we all know her, has always declared her Wilkes identity and shared her fame with her alma mater.

The health sciences programs at Wilkes have a long-standing tradition of providing opportunities for premedical students to gain admission to distinguished medical institutions throughout the country. Currently, 90 percent of Wilkes students who apply are accepted into medical school. The recent establishment of a Premedical Scholars Early Assurance Program with The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey further strengthens Wilkes's reputation in the health sciences.

These happy developments were capped off by a gift of \$500,000 from Dr. Lester Saidman to establish the *Saidman Chair in the Health Sciences* at Wilkes. Dr. Saidman received an honorary doctorate for his crucial leadership in establishing the original Wilkes/Lahnemann Program to prepare physicians to practice family medicine in rural and small town Pennsylvania.

As we enter the 21st century, Wilkes is adapting its curriculum and investing in the technology that will enhance our students' preparation for the transformative changes of the Information Age. The current *Endow the Future* Capital Campaign, with a goal of \$30 million, is the Trustees' commitment to secure the resources necessary to maintain the quality of a Wilkes education. The campaign has passed the \$25 million mark as we start to reach out to our more than 23,000 alumni to consider significant multi-year pledges that will help us reach this goal.

As May draws closer, I congratulate the Board of Trustees for their vision and leadership. Dr. Bernard W. Graham, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, his many colleagues who have launched the pharmacy program at Wilkes, and the 62 students in the first class who have worked so hard to make this dream a reality. They will always be our first Doctors of Pharmacy, members of the Class of 2000!



Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth

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Community Service Completes the College Experience and the Person

By Mary Hession, Director, Office of Volunteer Services and Campus Interfaith and Paula Gentilman, Senior Communications Major.

A vision of service has taken hold at Wilkes University. It's a vision that has at its core the desire to be attentive to and meet the needs of the local community. The Wilkes community is now deeply committed to this vision. For the 1998-1999 academic year, Wilkes University was ranked third in the country in total community service hours volunteered by students, faculty, staff and administrators. When all was said and done, 29,000 hours were documented.

While the students participate in countless shorter projects during school months, there are a few major endeavors that garner the most attention. The school year kicks off with a **Freshmen Volunteer Service Day**, an event in which 30 upperclassmen lead the new class through a series of service-oriented projects. Students can be found cleaning Kirby Park and Public Square, holding an outdoor barbecue for the elderly, or painting rooms at the Salvation Army's Kirby Family House. Last year's event was the largest one-day community service effort in Wilkes history.

Into the Streets Week is held each October. From sunrise to sundown, students take part in a continuous chain of beautification and volunteer efforts. Organizations helped by the labor of Wilkes students include but are not limited to: Meals on Wheels, Adopt-A-Highway, SHARE Co-op with local churches, Earth Conservancy, Habitat for Humanity, senior citizen centers, McElynn Learning Center, and a riverside cleanup along the Susquehanna. One of the most memorable projects is the **Alternative Spring Break** trip, taken each March. This year, 16 students traveled to Princeton, North Carolina and helped rebuild the town which was devastated when the Tar River overflowed during Hurricane Floyd. They raised \$10,000 for the trip, enough to fund transportation and food for the week, and to purchase supplies to complete their tasks. In other years the students donated their time and energy and the town purchased the supplies.

Students are changed when they come back from the trip. They understand that there is more to the world than the place where they go to college. Students get to use their education in a practical way, and that's what a Wilkes education is all about.

From Freshmen Volunteer Service Day to the Day of Service during Senior Week, students begin and end their college careers wrapped in the vision of service. They embody this vision through their deep commitment to the needs around them. And, this is what it means to be part of the Wilkes University Community.

Alternative Spring Break 2000 Volunteers

Front row, left to right: *Alicandra Carlson, Danville, Pa.; Ivan Parick, South Monaca, Pa.; Jillian Hosking, Greenvale, N.J.; Casey Williams, Frederick, Pa.*

Middle row, left to right: *Rosemary Sotomayor, Kingston, N.J.; Heather Jones, Mount Pocono, Pa.; D'Ann Brantley, Blarstown, N.J.; Sarah Becker, Torrance, Pa.; Steve Faskin, Pictur, Pa.*

Back row, left to right: *Mary Hession, Wilkes-Barre, director, Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services; D'Ann McCarthy, Kingston, Pa.; Melissa Monk, coal township, Pa.; John Katschke, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Colleen Cole, Chantrelle, Pa.; N.J.; Andrew Connell, Lehighton, Pa.; and Saki Ibrahim, Kingston, Pa.*

Missing from photo: *Leszci Petrus, Bellefonte, Pa.*



SIFE Forges Ahead to International Prominence

After earning First Runner-Up honors at last year's SIFE Regional Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair, Wilkes's Students In Fra: Enterprise (SIFE) Chapter is taking no prisoners this year. On Friday, April 7, 2000, the SIFE team, accompanied by advisor and Sam M. Walton Fellowship recipient **Dr. Jeffrey Akes**, will compete at the Valley Forge Hilton Hotel. If they win, they will deliver board-of-directors-type presentations at the international competition in Kansas City.

Over the past year, this extremely hard working and creative group committed itself to numerous outreach projects that demonstrated their understanding of free enterprise and their commitment to their communities. These projects, and their results, will be judged by regional business managers at the Valley Forge contest. In Kansas City, senior executives of such major corporations as Wal-Mart, Hubbermad, KPMG, and Radisson, will create the final round of judging.

In December, **Wilkesopoly**, SIFE's Wilkes-Barre version of the popular Parker Brothers board game, was completed and went on sale for \$25 in the campus bookstore. The game features 20 area businesses and eight Wilkes affiliate groups. Players build their businesses with

customers and clientele, and the player who avoids personal bankruptcy wins. To order, call (570) 408-4120.

In September, SIFE launched the inaugural **Wilkes University Entrepreneurial Experience** to teach high school students how to become entrepreneurs. The successful one-day event challenged the 150 students to create a company or product and devise a mini business plan for it. Judges participated in a "hiding war," using paper money to purchase the best company or product. The next program will be held on April 15.

In response to the national concern of the credit card spending habits of college students, SIFE held a **Personal Financial Workshop** at the start of the school year. They showed freshmen how to properly take financial responsibility and avoid exorbitant amounts of debt.

Each fall, SIFE holds **The Entrepreneur's Forum and Executive In Residence** programs, which bring guest lecturers and real world experience to the students and help give them perspectives that they might not get in the classroom.

Left to right: *Crystal Harris, from St. Johns, Pa., a senior Business Administration major and president of SIFE; Douglas Van Mollen, Hanover, N.J., a senior Business Administration major and vice president of SIFE; and Dr. Christopher S. D'Amico, Wilkes-Barre, president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business & Industry; Mercedes Leighton, Wilkes-Barre City Controller.*

On Campus



Front row, left to right: *Laura M. Lukash '99, Forys-Fort, Pa.; Jeremiah Richardson, Wilmington, Del.; and January Johnson '00, Huntington Valley, Pa.*

Back row, left to right: *Heather Webb '00, Lynchburg, Va.; James Kline, Sunbury, Pa.; Erin Loftus, Wilkes-Barre; Jim Popovich '00, Hirsch, N.J.; Karen Lambert, Wilkes-Barre; Paula Gentilman '00, Enola, Pa.*

Zebra Students Earn Their Stripes in the Professional Arena

The past year has been, to say the least, hectic for Zebra Communications. And now that the word is out, hectic seems like a luxury. Thanks to an overwhelming community need and the hard work of the 20-person staff, good news has traveled far for Wilkes's new student-run public relations agency. Even before its official opening on Friday, January 21, Zebra amassed almost a dozen clients.

The brain child of faculty executive director **Dr. Jane Elmes-Gritball**, Zebra provides public relations and marketing services to community small businesses and non-profit organizations. Each client works with a four-person Wilkes account team — an account manager, creative director, public relations manager and copy writer. Of the 19 student employees, **January Johnson '00**, from Huntington Valley, Pa., serves as office manager and as one of five student representatives of Zebra's Board of Directors. **Paula Gentilman '00**, from Enola, Pa., is chairperson of the Board and has served as senior writer in the University Relations Office for two years.

In keeping with their motto, "Student Run, Professionally Done," Zebra produces basic media coverage for clients' publicity and promotional needs; camera-ready brochures, fliers, posters and newsletters; web page critiques and (re)designing assistance; logo and business card design; scripts for radio and television public service announcements and ads; speech writing; and help with planning and organizing public relations campaigns and special events.

Zebra assistants are all advanced public relations students who earn academic credit while enrolled in a three-course sequence at Wilkes. Zebra is currently one of the only universities in the country to have a student-operated public relations agency that provides professional experience solely to undergraduate students and which services both on and off campus groups.

Voluntary donations to the Communications Scholarship Fund and/or Zebra's operating expense fund are suggested instead of paying fees for services rendered. For more information, visit the Zebra Communications website at [http://wilkes.edu/~zebra].



They Served Us Well

As if that's left of **Pickering Dining Commons**, **Pickering Hall** ("New Men's Dorm"), and **Church Hall** is our memories. The former landmarks were razed this past winter to allow the evolution of campus to continue along its steady course.

(1) Since its opening in September of 1966, the Pickering Dining Commons was arguably one of the biggest conversation pieces on campus because of its unique carousel shape. The Wilkes family now dines in the Cuscela Memorial Dining Room on the third floor of the Student Union.

(2) The demolition of the second half of the Pickering tandem team, the "New Men's Dorm," will add much-needed parking spaces for students and staff.

(3) In December, while the rest of the world said goodbye to the 20th century, Wilkes witnessed the departure of Church Hall. With the bookstore and mailroom now centralized in the Student Union (first and second floors, respectively), the Fenner Quadrangle is expanded.

Tailgating Policy Being Reviewed

The tailgating policy put into effect last fall is being reviewed. Currently, alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the Ralston Field complex. An exception to this policy was made for the Homecoming football game when the University put in place special guidelines for tailgating for returning alumni and those who are of legal drinking age. The continuation of this exception to the new policy is under review by a group of university administrators. The group is looking at the exception from a risk management perspective and whether it is advisable for the University to continue the exception.

At all other "home" football games, the University designates a portion of the Ralston Field parking lot for guests who would like to have a pre-game lunch without alcoholic beverages.

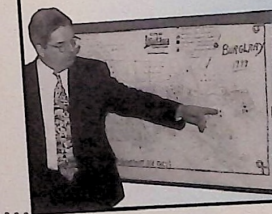
Questions regarding Ralston Field policy and guidelines should be referred to the Department of Athletics, the Office of Student Affairs, Security, or the Office of the Vice President for Alumni, Development and University Relations.

Student Safety is Priority One for Police Officer William Hardin

In February, Wilkes University and the city of Wilkes-Barre joined forces to execute a new "Cop on Campus" program, a proactive initiative for deterring crime and helping students feel safer. Wilkes-Barre police officer William Hardin took residence, rent-free, in a Wilkes campus apartment building on South River Street, in the neighborhood where 17 apartments are occupied by 65 Wilkes students.

A visible presence, Hardin and his police car have already made an impact. Students report that an alleyway where cars had previously and often received dings from late-night pedestrians, is now vandalism-free.

At the news conference recently held on campus, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom McGroarty commended Wilkes for its dedication and commitment to student safety. McGroarty also challenged other area schools to follow Wilkes's lead.



At the news conference announcing Wilkes University's "Cop on Campus" program, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom McGroarty illustrates the difference in criminal activity between neighborhoods where police officers reside and that don't reside.

Photographer and Artist Curtis Salonick's Gothic Surrealism Gets National Attention



Professional photographer Curtis Salonick is one of the most well-known faces on campus and for the past 14 years has attended practically every major event Wilkes has held. With his infectious, vivacious personality and his skillful photographic talents, he has captured the history of Wilkes one click of the camera at a time.

Aside from the "grin 'n grin" shots he takes for Wilkes, Salonick's first love is artistic photography in the form of Imagery he describes as "Gothic Surrealism." It is for this unique style that Salonick has recently been recognized by his peers.

Salonick and four of his artistic creations were featured in the Winter 1999 issue of *BCW (Black & White Magazine for Collectors of Fine Photography)*, and in the October issue of *Rainylander: The Magazine for Professional Photographers*.

Salonick's work has earned him numerous accolades, including Grand Prize at the Cooperstown Art Association's 63rd National Show, in New York; The Award of Excellence at The Floating Gallery International Art Expo at New York's Carnegie Hall; First Place at the Summer '99 Juried Exhibition for International Artist Management; Second Place at the Multi-Artist Show in Portland, Maine; and an Honorable Mention at the Sacred Mountain Juried Show in Jim Thorpe, Pa.

Examples of Salonick's work can be found at [www.salonick.com].

On Campus

Restoration of Kirby Hall Catches The Chamber's Eye, Earns Wilkes a Pride of Place Award

This spring, Kirby Hall, one of the most treasured buildings on campus, will receive The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's 2000 Pride of Place Award, in the Restoration/Renovation category.

A complete makeover of Kirby's interior finishes and installation of new electrical, mechanical and plumbing infrastructures was made possible through the generosity of the Kirby family.



Salon



Dining Room



Morning Room

\$2.3 Million in Federal Grants Fund Student-Driven Projects

Wilkes has secured three separate federal grants totalling \$2,304,943 to support projects that will provide immediate and long-term benefits to kindergarten through college-level students.

Over the next four years, 500 local high school students will receive academic assistance and guidance, financed by a \$1,278,968 grant the Wilkes TRIO Program, Upward Bound, received from the United States Department of Education.



The National Science Foundation awarded the Biology Department a four-year research grant of \$833,731 for support of the project "C-RUI: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to the Ecological and Evolutionary Interactions Between Food-Hoarding Animals and the Oaks."

A significant percentage of the funds will be allocated for undergraduate salaries, and a primary focus of the project is to prepare undergraduates at Wilkes for doctoral programs in the sciences.



The Education Department secured fifty percent, or \$96,122, of a Capacity Building Grant from the United States Department of Education. The other half was matched by Wilkes and its four Consortium Partners: Performance Learning Systems, Inc., Educational Technology Associates, The Bethlehem Area School District, and Northeastern Intermediate Unit #19.

The fund will help recruit and prepare technology-proficient future educators who will use modern learning strategies to prepare K-12 learners in low-income and predominately rural areas of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Left to right - Dr. Michael A. Stode, associate professor of Biology; Dr. William Terzaghi, assistant professor of Biology; Anne Pikel, coordinator, Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations; Anne Thomas, former director, Upward Bound Program; Dr. Barbara Reducci, director of Student Learning; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth



Upward Bound Director Anne A. Thomas Leaves Wilkes, Accepts Deanship



Anne A. Thomas '70, M '77, dedicated more than two decades to making Wilkes University's Upward Bound Program the national success it is today. The former director recently accepted a position as dean of academic studies at Bishop Hehan High School, in Wilkes-Barre.

Under Thomas's guidance, 95 percent of Upward Bound graduates enter post-secondary education, and 75 percent obtain a post-secondary degree. This is three times the national average for first generation, lower income students.

On behalf of the thousands of people's lives she touched and helped, we say goodbye and thank you to our friend, Anne.

Choper and Miller Rise and Shine at President's Breakfast Series



Dr. Jesse H. Choper '57, Earl Warren Professor of Public Law at the University of California, and Wilkes Trustee **Bill Miller '81**, Executive Vice President at FAO Schwarz, New York, set the standard for speakers, drawing capacity crowds at the first two lectures of the reinstated *President's Breakfast Series*.

In October, Choper presented his lecture, "The U.S. Supreme Court: Recent Past, Present, and Near Future," to a distinguished audience of fellow law colleagues and Wilkes administrators, faculty and students.

In time for the start of the 1999 holiday season, Miller imparted his insight into e-commerce and holiday shopping to the more than 100 eager listeners in attendance.

Each *President's Breakfast Series* event begins with a buffet from 8-8:15 a.m. The lecture runs from 8:20-9 a.m., and a 15-minute question and answer period follows. For more information, contact Lisa Pugh, special events coordinator, at (570) 408-4306.

Following his lecture at October's *President's Breakfast Series*, Dr. Jesse Choper '57 joined the political science class of Dr. Thomas J. Baldino, Chairperson, Division of Social Sciences and Communications, for an informal question-and-answer session.



(Left to right) Former FAO intern Michael Schreiber, a Wilkes English major from Dunmore, Pa., introduced speaker Bill Miller '81 at November's *President's Breakfast Series*. Introductory remarks were also provided by Paul Strunk, Vice President for Alumni, Development, and University Relations, and President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

Dr. and Mrs. Breiseth's Community Contributions Merit Award from Anti-Defamation League

Christopher and Jane Breiseth, in recognition of their impressive achievements and contributions to the community in promoting goodwill, cooperation and understanding among people of different backgrounds, are recipients of the Anti-Defamation League's 2000 *Distinguished Community Service Award*.

One would be hard-pressed to find a couple more deserving of the award, which recognizes those men and women who, by their inspired leadership, have enriched community life and strengthened the democratic underpinnings of our nation. Since moving to Pennsylvania and joining the Wilkes University family in 1984, the Breiseths have opened their hearts and committed their time unselfishly to the people of the Wyoming Valley.



Presenting the Class of 2000 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees



Conte Cops MAC Wrestling Title, Finishes Fourth in NCAA Championship

Junior John Conte earned a berth in the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships by winning the Middle Atlantic Conference title at 133 pounds at the annual MAC Championships in Scranton. Conte finished 4th at the NCAA Tournament at Ohio Northern University. His 4th place finish also earned him an All-American berth. He finished with a 4-2 record including a win over defending NCAA Champion John Marchette from Augsburg College.

The Colonels, who returned to the Division III ranks this season after spending the previous 25 years wrestling at the Division I level, fashioned a 16-9 overall record this year. The Colonels, who ended the season ranked 25th in Division III, finished sixth at the MAC Championships thanks in large part to the performance of Conte.

Senior Duane Ritter finished third in his 157 weight class at the MAC Tournament and finished his final season with the Colonels with a record of 25-3.

Colonels See String Of Freedom League Titles End

The men's basketball team entered the 1999-2000 season with a great deal of expectation. After all, the Colonels returned three starters, including All-American guard Dave Jannuzzi, from a team that fashioned a 25-4 record, won their second consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference title, their fifth straight Freedom League crown, and advanced to the NCAA Division III Sweet Sixteen last year.

But, sometimes things don't always work out the way you plan. Jannuzzi, the team's top point producer and playmaker, went down with a season-ending foot injury just four games into the season.

Then John Boylan, who assumed the starting point guard role following Jannuzzi's injury, was forced to miss seven games due to a knee injury.

Despite the injuries, the Colonels still managed to battle their way to a 16-9 overall record and a berth in the MAC playoffs. Their season came to a halt in the opening round of playoff action when they dropped a 98-79 decision to Albright College.

Chad Fabian

Senior guard Chad Fabian helped Wilkes contend, until the final week, for the Freedom League title. He averaged 20.7 points, 3.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game in his final season. Fabian also cashed in an MAC-leading 87 three-point field goals this season.

Lady Colonels End Emotional Season with Win Over Drew

Katie Watkins

The women's basketball team endured an emotional ride this season as they finished with an overall record of 11-13 and a Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League mark of 3-11. The Lady Colonels not only battled a difficult log of opponents, but also the news that their head coach, Karen Haag, was diagnosed with breast cancer in early December.

Despite the news, the Lady Colonels and coach Haag continued on. Haag missed only three games despite undergoing surgery and chemotherapy. The team, meanwhile, finished the season by winning five of their final seven games, including a 59-41 victory over Franklin League foe Drew University in their season finale on February 19.

The senior tandem of forward Katie Watkins and center Allison Piskalski keyed the team's late season surge. Watkins, a second team All-Freedom League selection as a junior, averaged 16.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game to lead Wilkes in both categories. Piskalski, who had a team-leading 51.5 field goal percentage, contributed 10.1 points and 7.3 rebounds per contest.



Wilkes University President **Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth** is pleased to announce the eighth class to be inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

Ted Travis-Bey '65 was a four-year starter for the football team in the early '60s. During his four seasons he rushed for nearly 400 yards, passed for close to 200, and caught 26 passes for 423 yards. Travis-Bey also reached the end zone 12 times during his Wilkes career.

Chip Eaton '74 was a starter during each of his four seasons as a member of the soccer team. The Colonels top goalkeeper, Eaton was named a Middle Atlantic Conference first team All-Star in both 1970 and 1971. Eaton posted 15 wins by shutout during his career, while allowing an average of just 1.70 goals per game.

Mark Poppo '83 was a four-year member of the wrestling team, and a captain of the 1983 squad. Poppo finished his career with an overall record of 70 wins, 15 losses and two ties, and a dual match mark of 53 wins, 13 losses and two ties. Poppo won the 1983 EIWA championship at 150 pounds, after finishing third in the EIWA Tournament as a junior.

Stephanie Pufko '73 was a three-sport athlete during her days at Wilkes. She was a four-year letterwinner in field hockey, a three-year letterwinner in basketball, and a three-year letterwinner in tennis. On the tennis court, Pufko was a pioneer for the Wilkes women, playing on the first women's tennis team in 1972.

Jerry Ann Smith '80 ranks as one of the most prolific field hockey scorers in Wilkes history. During her four seasons as a starter for the Lady Colonels, Smith amassed 24 goals and 31 assists. She still ranks eighth on the all-time goal scoring list and second on the career assists ledger. Smith became the first player in school history to earn a berth on the Susquehanna Field Hockey Association All-Tournament first team.

Ken Suchoski '78 was one of the greatest sluggers to ever play for the baseball team. A career .347 hitter, Suchoski ripped 21 doubles, four triples and 19 home runs during his three seasons with the Colonels, while also driving in 90 runs.

Dr. Anthony Turchetti was an invaluable member of the Wilkes staff from 1963 to 1975 when he served as the team doctor for all Colonel athletic teams. He handled all of the physicals for each sport, administered flu shots to the athletes and oversaw the treatment of injuries.

Brinley Varchol '68 was a hard-hitting line-backer for the football team during the mid-60s. In 1966, he intercepted five passes, returning two for touchdowns, to earn a berth on the ECAC All-Star team. Varchol was named a Middle Atlantic Conference first team and Associated Press first team All-State selection in 1967, after playing a major role in the Colonels march to a second straight 8-0 season. Varchol, who also wrestled at Wilkes, was a member on the 1966 wrestling team that won the NCAA championship.

Jim Ward '58 enters the Hall of Fame after enjoying three seasons as a member of the wrestling team. Wrestling at 137 pounds, Ward helped Wilkes post a record of nine wins, no losses and one tie during the 1955-56 season. A year later, he played a key role as Wilkes fashioned a record of 10 wins and just one loss, while also capturing the Middle Atlantic conference team title. The following season, Ward won the 137 pound crown at the MAC Championships.

The 1966 Football Team will go down in history as one of the best Colonels squads to ever take the gridiron. Not only did the team capture the Middle Atlantic Conference title after posting a perfect 8-0 record, but they were also awarded the Lambert Bowl as the nation's best Small College Football Team.

Second team Associated Press All-State honoree **Bruce Comstock**, an offensive lineman, paved the way up front for the offense. Halfback **Paul Purta**, who was the MAC Northern Division Most Valuable Player and a first team All-State honoree, led a Colonels rushing attack which still holds the school record for most rushing yards in a season with 2,242. Linebacker **Al Yatko**, a first team All-State and All-MAC selection, and **Bill Layden**, who earned second team All-State honors and a berth on the MAC All-Star team, anchored the defense. The Colonels, who also featured All-MAC defensive tackle **Dennis Spence**, All MAC safety **Joe Wiendt**, and All-ECAC linebacker **Brinley Varchol**, set a school record that still stands today by allowing only 622 passing yards during the entire season.

The Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 15, in the Arnold C. Maris Sports and Conference Center, South Franklin Street. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 in the Hall of Fame Room. Dinner will follow, in the Henry Gymnasium.

Colonels of Excellence articles written by John Seitzinger, Sports Editor

Learning the Lingo:

Freshmen Year = Traditional Freshmen Year
 Pre-Pharm = Traditional Sophomore Year
 P-1 = Traditional Junior Year
 P-2 = Traditional Senior Year
 P-3 = First Professional Year
 P-4 = Second Professional Year

The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy: A Prescription for Success

By Ben Bronstein

Photography by Christian Abramam

"Ten or 12 years ago the trustees, administration and faculty made an over-arching commitment for Wilkes to become a full-fledged university. The keystone of that arch will be put in place when these students walk off the stage with the privilege to be addressed as Dr."

—Dr. Arthur H. Kibbe



Dr. Bernard Graham, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, and President Breisch presented Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt Orr and Husband William with their official Pharmacist white lab coats at the news conference announcing her \$3 million gift to Wilkes.

With the dawning of the new millennium, a sage prognosticator said that while the world of computers is getting most of the hype as the wave of the future, it will be the world of medicine that will really be the story of the 21st century. Appropriately, as the new millennium dawns, Wilkes will be awarding the first doctoral degrees in its history next month, and they will be in a medical field.

Sixty-two graduates will receive their Pharm.D. degrees from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, capping a remarkable decade of foresight, planning and action and results.

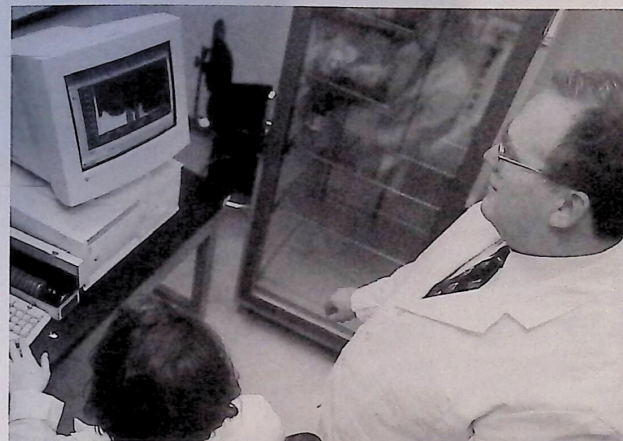
"Ten or 12 years ago," points out Dr. Arthur H. Kibbe, professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences, "the trustees, administration and faculty made an over-arching commitment for Wilkes to become a full-fledged university. The keystone of that arch will be put in place when these students walk off the stage with the privilege to be addressed as Dr."

Let's travel back six years to 1994. What was it about the School of Pharmacy that drew this inaugural class, and its successors to Wilkes?

Soon-to-be-Dr. Jay Williams said Wilkes was "an ideal situation. I knew I wanted the health field. I'm from Wilkes-Barre and wanted to be able to play varsity basketball in front of my parents and wanted quality playing time as a freshman." He came to Wilkes as a biology major, just as the pharmacy school was starting. "I talked to Dr. Kibbe, switched majors and haven't looked back since."

Imminent-Dr. Jennifer Mufford took a more circuitous route. After two years at Penn State in architectural engineering and finding out that was not what she thought it would be, her academic counselor advised her to take a year off and think about what she wanted. "I always excelled in science and researched different professions while I spent a year working. A good friend who is a pharmacist that I worked with got me excited about the field and pointed out that Wilkes was starting a program." She also talked with other pharmacist friends about their schools and found they liked the differences planned at Wilkes. "With a sister going away to college that year, I was able to enter a quality program and live at home to cut expenses."

"For the first time, small-town and rural Pennsylvanians can get a pharmacy degree without going to school in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, and many northeastern Pennsylvanians can do so living at home to offset the cost of tuition and housing in the big cities," said founding dean, Dr. Bernard W. Graham.



Dean Graham and Sarah Beck (P-2) view data points on the school's state-of-the-art technology.

"P-1" Lisa Chametski entered Wilkes for a number of reasons, including the fact that "new program offered lots of innovations and is close to home (Wilkes Barre)." She chose pharmacy "because I was always good at science and with a pharmacy degree, I knew I would have a job." Jay confirms she was right. "The degree and the dollars are a great combination. Employers are knocking at the door. Many of us have had five or six job offers."

But, not everybody comes because it's that close to home. P-3 Richard Seipp knew where he was headed since high school. "I worked in a retail pharmacy as a 'tech' and saw that it was a great mix of math, science and computers." The New Jersey native was accepted at schools in several states but after touring Wilkes knew it was the right place — "The small-school atmosphere and welcoming feeling. People said hello when I walked by. I like everyone here. You're not a number. Professors' doors are always open."

P-3 Martha Marchand's life experience and the school's program were her chief motivating forces. "With my parents aging, I saw a need and wanted a bigger challenge with more purpose." This "non-traditional student," married mother of two, had been attending several colleges while working 16 years for US Air as a customer service representa-

tive. "I felt I could do it academically and could still use my people skills. Martha left Nebraska with her husband and two children for the mountaintop (Mountaintop PA, where they now live) because she liked what she read about the program.

P-2 Janice Worobey, who already has a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Scranton, worked for a pharmacy during her college days. "As a technician checking 'meds' for residents in nursing homes for The Apothecary, I became more patient-oriented and found I would enjoy that more than getting a graduate degree in chemistry," she said. She numbered off in very deliberate fashion a list of three reasons for choosing Wilkes: "One, it was great to have a good school so close; two, as a small school, the interaction with teachers and students is great; and, three, the teamwork learning model is more like the real world."

P-2 Leonardo Zoppa already had a B.S. in chemistry when he decided that pharmacy was the career for him because he was "always interested in how to make things better." He learned about Wilkes through a flier and "chose to come here because I was not interested in pharmacy schools steeped in tradition." True to his wanting to make things better, he "liked being part of helping to mold things at Wilkes for the future."

The overwhelming success of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy is directly attributed to the strong emphasis of faculty/student interaction.

"The profs are really geared to helping you. I think they're great," says Jennifer.

Dean Graham describes the faculty as "bright, young and energetic, and I am pleased with how they worked together to map out the innovative curriculum. They are also doing a good job using technology, starting in the first year, including the web."

Dr. Harvey A. Jacobs, associate dean and associate professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, praised the faculty as "dedicated to implementing innovative ideas into the curriculum. They came here to develop a program for the future. They brought no baggage that the old way was the way to do it."



Dr. Anne W. Lin shows (left to right) Robert Panzick (P-1) and Kevin Topa (P-1) how to gather information to help patients.

"That's what I liked best." Jennifer says about the professors and being in the inaugural class. "They were really open to ideas on tailoring courses, making presentations. They actually listened to what we thought." Leonardo concurred. "They always listen to our ideas and are willing to have us help shape things."

David likes the way they integrate the courses. "When you study for one, you're studying for another at the same time." Lisa says "our faculty are wonderful and very educated. They care a lot about the students and are excited about the program."

From day one, pharmacy students are taught the importance of team building and communications

Dr. Anne W. Lin, professor and chair of pharmacy practice, came to Wilkes because "of the good fortune to start a new school and put in place things



Dr. Arthur H. Kibbe, professor and chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences, demonstrates the value of attending a small school like Wilkes. The size of each Pharmacy class is limited to 65 to provide meaningful faculty/student interaction. He is shown here with Sarah Shotta (P-1).



All Pharmacy: Students enter a formal four-year program in team building and team leadership.

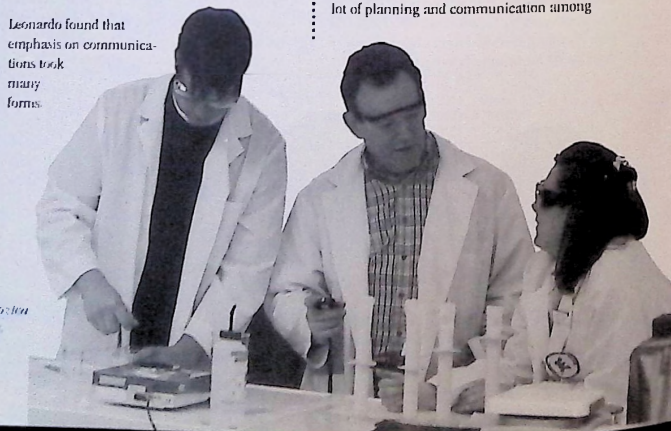
other school's can't. The opportunity to use different types of teaching methods to break out of the traditional mold."

These included team-building/leadership and communication, she said. "Schools always talk about it to their students but never teach it," she commented. She and two professors from the Communications Department developed a program that "helps students learn who they are, what makes teams effective and how to maintain teams." She explained that students are put in a base team of 11 for the four professional years. They learn how to gain team identity, find their and their mates' strengths and weaknesses, to evaluate team effectiveness, and guide each other by learning how to do peer review.

"If you can't communicate, you can't have an impact" is how Dr. Kibbe sums up the value of this focus, "whether it's working with other health professions or getting patients to be compliant. It's the way everything is done."

As his graduation approaches, Jay sees how the team-building process really worked in practice. "We did projects together, studied together, presented to faculty together, even sat in a circle with our profs, got ideas on how to listen to a patient and saw it was in the patient's best interest. This idea is new to the entire field, and working in a hospital my last semester I could feel it when I worked with teams of nurses. Learning it at Wilkes, I was used to it and just clipped right in. It was foreign to interns from other schools."

Dr. Harvey A. Jacobs, associate professor of Pharmaceutical Science, (center) answers questions from Thomas Buschek (P-1) and Jorica Seltman (P-1) while in lab making suspension.



Leonardo found that emphasis on communications took many forms.

Jennifer found the team presentations on problem solving "a good way to improve both listening and speaking skills and to learn how different people focus on and correct things. It worked well because you had 10 other people to bounce things off of." Janice saw the team approach as a real change from the normal teaching process. "At first I wanted to do everything on my own. But then you see how different cultures think differently and learn to deal with different opinions."

Lisa described the team building "as going great. We work very well together." In fact, it is her "favorite part. My classmates are wonderful. We help each other and have mutual respect for each other because we worked so hard to get here."

Though used to playing before crowds of basketball fans, Jay was "apprehensive about getting up in front of people. Getting to practice it here with fellow students in presentations made it so much easier. It really prepared me well to work in the hospital. You could see the difference with students from other schools."

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"Interaction began with other students as soon as I walked in the door. You could see barriers to communications break down. The formal communication training taught us how to deal with individual patient situations in certain ways and to avoid biases."

For Jennifer, the role playing situation offered the opportunity to learn how to "deal with a situation much better than just reading about it, especially helpful for patient counseling."

Janice cited reviewing tapes of interactions with patients and "pretend" patients as a "great opportunity to see yourself and where you can improve. It works well for preparing us for the future."

The integration of science and the practice of pharmacy in class is just one example of what sets the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy apart from the rest.

Traditional teaching of the health professions has required that students first learn the basic sciences, then tend to put those in the past and take the clinical (patient care, practice) courses. "At Wilkes, we have changed that," says Dr. Kibbe, "by integrating the teaching of pharmacology, medical chemistry and therapeutics together. The basic sciences should not be looked at as hurdles to overcome, then forgotten on the road to being a pharmacist." Instead, he said, "students should look at it like they are collecting golden apples along the path to practice that they can't afford to forget."

To do that, classes are taught by working on a theme and seeing connections between basic science, diseases and their treatment with medication. "It's tough to try to remember the basic sciences if you can't see the connection to practice." He also pointed out that this emphasizes the importance of life-long learning, "learning how to learn" of new basic science information.

Dr. Lin described the integrative teaching as being done in two-year sequences. Often three teachers are in the class at the same time. "This makes it time-consuming but effective because it requires a lot of planning and communication among

faculty." But she pointed out, it helps the faculty and students at the same time because they now know what each other needs and provides more discussion and cohesiveness.

Team work is emphasized again this way. For instance, Jay said, in the pharmacotherapeutics course on heart medicines, a physiologist presented on basic physiology, a cardiologist taught the physiology of the heart, and a pharmacologist taught how drugs work on the heart.

Perhaps the most striking, truly unique integration of subject matter into the curriculum is the emphasis on professional ethics. Dean Graham said "professionalism is taught from 'the get-go.' When they start the four-year professional part of the program, we hold a 'white coat ceremony' where they take the pharmacist's oath. They are now part of a profession and this is the first step toward professionalism and life-long learning." In short, he said, they quickly realize "they are not pharmacy students, but students of pharmacy."

The role of the pharmacist in the 21st century is more than counting pills and filling prescriptions. Through community involvement, our Doctors of Pharmacy become counselors, long-term care givers and members of patients' extended families.

Students put the skills they've learned into play in the real world quicker than at most schools. In the second professional year, P-4, Dr. Lin explained, students are sent into community and hospital settings for two six-week assignments, "tied to what they have learned or will learn. It broadens their understanding of the dramatic changes in health care. They look at things like mission statements, work flow and where the potential for mistakes occur in systems and start working with patients."



Housed in approximately 22,000 square feet of newly renovated space in the Stark Learning Center, the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy provides new facilities conducive to advanced learning.



Jennifer worked in a retail pharmacy and found that the local stores "are pleased that the school was started and are happy to provide internships." She carried out the pharmacy tech role. "It was very satisfying to consult with patients on diseases and drug interactions."

In the third year (P-4), they delve deeper into what Dr. Lin calls "service learning" with a longitudinal care program, working with the Visiting Nurses Association, Healthspan of Mercy (with indigent patients) and the Wyoming County Office of Aging. "Each student is linked to a patient for a year. They apply what they are taught in class. More importantly, they learn about the "professional process," to understand what it takes to develop a professional relationship with a patient, including understanding why patients don't take their medicines and how to overcome that." They learn and provide a service at the same time, she said.

Jay told of how his assignment with a patient in this program led, after his consulting with faculty, to his contacting her doctor's office about his observations. "The nurse went to the doctor, and based on this intervention, she set up an appointment for her and diagnosed a problem she hadn't told them about."

"Challenging, hands-on, not as 'sterile' as in retail pharmacy," is how Martha described her longitudinal-care year. "We spend three hours a week with our patient. We visit them at home, see if they are taking their 'meds' and in the right dosage. Obtaining compliance is a challenge."

With all these challenges overcome, all this learning reaching its summit, and all these dreams about to be fulfilled, how do our first doctors feel? Let's ask Jay:

"It's amazing to look back and see what has transpired. It's been a very rewarding choice, everything I was looking for. I was very fortunate to be in the first class. I'd do anything for the school!"



Interdisciplinary Learning is crucial to helping Wilkes Pharmacy Students find the answers to today's health care questions. (Francesca Roberts pictured above).

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-Dr. Anne Lin

Calendar of Events

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

April 15
5:30 p.m.

Marts Center,
Hall of Fame Room

Spring Commencement

May 20
11:15 a.m.

Fenner Quadrangle

Reunion Weekend

June 2-4

Young Alumni Beach Bash

July 8

Bar Anticipation,
Belmar, N.J.

BUJC Alumnae Luncheon

July 19
11:30 a.m.

Homecoming Weekend

October 6-7

Catherine D. DeAngelis, M.D. '65 Begins New Century with New Challenge

Wilkes congratulates former Trustee and Scranton, Pa. native **Dr. Catherine D. DeAngelis '65** on her appointment as the 15th editor of the prestigious *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*. She is the first woman and first pediatrician in the 116-year history of the publication. As chief editor of the *American Medical Association's (AMA) Division of Scientific Information and Multimedia*, DeAngelis oversees 11 scientific journals.

DeAngelis stepped down as Vice Dean at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and as editor of the *AMA's Journal, Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, to take over her new post in January.

After completing the Registered Nurse program at the Scranton State General Hospital School of Nursing, DeAngelis earned a bachelor of arts degree in Nursing from Wilkes. She also holds a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a master's of Public Health degree from Harvard Graduate School of Public Health, where she received a National Institute of Health Fellowship.

DeAngelis addresses the graduation audience after President Breiseth conferred the degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, upon her in 1994.



Wilkes Trustee Beverly Hiscox '58 presents DeAngelis with the 1986 Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award.



Alumni's New Director is an Old Friend

Jennie Bullock has had quite a year. After three years as Assistant Director for Alumni Relations, she was promoted to Director last fall. After taking over the reins from Sandy Nicholas M'85, she got a new assistant. And, after getting married in December, she's got a new last name.

Jennie Powell's experience and Sherry Wright's energy are the perfect combination for taking the Alumni Association into the 21st century.

As Assistant Director, Jennie established a young alumni program for recent graduates, implemented a mentoring program with the alumni board for students and alumni, assisted in estab-

Newly appointed Assistant Director for Alumni Relations, Sherry Wright (left), and Director Jennie Powell (right).



We're Throwing a BEACH BASH and You're Invited

The young and young at heart are invited to attend the Young Alumni Beach Bash on July 8 at Bar Anticipation in Belmar, New Jersey.

King's College, College Misericordia, Lehigh University and Lafayette University will join us at the shore. Help make the Colonels look good as we challenge them to a spirited beach volleyball game.

lishing an alumni chapter program that includes seven organized and active chapters, created and maintained alumni web pages, and initiated efforts with Harris B. Publishing to set up the on-line alumni community.

Sherry comes to Wilkes after serving as Director of the Volunteers of America's Caring Alternatives Program Resource Center for Women and their Families. Prior to that, she worked as a Guardianship Caseworker for the Family Service Association's Guardianship Program. She graduated summa cum laude from King's College, earning a bachelor of science degree in Gerontology in 1995. She was also named the school's 1996 Outstanding Adult Learner, and received The Thomas Visgilia, Jr., M.D./Victor E. Genovese Memorial Award for Achievement in Studies on Aging.

Alumni in Florida and Georgia Show President Breiseth Some Southern Hospitality

President Breiseth and Paul Strunk, Vice President for Alumni, Development, and University Relations, received a warm welcome from alumni on their annual trip to visit alumni down south.



A good time was had by all at the Collier Athletic Club in Naples, Florida.



Alumni in the Altamonte Springs area in Florida attended a dinner at the Embassy Suites Orlando North hotel.



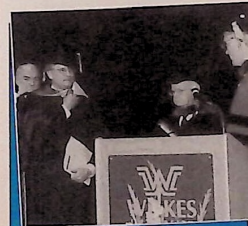
Mrs. Breiseth joined her husband and Paul for a gathering at the Olde Towne Athletic Club in Atlanta.

Alumni Association Cooks Up Fund-Raising Idea

The Alumni Association is collecting recipes from alumni for a Wilkes Alumni Cookbook. When finished, it will be available for purchase, with all proceeds to support the association. Andrea Petrasek '69 is the chair of the Cookbook Committee. Suzanne Keller '78, Tracy Goryeb Zurula '90, Thea Escargot '70, and Rosa Khalife McCracken '79 are also committee members.

If you would like to submit your favorite recipes, send them to The Alumni Office, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766 or email to [alumni@colonel.ec.wilkes.edu].

Winter Commencement 2000 Honors January and August Grads



President Christopher Breiseth conferred 72 bachelor's, 72 master's and three honorary degrees upon the January graduates during Winter Commencement in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Also participating in the combined ceremony were the summer graduates, who received their diplomas through the mail in August.

Receiving the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, were Wilkes alumnus Dr. Daniel Klem, Jr. '68, Biology professor at Muhlenberg College (pictured above); Senator Charles Lemmond, of Dallas, Pa.; and Senator Raphael J. Musto, of Pittston, Pa.

Four years after joining the faculty of Muhlenberg College, Klem received the *Lindback Award for Teaching Excellence*. His teaching has and continues to be guided by a passion to enrich by informing, stimulating curiosity and creativity, and instilling environmental responsibility in those he teaches.

Klem's current research consists of field biology, specifically ornithology, the study of birds, ethology, the biological study of behavior, and biometrics. It examines the harm human beings unwittingly pose to birds, and specifically to the lethal hazard of plate glass. His commitment to this study stems from the importance for avian conservation and biodiversity.

Keynote speaker for Commencement was English Professor, Dr. Patricia B. Heaman. One of the most respected and beloved teachers on campus, she was chosen by her peers to receive the 1998-1999 Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award.

CHAPTER Chat



Welcome our newest member — the **Lackawanna County Alumni Chapter**. Chapter president is Jim Burke '90. Amy Sosik '98 is co-vic president with Anne-Marie Howells. Eric Chase is treasurer and Denise Kowalski is secretary.

Their first event was a post-game party at Farley's Restaurant, which followed the Wilkes vs. University of Scranton men's basketball game. Wilkes came out on top 67-62.

The **Luzerne County Chapter** has adopted a piece of road in the Crestwood Industrial Park in Mountaintop for Pennsylvania's Adopt-A-Highway Program. Coordinated by Darren Hack '93, alumni gathered on November 13 to pick up trash along the roadway. Afterward, lunch was held at the Munson Fieldhouse prior to the Wilkes vs. King's College football game.

On December 1, alumni took in the holiday season in a festively decorated Alumni House for a Wine & Cheese Tasting, followed by the Wilkes student Jazz Concert in the Darte Center.

Finishing out 1999 was a trip to the new W-B/Scranton Penguins Ice Hockey game. Tickets sold out quickly as over 150 alumni and friends took in the game. Afterward, Damon's Restaurant, in Avoca, hosted the crowd for appetizers and drink specials.

The **Philadelphia Chapter** met on December 1 at the Valley Forge Radisson Hotel to make plans for 2000.

Future plans will include a Happy Hour/Business Card Exchange, a Wine & Cheese Tasting, and a gathering at The Tree House at the Philadelphia Zoo.



First row - Jennie Powell, Alumni Director; Barbara Jackson; David Yankis '78, Chapter President; Jack Wilcox '58; Carl Kowalski '58; Eugene Chikowski '84. Second row - Ruth McKeown '82; Keri Verma '96; Ted Drivas '69; '65 Patricia Kirk '96; Priscilla Petraszek '68; Dr. Charles Kowalski '51. Third row - Joseph Barbera '92; Tom Jasarevic '81; Harry Walker '62; Tara Wilson '98; Al Lee Miller '74; Sara Ryan '96.



The **New York City Chapter** alumni set sail on September 17 aboard the Circle Line Cruise for a ride around Manhattan. Despite Hurricane Floyd that shut the city down the day before, our crew of alumni were brave and had a great time.

The **Harrisburg Chapter** is planning an Allenberry Theater Event for May 26.

A **Washington, D.C. Chapter** meeting is scheduled for April 17.

There's No Place Like Homecoming!



1 Bill Goldsworthy '76 Alumni Association President (far left), from Athens, Pa., and Paul O'Hop, Vice President, Business Affairs & Auxiliary Enterprises (far right) pose with the winning alumni trio of Wally Pilger '96 from Dallas, Pa., Mark Davies '97 from Kingston, Pa., and Bill Pastewat '97 from Clifton, N.J. They captured first place in the 1st flight at the Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament.

2 Goldsworthy and O'Hop pose with first place winners in the 2nd flight: (from left to right after O'Hop) Sean Malloy, from Harleysville, Pa., Pat Malloy '70 from Harleysville, and Dan Malloy '69 from Newton, N.J.

3 First place winners in the 3rd flight were Joe Mangano (second from left), from Wilkes-Barre, Mike Malkemes (third from left), from Mountaintop, Ken Hanzlid (third from left), from Luzerne, and Donald Smith (second from right) from Wilkes-Barre. Goldsworthy (far left) and O'Hop (far right) congratulated the winners.

Recent graduates and former Pickering Hall residents Mike Rosh '99, from Athens, Pa., and Christopher Thompson '99, from Dover, N.J., take a last look down on "the pit" during the Farewell to Pickering Party.



Congratulations!

to 1999 Homecoming Queen Abby Sherburne, of Towanda, Pa., and King Jarrad Max, of Allentown, Pa.

Members of the 1949 football team used Homecoming to celebrate their 50th reunion as a team. A banner listing all those who played on the team under Coach George Ralston was made by Dr. Gayle Jones '56.



(Left to right) George McMahon '51, Al Niebelus '55, Ron Fitzgerald '55, Frank Radwanski, George Ralston, and Bob Hall '51 pose with their banner at the Fifth Quarter celebration at Murray's Inn.

New Parents: Get Your Free Wilkes Baby Bib!

Contact the Alumni Association to receive your FREE Wilkes baby bib. It's our way of saying thank you for all your support and for keeping us apprised of your personal and professional achievements. The bibs are white with blue design and logo. Get your little Colonel a bib today!

Class Notes

BACHELOR'S

1937

Marjorie (Honeywell) Cummins was honored at an Open House at the home of her son and his wife, Scott and Nancy Dienerick, and their daughters Jennifer and Julie, in Kingston, Pa. Marjorie resides in Mason, Michigan.

1943-44

John A. Horner, aviation cadet, is vice president of the 6th C.T.D. U.S.A.A.C., known as the "Flyboys." John is also a retired educator currently living in Forked River, N.J.

1949

Eleanor (Kruze) Hickman is working for the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, as a recruiting assistant. She lives in Morristown, Ariz.

Clayton J. Karambelas was appointed to the Luzerne County Business Development Board of LA Bank, N.A. He also chairs the planning commission of the Municipality of Kingston, where he resides with wife Tereasa.

REUNION YEAR

1950

David L. Capin was elected to the Chairman's Council of Prudential Securities. David resides in Kingston.

1953

David B. Whitey founded The Pealing Chord, a non-profit resource of religious music, religious dance, and religious metrical or rhymed poetry for composers, composers/arrangers, authors, adapters/translators, national and local planners, clergy-training professors, and indexers.

1957

Bettijane (Long) Eisenpreis had her second book, "Coping with Scoliosis," published and her first book, "Coping: A Young Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer Prevention," is in its second edition, revised with new material.

Leslie P. Weiner, M.D., is on sabbatical at Cal Tech, learning how to store DNA on microchips. He is also chairman of neurology at USC Medical School and organizer of new neurogenetics Institute.

1959

Marion J. (Christopher) Balish now resides in North Carleton, S.C.

Mary Louise (Spinelli) Casella is a retired teacher with the Chenango Forks School District, Binghamton, N.Y. She resides in Endwell, N.Y.

Steve J. Lovett received the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award. It is the highest honor bestowed on an individual by the Council in recognition of outstanding service in the field of safety. Steve resides in Earlysville, Va.

Ed McCafferty was named a Fellow of the Electrochemical Society. He resides in Alexandria, Va.



(Left to right) President Breiseth, Dr. Robert C. Riley '48, Joseph H. Kanner '49, and Alumni Association President Bill Goldsworthy '76

1962

Robert L. Evans, Sr., and his brother, Richard '72, started Cash Flow Partners, providing check payment by phone, email and fax for businesses. He resides in Wilkes-Barre.

1967

Wayne F. Yetter, chief operating officer at IMS HEALTH, was appointed to the Board of Directors for the biopharmaceutical company, Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc.

1968

Dr. Raphael J. Bonita joined the Board of Directors of KeIRO, a health care information company. Raphael specializes in internal medicine and practices at the Wyoming Valley Health Care System and the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine.

William T. Merriman received the 1998 Presidential Distinguished Executive Rank Award, the highest award given in the Federal Civil Service. It is presented to members of the Senior Executive Service for outstanding government service. He resides in Springfield, Va., with his wife and two sons.

1970

Dr. Mary Agnes Kaiser is a member of the Executive Committee of the Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley and is secretary of the Governing Board of the Eastern Analytical Symposium, Inc. Mary resides in Newark, Del.

1971

Andrew Sinnott was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, Pa. Reverend Sinnott completed his preparatory studies for the priesthood at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass., where he received a master's of divinity degree.

1972

Catherine Chaudier-Oliveira announces the birth of twin granddaughters, Maritka and Shaela.

Dave Roberts was promoted to an infectious disease specialist with Aventis Pharma North America at the Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University Hospitals of Cleveland. He resides in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Charles Weizel is a certified financial planner and manages two offices for Gilman and Clovia Tax and Financial Planning, in BelAir and Baltimore, Md.

1973

Nancy Dene Adler is the senior litigation paralegal for the Law Offices of J. Donaldson. She resides in Louisville, Colo.

Kim MacCloskey opened The Law Office of Kim MacCloskey, in Rockford, Ill. She handles plaintiffs personal injury and worker's compensation cases. Kim invites her classmates to contact her at KimMacLaw@aol.com, or www.litoinjuryattorney.com

1974

Ellen (Feuerman) Cohen achieved national board certification as an early adolescence/science educator. She resides in Boca Raton, Flor.

Richard Masi, a data processing and keyboarding teacher in the Cinnaminson Township Schools in N.J., was picked to appear in a statewide Pride in Public Education TV ad for New Jersey public schools. Rick resides in Delran, N.J.

1975

Nancy S. (Schultz) Kersteter M'77 is an equipment builder advisor for ExxonMobil and resides in Bristol, Va.

Fran (Genello) Langan, Ed.D., was promoted to chair of the division of social behavior sciences at Keystone College.

1976

Doreene (Psikus) Gonick is a music teacher with Hingham Middle School, in Hingham, Mass., and she received an M.A.T. degree in Creative Arts from Bridgewater State. Doreene resides in Sloughton, Mass., with husband Marc and son Joshua.

Leonard J. Shatkus, Jr. was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, in Towanda, Pa. He resides in Macedonia, Pa., with wife Gail.

William B. Urosevich, D.O., associate professor of biology at Pennsylvania College of Technology, in Williamsport, Pa., has been named the United States Army Reserve Optometry Consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army.

1977

Lisa Waznik Andrejko earned a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Lehigh University, where she is an adjunct professor of Education. Lisa is also an adjunct professor of instructional technology at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales, and she published an article in the "Journal of Staff Development," The Case for Teacher Portfolios.

1978

Michael A. Heller was elected president of Habitat for Humanity of the Marshall, Texas Area and chairman of the Board of Directors.

Joseph L. McDonough, a financial adviser for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, qualified for a National Sales Directors Award. He resides in Kingston, Pa.

Peggy (Schutz) Mullin was appointed art teacher at West Side Area Vocational Technical School in Pringle, Pa. She was also named the Times Leader newspaper's Artist of the Week, after being nominated by one of her former students. She resides in Wilkes-Barre with husband Neil '78 and daughters Amanda and Emily.

Alumni Close-Up

Dr. David A. Ralston '69 Accepts Chair at U of Oklahoma



With his recent appointment as the Michael F. Price Chair of International Business at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. David A. Ralston '69 carries on his family's legacy of devotion to higher education. A resident of Tolland, Connecticut, David is the son of Wilkes's beloved Dr. and Mrs. George Ralston, of Wilkes-Barre.

Considered one of the world's leading scholars in global economics, David's work has taken him around the world. In China, Hong Kong, Russia and Vietnam, he conducted management development and corporate enhancement programs. While working in the University of Connecticut's Department of Management, David taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong for two years. And, he was a visiting professor of international business at the University of Auckland and the Colin McWilliam Professor for Collegiate Renewal at Eastern New Mexico University.

Outside of class, David donates his time to serving on the editorial boards of the *Journal of International Business Studies* and the *Journal of World Business*. He is also an international grant reviewer for the United States Department of Education.

WOE IS ME!

Dr. Anthony L. Liuzzo



If I choose to go to a party, it turns out to be a boring experience; if I pass it up, it turns out to be the blast of the century.

The fact that I am paranoid does not mean that everyone is not against me. I assure you that there is a conspiracy of man, woman, animal, insect, vegetable, mineral, and machine. I respectfully offer you the following factual items as conclusive proof that there is in existence a plot with purpose to disrupt my life.

When I plan a quiet evening at home alone, invariably the telephone rings incessantly; or the neighbor's dog decides to voice his disapproval of the obnoxious teenagers across the street by a litany of loud barks; or friends show up unexpectedly, bearing videos of their latest vacation to Ocean City. If my intent is to view the Super Bowl, my TV set selects this day to cease operation, or my wife insists that I remain in the dining room, visiting with my mother-in-law, who intends to stay the week.

When I go to the supermarket, the person who enters before me grabs the last cart, and gets the last bag of crunchy corn chips. And when I proceed to the checkout line, I never fail to select the cashier who is on the job for the first day, and the customer in front of me has decided

to pay by a personal check which is drawn on an out-of-state bank and which needs to be completed while I am waiting.

When I travel by airplane, I am always seated in the center seat in the back of the aircraft, on my left an individual of expansive heft, and on my right an individual with a cold of severity reminiscent of the plague. And when the flight attendant asks me for my dinner order, I always select the meat that is accompanied by the soggy cauliflower, while those passengers around me have their dinners accompanied by the crispy french fries.

When I transport myself in my own vehicle, and I approach a traffic signal with two cars in front of me in two different lanes, I always select to place my vehicle behind the one that is out for the scenic tour, or that stalls out just as the light turns green. Or, if I am in a hurry, the driver in front of me is stopping to discharge a passenger who is old and feeble enough to have witnessed two millennia changes, or six children with accompanying toys and pets, or a close relative who merits an extended goodbye.

If I choose to go to a party, it turns out to be a boring experience; if I pass it up, it turns out to be the blast of the century. If I attend a sporting event, my favorite team loses; and the person seated in front of me, a bellicose, amateur wrestler, takes exception to my rooting; and the person seated behind me becomes ill from excessive ingestion of beer.

Even the weather participates in the conspiracy. You will oft times find me carrying umbrellas on sunny days, or walking unprotected in the rain. I should be able to forecast — after all, it always rains, sleets, or snows the day after my automobile receives its wash, wax, and expensive detailing.

Finally, even when I am fortunate enough to have some of my professional work published, invariably my words miss the attention of the copy editor, who winds up inadvertently deleting important and

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