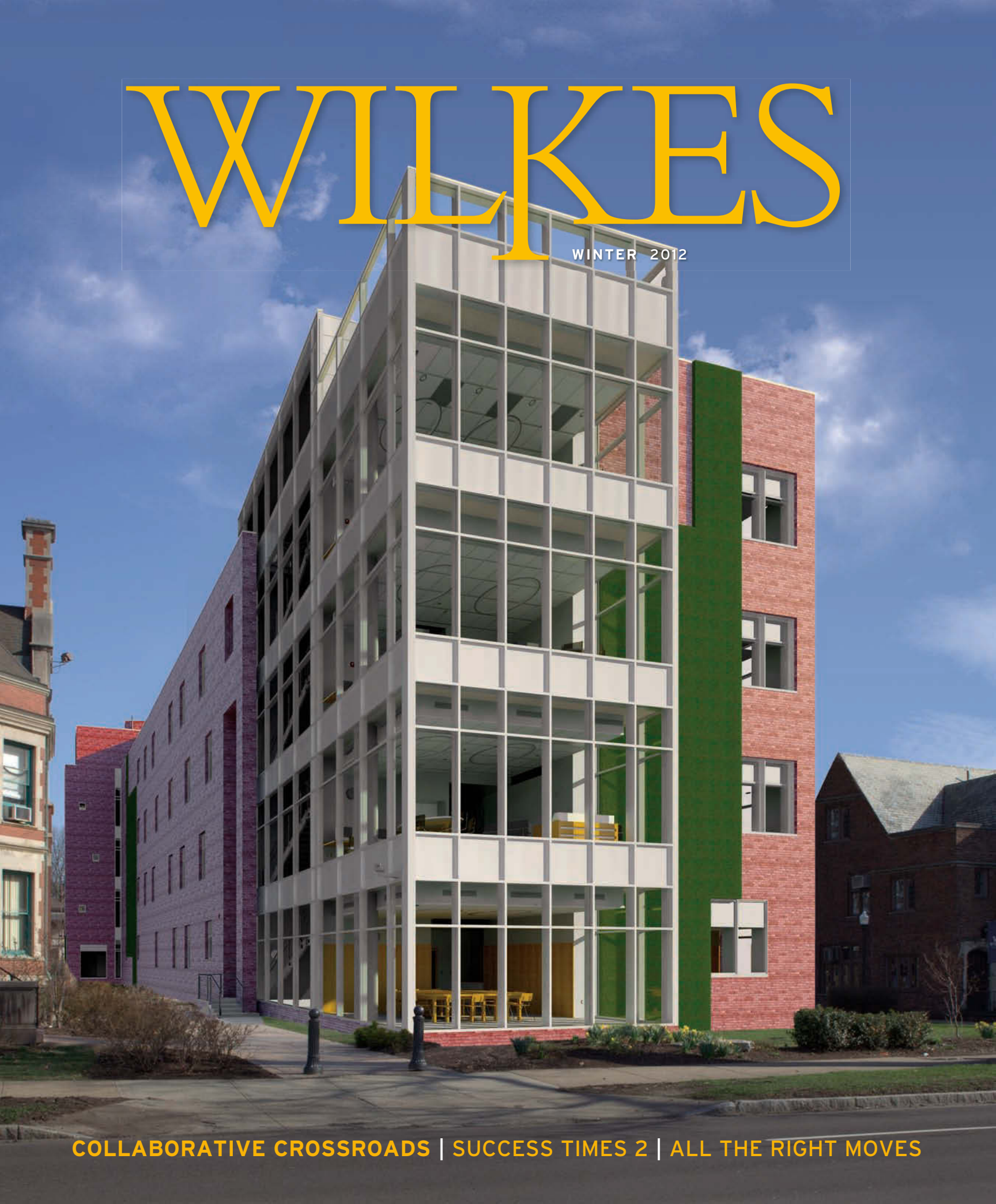


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One Chapter Ends, Another Begins

As we prepare to break ground for the new science building at Wilkes, I realize that this event is both a beginning and an ending. For our highly respected science programs, the beautiful building will mark a new beginning, providing a state-of-the-art facility that matches their academic excellence. For me, the accomplishment of adding this facility to campus marks in a significant and positive way to conclude my presidency of this great University.

In everything I've done—both personally and as Wilkes president—I've tried to practice the old campers' imperative that you leave your campsite better than you found it. I hope I've done that in my work here, and I also hope that we have set the stage for an even greater chapter in the University's future.

Certainly there has been much to celebrate in the last decade:



State-of-the-art laboratories will be a feature of the new science building.
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- Our undergraduate enrollment has grown by 28 percent and our graduate full-time equivalent grew an astonishing 155 percent—prompting *The Chronicle of Higher Education* to rank us one of the nation's fastest growing campuses.
- We've fostered the University's mentoring culture, providing grants and other resources to enhance the relationships between student and faculty that are a hallmark of a Wilkes education.
- The Wilkes campus is greener and much more beautiful, accomplished through a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and reflecting the values of our community.
- The University's relationship with the City of Wilkes-Barre has been revitalized. By moving many administrative functions into the University Center on Main and our students into University Towers, we made a major contribution to the revitalization of the downtown.
- Through the hard work of our faculty, the University has been awarded millions of dollars in grants for research in the sciences. Add to these accomplishments the establishment of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research for Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Wilkes has solidified its place as a leader in science and scientific research benefiting the economic development of our region.

It is good to look back—but it is even more important to look forward. Our groundbreaking ceremony for the science building on March 1 (see page 13) will give us an opportunity to anticipate the next chapter in Wilkes' history. As I take my leave, I'm confident it's going to be a great and exciting one.

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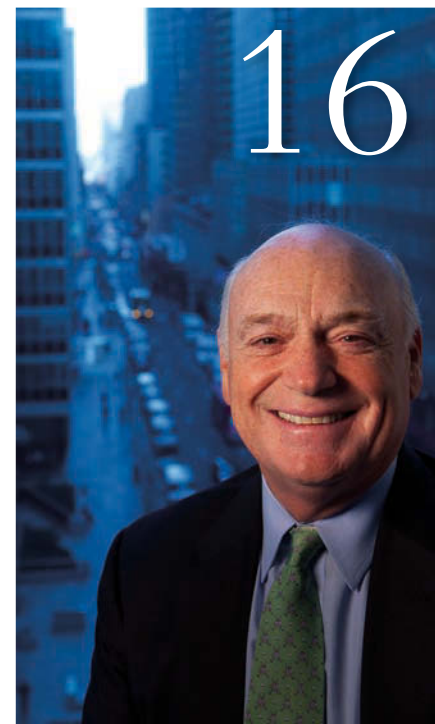
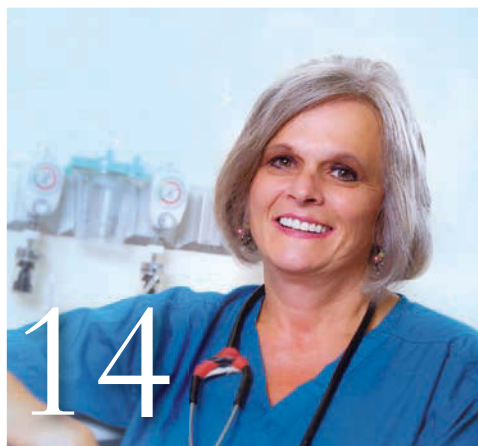
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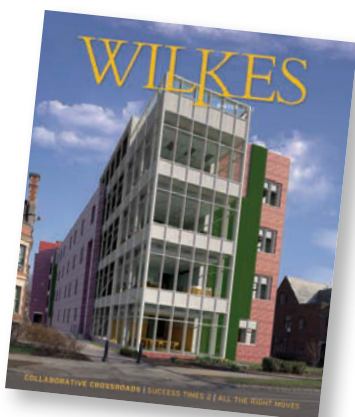
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Wilkes' new science building, seen here as it will appear on River Street between Conyngham Hall and Annette Evans Alumni House, will go from plans-on-paper to a building under construction beginning in March 2012.

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Getting to the Heart of Surgery

In heart surgery, small tweaks in treatment can reap big benefits for patient recovery. So Wilkes University's Judith Kristeller, associate professor of pharmacy practice, and Russell Stahl, M.D., a cardiovascular surgeon in Scranton, regularly collaborate to study how patient treatment before, during and after surgery can reduce post-operative risks like bleeding, kidney injury and death.



Dr. Judith Kristeller, center, with pharmacy students Theresa Romaldini, left, and Tia Hickman, who have assisted with her cardiac research.
PHOTO BY TOM AMMON

They also look at quality of life improvements such as length of hospital stays, number of hospital readmissions, and how quickly patients can return to normal life activities. Kristeller joined the Wilkes faculty in 2002 and, like all professors in her department, maintains a practice

site off-campus. She specializes in critical care and cardiology at Community Medical Center in Scranton, Pa.

She works with Stahl, CMC's chief of cardiovascular surgery, as part of a quality improvement program. "We're improving patient care based on clinical evidence," Kristeller explains.

"Fixing the little things like reducing blood transfusions has helped with the big things like avoiding complications and improving mortality," reasons Stahl, whose surgical group, Premiere Surgical, performs about 250 heart surgeries annually. One of their studies looked at whether the drug Aprotinin

helped reduce the need for blood transfusions after surgery, as it was being marketed for routine use; fewer blood transfusions mean fewer complications like infections or kidney damage.

Their study showed the drug had little benefit for low-risk patients, which contradicted how the manufacturer was marketing the drug. It was soon removed from the market—but because of safety concerns unrelated to Kristeller's and Stahl's work.

Another study was designed to determine if kidney injury could be prevented using fluid hydration. Although their research showed no benefit in preventing kidney injury, their results contradicted another similar study, adding important information to the overall clinical evidence. The lack of benefit shown in their study could be explained by a lower than expected incidence of kidney injury at CMC, Kristeller explains.

Stahl says working in a hospital that promotes research inspires other staff to think more deeply about how their work impacts patients. "That makes everybody think a little bit more about what they're doing and why they're doing it.... (Having) Judy at our quality improvement meeting makes everybody step up a little bit."

Adds Kristeller: "Whenever you can foster an atmosphere of scholarship, that's a really good thing."

They aim to one day establish a regional consortium for clinical research with a broader pool of patients and scientists.

SIFE TEAM RECEIVES SAM'S CLUB GRANT

Wilkes' Students In Free Enterprise team (SIFE) received a \$1,500 grant through the Sam's Club Step Up for Small Business Project Partnership. The grant is intended to help SIFE teams transform a local business into an environmentally sustainable business. The Wilkes SIFE team will use the grant money to develop an aeroponic gardening system for Euro Bistro, a restaurant on Wilkes-Barre's Public Square, to grow its own produce on location. Aeroponic gardening uses a system that suspends plants on racks in the air, keeping their roots moist with nutrient-rich water. No soil is used.

In addition to their work with Euro Bistro, the Wilkes SIFE team is researching opportunities to institute an area recycling program and to add seminars on sustainability to already established business seminars.

The SIFE mission is to bring together the top leaders of today and tomorrow to create a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business. The Sam's Club Step Up for Small Business Project Partnership provides the opportunity for SIFE teams and Sam's Club Associates to work together to effectively empower small businesses to raise their quality of life and standard of living through improved business and environmentally sustainable practices.



Winners in the Study Abroad Photo Contest are clockwise from top: Joseph Shipula, *Two Jackson's Hartebeest in Uganda*; Justin Balint, *Haitian Woman*; and Pamela Pogash, *Children in a Village in Kaya*.

Photo Contest Captures Study Abroad Experiences

The experiences of Wilkes students and faculty studying abroad were the focus of The Colonels Abroad Photo Contest and Photo Extravaganza Exhibit. The event in the Henry Student Center featured more than 60 photos highlighting experiences in Costa Rica, Africa, Spain, France, Wales, Italy, England and more. Pharmacy student Joseph Shipula, whose photo, *Two Jackson's Hartebeest in Uganda*, took the \$150 first prize, wrote of his entry, "New discoveries shatter the world as you know it. You let everything go and become a student of life and the world." Other contest winners were Pamela Pogash, who took second prize of \$100 for her photo *Children in a Village in Kaya*, and pharmacy student Justin Balint, who took third prize of \$50 for his photo *Haitian Woman*. The contest was organized by Andy Miller, assistant professor, political science, and Godlove Fonjweng, director of global education.

Jeffrey R. Alves Named Dean of Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

Jeffrey R. Alves has been appointed dean of the Sidhu School of Business and Leadership at Wilkes University. Alves served as interim dean prior to his permanent appointment following a national search for a new dean.



In announcing the appointment, Reynold Verret, University provost, said, "I am confident that Dr. Alves will advance the mission of the Sidhu School. As a faculty member, he has played a key role in developing curriculum and programs that define the Sidhu School experience for our business students. We look forward to his leadership in growing our business program in the years ahead."

Alves joined Wilkes in 1997 as Allan P. Kirby Distinguished Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and director of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. As professor and director of the Kirby Center, Alves developed the entrepreneurship major in the business school, the entrepreneurship concentration in the MBA program, and chaired the entrepreneurship department. He played a key role in developing the Sidhu School's required two-semester freshman year integrated management experience course requiring students to operate a team-based business, and in developing and implementing the seven semesters of personal and professional development courses required of all Sidhu students. A Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow, Alves also established the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) program at Wilkes and served as advisor to its ten-time regional champion SIFE Team.

Prior to joining Wilkes in 1997, he was president of Vergason Technology, Inc., a technology-based company named to the "Fast-Track 500" as one of the 500 fastest growing private companies in the United States. His business experience includes work in corporate development at Corning Inc. As assistant professor of finance and entrepreneurial studies at Babson College from 1978 through 1983, Alves developed and taught the capstone courses for one of the first undergraduate entrepreneurship majors and graduate concentrations in the United States.



MORE ON THE WEB

To view a slide show of student and faculty photos featured in the Colonels Study Abroad Photo Extravaganza, visit www.wilkes.edu/studyabroadphotos.

Wilkes Education Students Teach In Malaysia

Many Wilkes students study abroad, but six senior education majors are taking it a step further: They're teaching abroad in a new exchange program at the Sri Utama International School in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The students are spending seven weeks student teaching under the guidance of Gina Morrison, associate professor of education. It is the first teaching abroad opportunity for education students at Wilkes.

The school enrolls students from all over the world in its primary and secondary education programs. All instruction is in English. Morrison developed a relationship with the school when she spent her sabbatical year teaching in Kuala Lumpur at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM). Her daughter, Victoria, attended the international school while she was there.



Wilkes education students are briefed about Malay culture prior to teaching there. From left, are senior education students Felicia LeClair, Kathleen Shedden, associate professor Gina Morrison, director of global education Godlove Fonjweng, Kaitlyn McGurk and Thomas Goldberg.
PHOTO BY VICKI MAYK

Morrison explains that the school wants to learn American teaching methods. "Malaysia is a developing country and they are eager to learn more about our practices," she says. For the Wilkes students, it's an opportunity to experience cultural diversity. "Malaysia embraces diversity and celebrates it," Morrison says, adding that it's especially apparent in the international school with many cultures represented.

Students participating in the program are elementary education majors Rebecca Gallaher of Hummelstown, Pa.; Kathleen Shedden of Canton, Pa.; and Kaitlyn McGurk of Swarthmore, Pa.; and English/secondary education major Marrison Fedor of Hanover Township, Pa.; history/secondary education major Thomas Goldberg of Freehold, N.J.; and history/secondary education major Felicia LeClair of Glass, N.J.

Students were chosen for the program via a competitive selection process, and airfare and living expenses are paid by the Sri Utama school. After completing their teaching in Malaysia, the six students will complete the remainder of their spring semester student teaching assignments at Pennsylvania schools to earn their teaching certification.

Newark Mayor Cory Booker Presents Rosen Lecture



The Honorable Cory A. Booker, mayor of Newark, N.J., will deliver the 2012 Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities on Sunday, April 22. Booker will speak about *How to Change the World with Your Bare Hands*.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center on the Wilkes campus.

Booker took office as mayor of New Jersey's largest city in July 2006 and was re-elected for a second term in 2010. His mission is to set a national standard for urban transformation by marshalling the city's resources to achieve security, economic abundance, and an environment that is nurturing and empowering for individuals and families. Under Booker's leadership, Newark has decreased violent crime, doubled affordable housing production, and committed to a \$40 million transformation of the city's parks and playgrounds.

Booker received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Stanford University, a bachelor's degree in modern history from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and completed his law degree at Yale University. He served as staff attorney for the Urban Justice Center in Newark in 1998 before serving four years as Newark's Central Ward councilman.

The Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities was established in memory of the Honorable Max Rosenn, senior judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The lecture series was started in 1980 by Rosenn's former law clerks and former law firm Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, with the assistance of family and friends.

For more information on the Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities, call **(800)WILKES-U Ext. 4306**.

ONLINE ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM LAUNCHES

Nurse practitioners play an important role in today's health-care environment and Wilkes' School of Nursing has responded with the launch of a new online nurse practitioner program. Classes start in fall 2012 for nurses wishing to provide primary patient care for the adult population.

"In today's health-care environment, nurse practitioners are a necessity to maintain quality and cost-effective care. We are glad to be able to provide this degree, which is so important, in our region," says Mary Ann Merrigan, associate dean and chair of the School of Nursing.

Nurse practitioners are registered nurses with advanced education and clinical training that qualifies them to manage patient care. They diagnose and manage acute episodic and chronic illnesses and promote health and disease prevention.

"The role of the adult nurse practitioner alleviates the burden caused by a growing need for primary health care providers," says Deborah Zbegner, director of the graduate nursing program.

Wilkes' 40-credit program is held online with two on-campus residencies. Students complete clinical hours in a facility of their choosing, pending faculty approval. Successful completion of the program leads to a master's degree with a major in nursing with adult nurse practitioner concentration. Students will be eligible to sit for national certification exams. A 16-credit adult nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate program is also available for advanced-practice nurses already holding a master's degree in nursing.

Freshmen Gather Oral Histories of Veterans

A veteran who participated in the Normandy invasion. Vietnam veterans who faced anti-war sentiment when they returned to the United States. Young veterans who recently completed tours of duty in Iraq.

These were among the veterans whose military experiences were captured by Wilkes freshmen enrolled in assistant professor of education Marcia Balester's first-year foundations class, *Be The Change*. The class focused on a service learning project: gathering the oral histories of northeast Pennsylvania veterans. All first-year students enroll in first-year foundations classes, which provide an introduction to University study.

The 31 students interviewed veterans ranging in age from 26 to 91 representing conflicts from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Eleven Wilkes seniors from Professor Robert Gardner's *Social Studies Methods for Middle and Secondary School Class* were also involved in the project. The students met one-on-one with veterans at the VA Hospital and Nursing Home and at senior centers in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties in Pennsylvania.

Jenna Vislosky, a freshman nursing major from Trucksville, Pa., interviewed Doris Merrill



Veteran Harry Sweppenheiser and freshman Paul Filipski socialize at the veterans brunch. PHOTO BY VICKI MAYK

'50, an 87-year-old woman who performed Naval intelligence work in World War II. "It was an honor to speak with her," Vislosky says. "In her specific area in the military, she was the only female. She enlisted to be able to get an education."

Veterans participating in the project were invited to a brunch in November in the Ballroom of the Henry Student Center. They were recognized for their contributions and students socialized with them. At the end of the semester each veteran received a copy of his or her oral history.

“ It was an HONOR to speak with her... In her specific area in the military, she was the only female. She enlisted to be able to get an EDUCATION. ”

– Jenna Vislosky

WINNING WAYS

FOUR ATHLETES AND
A NO. 1-RANKED TEAM
MAKE UP WILKES ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME'S CLASS OF 2011

Player profiles by Vince Scalzo
and Helen Kaiser

Inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame earn their place in University record books with the most wins, the most points scored, the most receptions. As these alumni athletes look back on their careers as Colonels, they remember more than the statistics, recalling the camaraderie among teammates and lessons learned in competition.

Established in 1993, the Hall of Fame honors players, coaches and others who have made outstanding contributions to the athletic program. This year's inductees were honored at a ceremony on Jan. 21.



Athletic Hall of Fame inductees celebrated at the January 21, 2012 ceremony. Honorees are, from left, Laurie (Labbe) Lilly '99, Deborah (Miller) Renner '89, Dave Jannuzzi '01, John Conte '01 and University President Tim Gilmour.

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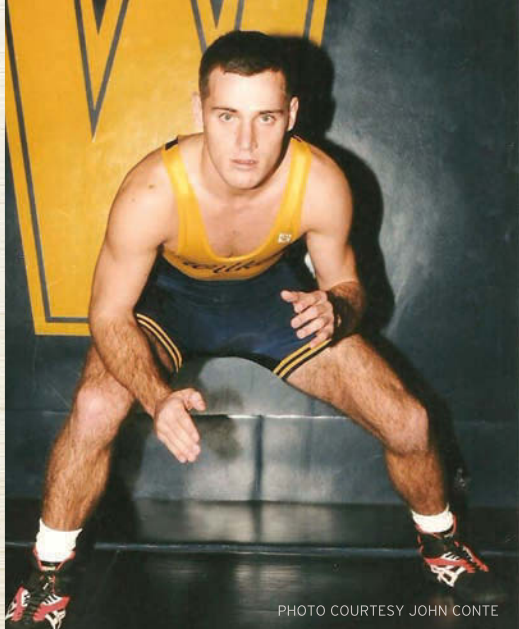


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John Conte '01 Wrestling

Conte starred on the Colonels wrestling team during his four-year career, competing at both the 133 and 141 weight classes. He accumulated a 111-13 overall record, including a 73-5 dual-win record from 1997-2001.

His 78 dual match appearances, 48 dual decisions, and 73 dual victories are all school records. Conte holds a .936 dual win, ranking fifth all-time in school history earning 15 pins over that time. His best season came in 1999-2000, when he broke the school record for most wins in a season with 36 victories—winning the Middle Atlantic Conference championship and earning All-American status. He was ranked number one in his weight class his entire senior year before an injury ended his season early.

Conte says his fondest memory of his college athletic career was placing at the national tournament and becoming an All-American.

“I still keep in touch with several of my teammates. We’re spread out all over—California, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and South Carolina—but whenever I hear one of their voices over the phone it brings back all the memories,” he says.

“I know without the opportunity I received from athletics, I probably wouldn’t have gone to college,” Conte continues. Now, after obtaining a master’s degree in special education from Wilkes in 2006, he is in a position to give back by coaching wrestling at Garnet Valley High School in Glen Mills, Pa., and providing learning and emotional support for students in the Chester County Intermediate Unit.

Conte lives in East Fallowfield, Pa., with his wife, Holly, and their two daughters, Alexa, 5, and Ella, 1.

Laurie (Labbe) Lilly '99 Soccer

A four-time, first team All-Conference performer, Lilly may very well be the most decorated women’s soccer player in Wilkes’ history. She holds almost every offensive school record in the program’s 25-year history, including points, goals, and assists. She graduated in 1999 as the school’s all-time leader in points (109), goals (40), and assists (29) after captaining the first team to have a winning record at 12-7 during her junior season.

As a freshman, Lilly was named the conference’s most valuable player and continued her postseason honors as a senior earning second-team Mid-Atlantic All-Region honors.

When she looks back on her college athletics, it’s the all-encompassing experience that she values: having a great coach, making wonderful friends, traveling to games, and working hard at winning.

Lilly contrasts her college playing career with the high school experience: the victories came much easier in high school. The college team was part of a young program, and “we were the underdogs. We had to overcome so many obstacles. The program improved as we grew and improved. I think that challenge helped me to grow as a person,” she says.

Lilly graduated from Wilkes with a degree in business administration, which she puts to good use as owner, with her husband, Jason, of a dry cleaning delivery service in the Raleigh, N.C. area. They are the parents of a 22-month-old daughter, Morgan, and an 11-month-old son, Ben. The family lives in Fuquay-Varina, N.C.



Laurie (Labbe) Lilly, center, is pictured during her Wilkes playing days with, from left, her father, Bob Labbe, mother Claire Labbe, grandfather, Tom Jehu, and aunt, Lynne Hodges. PHOTO COURTESY LAURIE LILLY

Dave Jannuzzi '01 Basketball

The most decorated men's basketball player in school history, Jannuzzi ranks in the top 10 in over 35 different categories in Wilkes' storied history. He rewrote the school record books during his four-year career from 1996-99 and 2000-01 while being named Jostens Division III and ECAC Player of the Year as a senior. He stands as the school's all-time scoring leader, with 2,132 points in a school record 116 career games. His 728 made field goals and 251 made three-point field goals both rank first in school history. Jannuzzi's 18.9 career point per-game mark sits third all-time in school history. He also ranks in the top ten all-time in free throws made (2nd/443), free throw percentage (2nd/87.6), assists (2nd/514), and steals (6th/141).

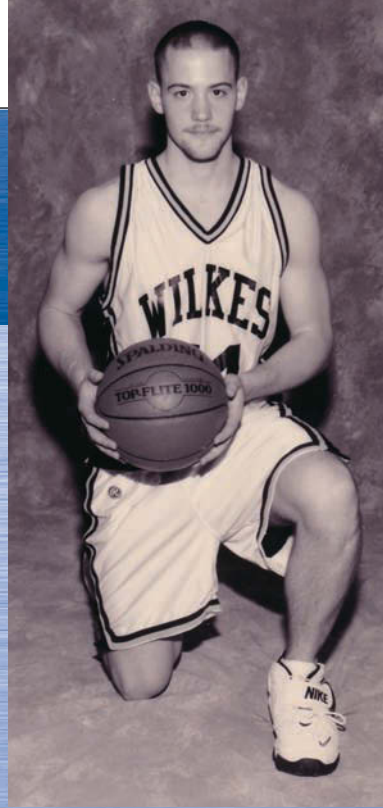
Jannuzzi was a four-time All-Freedom selection, earning first-team honors for three years and was named Rookie of the Year as a freshman. He was a three-time Freedom Conference Player of the Year recipient as well as a three-time NABC All-Mid Atlantic Region selection and two-time NABC All-American honoree.

Jannuzzi helped lead the Colonels to a 94-18 overall mark over a four-year span where Wilkes won two Middle Atlantic Conference championships and one Freedom championship. During his sophomore season, Wilkes finished 26-5, earning a spot in the NCAA Division III final four. A year later, the Colonels finished 25-4 claiming their second straight conference title and a trip to the NCAA Sweet 16. As a senior, Jannuzzi led the squad to a 23-3 overall record and a spot in the NCAA second round.

A South Wilkes-Barre resident, Jannuzzi and his wife Kristen are the parents of six: a 12-year-old daughter, Irelyn, and five younger sons: Dominic, Grady, David, Luciano and Valencio. Jannuzzi sometimes coaches his three eldest children in their recreation leagues.

His fond memories of the glory days at Wilkes include working with Coach Jerry Rickrode, his teammates and enjoying the enthusiasm of the fans.

"My college playing career had a great impact on my life, because it paved the way for all the other opportunities I have had since then," Jannuzzi says. Following college, he played professionally in Europe for a few years. Back in the states, he held positions as a youth center athletic director, financial adviser, restaurateur, and now is regional sales director for GNC.



Deborah (Miller) Renner '89 Volleyball



A four-year letter winner on the Lady Colonel volleyball squad, Renner was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference All-Star team as a rookie in 1985, leading the team to a MAC postseason playoff appearance. During her four years at Wilkes, she

served as team captain and was named the squad's most valuable player while breaking several school records. Renner holds the school's all-time marks for service receptions in a season (330) and service receptions in a career (993). She also set school records for digs in a season (272) and career digs (638), both of which have since been broken.

Renner, now a Lakeland, Fla., resident, says her involvement with the team helped her to get through a very tough time when her mother died during her freshman year.

"The whole team was very supportive of me; they helped me to get through things, and I still keep in touch with several players today," she says. "The friendships we developed and the camaraderie we had both on and off the court were great."

She fondly remembers how Coach Doris Saracino pushed team members so hard during training and how it paid off.

Renner graduated with a nursing degree and, although she has kept her nursing license current, she now is also a licensed property and casualty insurance agent, working as a claims service consultant for The Hartford Insurance Company.

"Participating in any team sport has an impact on you," she says. "You learn that dedication and hard work can be rewarding, and you also learn how to communicate well and work together. I've used those lessons over the last 20 years in my career."

Renner has two daughters, Charlotte, 16, and Cassandra, 12.

1995-96 Men's Basketball Team

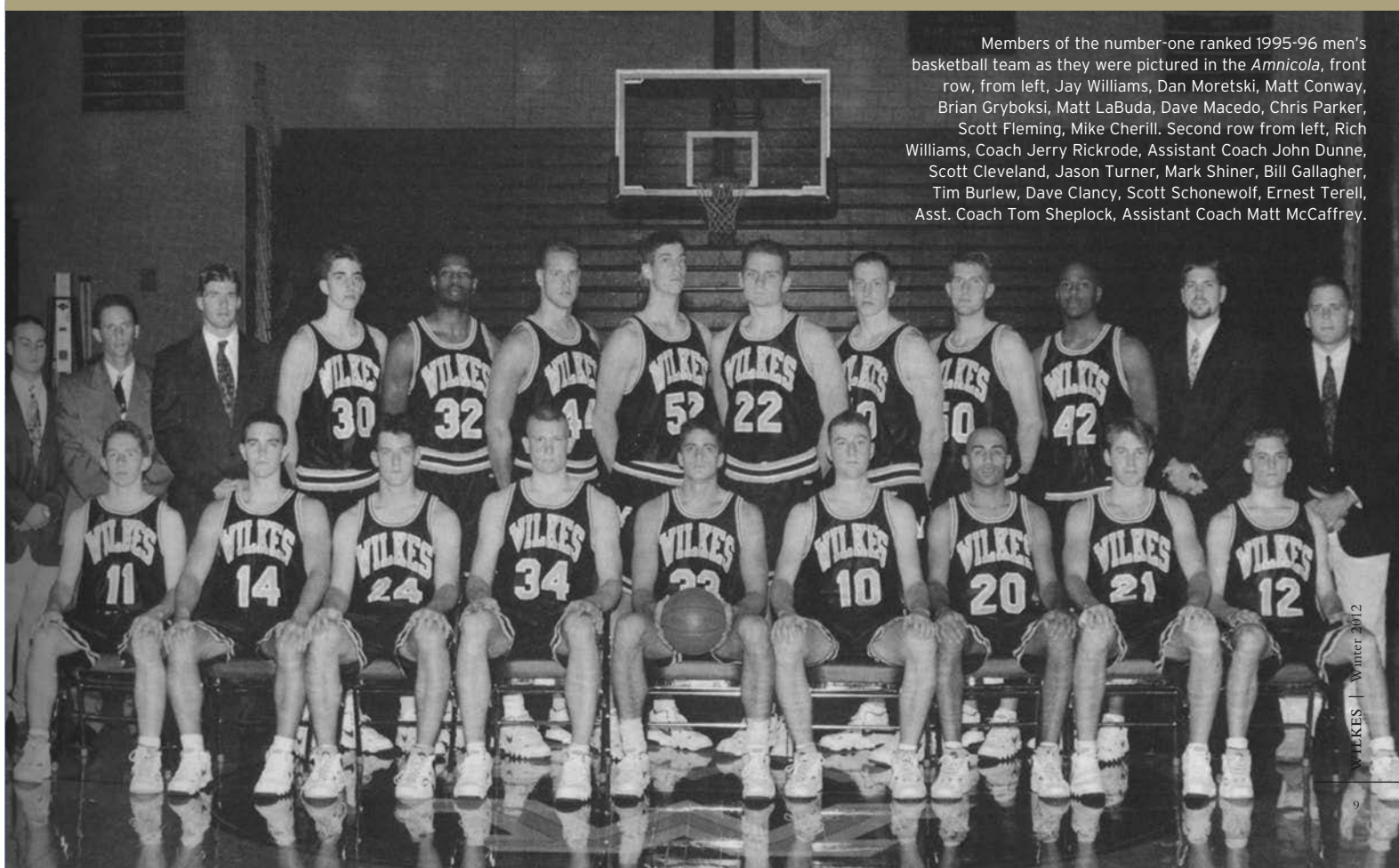
Finishing the season at 28-2, the 1995-96 Wilkes men's basketball team was the only team in Wilkes school history to hold the number one ranking in Division III. The 28 victories remain the most wins in a single-season in the program's 66 years of existence. The squad also captured the Middle Atlantic Conference championship advancing to the NCAA Division III Elite 8.

Right, members of the 1995-96 number-one ranked basketball team gathered to celebrate their induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured from left are Coach Jerry Rickrode, Dan Moretski '98, Matt LaBuda '96, Scott Cleveland '99, Brian Gryboski '99, Chris Parker '96, Jay Williams '00 and University President Tim Gilmour.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL TOUEY



Members of the number-one ranked 1995-96 men's basketball team as they were pictured in the *Amnicola*, front row, from left, Jay Williams, Dan Moretski, Matt Conway, Brian Gryboski, Matt LaBuda, Dave Macedo, Chris Parker, Scott Fleming, Mike Cherill. Second row from left, Rich Williams, Coach Jerry Rickrode, Assistant Coach John Dunne, Scott Cleveland, Jason Turner, Mark Shiner, Bill Gallagher, Tim Burlew, Dave Clancy, Scott Schonewolf, Ernest Terrell, Asst. Coach Tom Sheplock, Assistant Coach Matt McCaffrey.





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COLLABORATIVE CROSSROADS

NEW SCIENCE BUILDING WILL ENHANCE TRADITION OF STUDENT/FACULTY RESEARCH

By Vicki Mayk, M.A. '12

Like a finger beckoning around the end of Stark Learning Center, encouraging the next generation of scientists to enter, Wilkes University's new science building will curve into the center of campus.

The four-story structure will front on River Street. Positioned between the Annette Evans Alumni House and Conyngham Hall, the planned building will arc around the end of Stark and enter the quadrangle. It will provide laboratory, meeting and office space for the Biology & Health Sciences, Chemistry & Biochemistry and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences departments. Construction on the new structure starts in March, and it is expected to open by fall 2013.

The groundbreaking (see box on page 13) is both a beginning and an ending. It marks the end of a long and careful planning and design process that involved faculty, staff and students.

Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology and associate director of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research for Northeastern Pennsylvania, chaired the faculty committee that helped choose the architects and determine initial direction for the project. Klemow says that it was a priority to choose a firm that could work with diverse faculty. "During the selection process for architects, we asked the question, 'What is your experience working with a group like ours?'" Klemow states.

The firm selected – SaylorGregg Architects of Philadelphia—has a wealth of higher education experience and a track record



Top, the new building will have trellises creating vertical columns of green. RENDERINGS COURTESY SAYLORGREGG ARCHITECTS

Bottom, new laboratories will offer much-needed space. LAB RENDERING COURTESY NALLS ARCHITECTURE

working with faculty and a campus community. The firm has built academic, residential, performing arts and co-curricular buildings on more than 20 college campuses, including Duke, Lehigh, Princeton, Cornell and Rutgers universities and Ursinus and Swarthmore colleges.

“We were very pleased with the choice of architects,” Klemow says. “They knew the right questions to ask of us.”

The selection of SaylorGregg and lab specialists Nalls Architecture in spring 2009 marked the start of an arduous planning process. Getting to know Wilkes was an important first step. Architect D. William Gregg, the project’s lead designer and partner-in-charge, says, “It’s been very satisfying to immerse ourselves in the campus community over the last two and a half years.”

goal, Klemow says. “We wanted to make a building for the 21st century, a building where students really want to come to study and achieve their full potential.”

It’s a goal shared by Wilkes admissions officers who recruit the freshman class and woo transfer students from other institutions. New buildings help to attract potential students. “When choosing a school, students look for the whole package: high-quality academics as well as an attractive physical environment in which they can have pride,” says Melanie Mickelson ’93, vice president for enrollment services. “The science building will marry the high-quality research work already being conducted by our students with an impressive, cutting-edge physical space to match.”

Current students agree that the building will bring needed and welcome changes. Senior biochemistry student Erin Wolfe of



Pictured from left, a view of the science building from the John Wilkes statue; Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology, who chaired the faculty committee providing input on the project; SaylorGregg Architects team members Tom Breslin, project architect, William Gregg, lead designer, and David Searles, project manager. BUILDING RENDERING AND ARCHITECT PHOTO COURTESY SAYLORGREGG ARCHITECTS. CENTER PHOTO BY BRUCE WELLER

The immersion began in summer 2009 with a rigorous review of the existing science facilities in the Stark Learning Center. While science has evolved, Stark has not. Built in the 1950s and expanded in the 1960s and 1970s, little has changed during the building’s long existence. “We needed to get an understanding of the activities in Stark, which is a 220,000-square-foot building,” Gregg explains.

A SHARED VISION

The architects continued determining needs in fall 2009 when science faculty returned to campus. Faculty members attended open meetings where SaylorGregg and their consultants entertained questions and received suggestions. “We each came into the project from a slightly different angle. We could see things that the faculty couldn’t see even though they’re working there every day,” Gregg says.



Dale Bruns, dean of the College of Science & Engineering, praises their approach. “The architects were very user-friendly. It was a very nuanced approach,” he says.

Although faculty brought many perspectives, they had a common

Dale Bruns, dean of the College of Science & Engineering, is anticipating the benefits of flexible lab space in the new building. PHOTO BY VICKI MAYK

New Ringgold, Pa., says, “Where I do research, I’m pushed to the back of the lab in a space that’s like a closet. If there’s more room for us doing research, more people will want to come to Wilkes. It’s a great place to start your science career.”

BIRTH OF A BUILDING

By fall 2010, SaylorGregg had a green light to design a 72,500-square-foot facility at a cost of \$35 million. Determining the site for the new structure posed challenges. The greenway offers the largest open space, and members of the University community were reluctant to sacrifice it. At the same time, faculty expressed a preference for locating the new facility close to Stark, where pharmacy, engineering and physics and mathematics and computer science programs would remain. “Faculty didn’t want a separate new building because of the adjacencies with other departments,” Gregg states.

In campus meetings, a suggestion from Patty Gilmour, wife of University president Tim Gilmour, provided an impetus for the building’s final design. “Mrs. Gilmour always liked the notion of a River Street address for the building,” says Gregg. “She really challenged us with that idea because the available site at that location was limited in width.”

SaylorGregg project architect Tom Breslin explains that the

SCIENCE BUILDING FACTS

- The 72,500-square-foot, four-story structure will cost \$35 million.
- The first floor of the building will include a conference center with meeting space to accommodate both University and community needs. The Biology & Health Sciences Department will be housed on the second floor, interdisciplinary research laboratories are planned for the third floor and the Chemistry & Biochemistry Department will be housed on the fourth floor.
- Environmental Engineering & Earth Science will occupy a 15,000-square-foot section of the building opening on the greenway, with space distributed among the building's four floors.
- Although both Stark and the new building have four stories, the new science building will be taller. Stark is 12 feet floor-to-floor and the new building will be 15 feet floor-to-floor.
- The three departmental offices will be located near a core area on each upper floor corridor. Conference rooms accommodating groups of 12, 18 or 24 will be clustered as a conference center on the ground floor.
- Faculty offices will be clustered in groups of three, four and five throughout the building.
- Fifty percent of the roof will be covered by a greenhouse and terrace.



MORE ON THE WEB

Alumni and friends of the University are invited to contribute to the \$20 million Achieving Our Destiny campaign supporting the future of science at Wilkes. Gifts will help to fund the new science building. To learn more about the campaign, see more about the project and make a gift, please visit www.wilkes.edu/achieve.



design team began exploring the idea of having one end of the building facing River Street and wrapping the rest around Stark lecture hall, located at the west end of the building. "In a single move of the pen on paper, Bill drew a curved structure and all of a sudden we were saying 'Whoa! This is going to be great!'"

The design creates the possibility of a courtyard adjacent to the Annette Evans building. It also uses less space on the greenway than a linear, rectangular design.

Conversations with faculty yielded a theme that has driven many of the building design choices. "Fostering collaboration became the theme that emerged early in the project as we talked with faculty," says Breslin. "Teaching laboratories are clustered by department, but on the third floor, research laboratories for all disciplines are on the same level because so much science is interdisciplinary."

The collaborative environment also is evidenced in lounge spaces on each

floor, informal meeting areas in the building's wide hallways and in a wide, open staircase that beckons students and faculty to chat as they ascend from the lobby.

Michael Steele, H. Fenner Professor of Research Biology, says, "What sets this project apart is the strong emphasis on research space for faculty and students. The most important thing that has come to define the sciences at Wilkes is that students come here to work with faculty to supplement their classroom experience with research."

Thomas Mike of Shavertown, Pa., a junior biology major and vice president of the Biology Club, says he chose Wilkes because of the opportunities for research. He agrees with Steele that the new facility will build on that reputation. "It's a strong program, but the new building will allow us to get even better," he says, citing dedicated laboratory space and room to add new equipment among the advantages. "Regardless of what building we're in, it's a great program. The new building will allow us to showcase it even better."

As planning progressed, input from faculty who will work in the labs was key. Representatives of Nalls Architecture met with faculty frequently. Terese Wignot, associate professor of chemistry, says, "They took input from every member of the department in terms of the design of the chemistry space. I definitely got the feeling that they wanted us to be comfortable, down to what utilities were on the bench. We could say, 'The sink isn't good here,' and they would listen."

Better technology and more efficient use of space are integral to the design. Smart classroom technology, such as whiteboards

Michael Steele, top, H. Fenner Professor of Research Biology, and Terese Wignot, associate professor of chemistry, provided input on the design of research laboratories.

PHOTOS BY LISA REYNOLDS AND THOMAS MARKLEY '11





Biology major Thomas Mike, left, and biochemistry major Erin Wolfe look forward to new facilities for their programs. PHOTOS BY THOMAS MARKLEY '11

and wireless Internet, will be available throughout the building. Department teaching laboratories and interdisciplinary research labs will be clustered together—an improvement over Stark, says Bruns. “In Stark, we have two water quality labs—one for teaching, one for research—two floors apart, on opposite ends of the building, with other environmental labs being four floors apart,” he explains. “In the new building, labs that work together will be in proximity to one another.”

Research labs have a flexible design so that space can easily be reallocated to respond to changing needs. Upper floors will contain three pairs of 1,200-square-foot lab modules grouped together as well as one additional 1,200-square-foot lab module. The labs can be reconfigured to different sizes to accommodate different teaching or research needs. “We will mete out lab space that is appropriate to current projects and research grants,” Bruns says, explaining that larger funded projects may sometimes require more space than individual research interests. It’s a dynamic process, and the new building will accommodate changing lab configurations.

TRANSFORMING THE REGION

During the 18-month construction period, it’s estimated the new building will generate a total economic impact of \$20.5 million in Luzerne County and \$46.8 million in Pennsylvania. Once completed, the project will have an estimated annual economic impact of \$5.8 million, generating new jobs and supporting scientific research. Scientists trained in the facility could help spur economic growth.

The new facility will encourage collaboration via joint biomedical research projects with The Commonwealth Medical College and regional hospitals. The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research will use the labs for its research assessing the impact of gas drilling on the region.

While the new science building will dramatically advance science education at Wilkes, its impact also will be felt

throughout the region. Wilkes President Tim Gilmour says, “Most new buildings are designed to improve campus life with little thought given to their impact on the community. That is not the case with our science building. While it will indeed dramatically improve our science facilities, it will also greatly enhance our ability to educate the scientific manpower and do the scientific research northeastern Pennsylvania needs to compete in today’s economy.”

A GREEN SPACE

SaylorGregg is pursuing LEED silver certification for the project. LEED certification is awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council and specifies that sustainable practices are to be used in construction and in the operation of the building. Recycling and waste disposal on the construction site must meet certain standards, as must the choice of building systems and materials. LEED certification is important to Wilkes, which has committed to sustainable practices.

The building will incorporate polished concrete—a very sustainable material. Forest Stewardship Council-rated wood, which earns that designation because it’s been harvested responsibly, will be used. Energy efficient lighting is planned. Windows will have low-e glazing, allowing visible light to come in without excessive radiation.

Portions of the roof—10 to 15 percent—will be green, planted with vegetation, and available for student projects. Vines will grow up trellises designed vertically on the exterior, creating four-story columns of green. On the greenway side of the building, a continuous horizontal trellis along the ground floor will give an illusion of a hedge. “This will provide a teaching opportunity for biology faculty,” Gregg says. “Different exposures around the building will demand different kinds of plants. They’ll be involved in the selection of each plant.”

Management of storm water and surface run-off—an issue for many buildings—is being addressed by diverting a portion into a swale rain garden that will be a habitat for special plants that thrive in such an environment. It will serve as a teaching tool as well.

“These features will make the building itself a kind of learning laboratory for our students,” says Bruns.



A view of the new science building as seen from Evans and Roth (formerly Chesapeake/Delaware) halls. RENDERING COURTESY SAYLORGREGG ARCHITECTS

AN INVITATION

Members of the Wilkes University Community are invited to

The Groundbreaking Ceremony and Celebration for the New Science Building

Thursday, March 1, 2012 (Snow date: Wednesday, March 7, 2012)
1 p.m., The Greenway

Celebration reception immediately following groundbreaking,
lobby, Stark Learning Center

EILEEN EVANINA '82, MS '94
EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS, LEFT
A LIFE ON WELFARE FOR CAREER
IN NURSING AND EDUCATION

By Helen Kaiser

SUCCESS TIMES

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Eileen Evanina '82, M.S.'94 has two jobs in two states doing two things that she enjoys: being a nurse anesthetist and teaching the next generation of nurses.

The 56-year-old Evanina is director of the nurse anesthesia program and assistant professor of clinical nursing for Columbia University. Mondays through Thursdays she is in New York City teaching, supervising program details and finishing studies for her doctor of nursing practice degree.

Thursday evenings she boards a bus for the three-hour commute back to northeastern Pennsylvania, where on most Fridays she is a nurse anesthetist at Northeastern Gastroenterology Associates in Honesdale.

Evanina left a life on welfare to make valuable contributions to society. She was able to do so, she says, because nearly 35 years ago Wilkes University gave her a chance. She was Eileen Pisanchyn then, living on welfare as a divorced mother of two sons, Michael, 3, and Christopher, 1.

"I hated being on welfare," she says. "It was embarrassing. Back in those days they had those coupon stubs for food stamps that everyone would see at the store."

"I'd taken the business classes in high school, thinking you had to be rich to go to college," she says. A chance encounter with nursing students wearing clinical scrubs led her to think maybe it would be possible to go to college.

She met with an associate dean at Wilkes who, for her own benefit, challenged her commitment. He explained the odds were stacked against her, as a young mother with two toddlers and someone who hadn't taken the academic track in high school.

"'I'm not sure you'd be able to do this,' he told me. And I thought, I can do it—not for myself, but for my boys."

That mettle carried her through four years of juggling the care of her sons, maintaining a home, and keeping up with her studies—especially her nemesis, inorganic chemistry. The drama and

discipline of those years is not lost on her family. Eldest son Michael Pisanchyn recalls many days of waking up while it was still dark, being bundled up and taken in their old beat-up car to the babysitter's house. In the early evening, their mother would pick them up and take them home. After dinner, they would listen to her study.

"The way she studied," he says, "was to read everything aloud so she would remember it better. I remember my mom always having her books open. And I remember that yellow highlighter she used to underline what was important. It seemed to me that the whole book was yellow."

"She would tell us, 'We're here now (in the housing projects), but we don't have to stay here.' She realized that education was the way out.

That's what drives her. Even today, it's education, education, education," he says.

Although proud she graduated with honors, Evanina says matter-of-factly: "I wasn't that great. It's just that I had others who depended upon me for new shoes and for food."

Now remarried, Evanina has two other children and three grandchildren.

"My greatest accomplishment is that as a former welfare mom I have produced four fantastic children who are productive and contribute to society," Evanina says. Michael is an attorney; Christopher is a nurse anesthetist. Sarah is a nurse and aims to become a nurse anesthetist. John is a police officer.

Retired husband, John, keeps the home in Olyphant, Pa., running smoothly—my "rock," Evanina says—enabling her to maintain a demanding schedule of work and advanced education in two states.

"'Practice what you teach' is an important goal of the Columbia University School of Nursing," Evanina explains, so her days in clinical work back in Pennsylvania provide this opportunity.

Her employer, Dr. David Reynolds '86, says her schedule leaves him breathless and that it's evident she loves to teach.

"Eileen is hardworking and diligent. She practices from the very heart of what health care should be: What can I do to assist the patient?" Reynolds says.

Remembering those who told her that poor kids couldn't attend college or that women just raised children and worked as secretaries, Evanina has this advice for today's students: "Don't let someone else tell you what you 'cannot' do."

“I’m not sure you’d be able to do this,” he told me. And I thought, I can do it—not for myself, but for my boys.”

– Eileen Evanina '82, M.S.'94

**Eileen Evanina, Olyphant, Pa. and New York, N.Y.,
B.S. Nursing, Wilkes, 1982**

**Certificate, Nurse Anesthesia, Mercy Hospital,
Scranton, 1986**

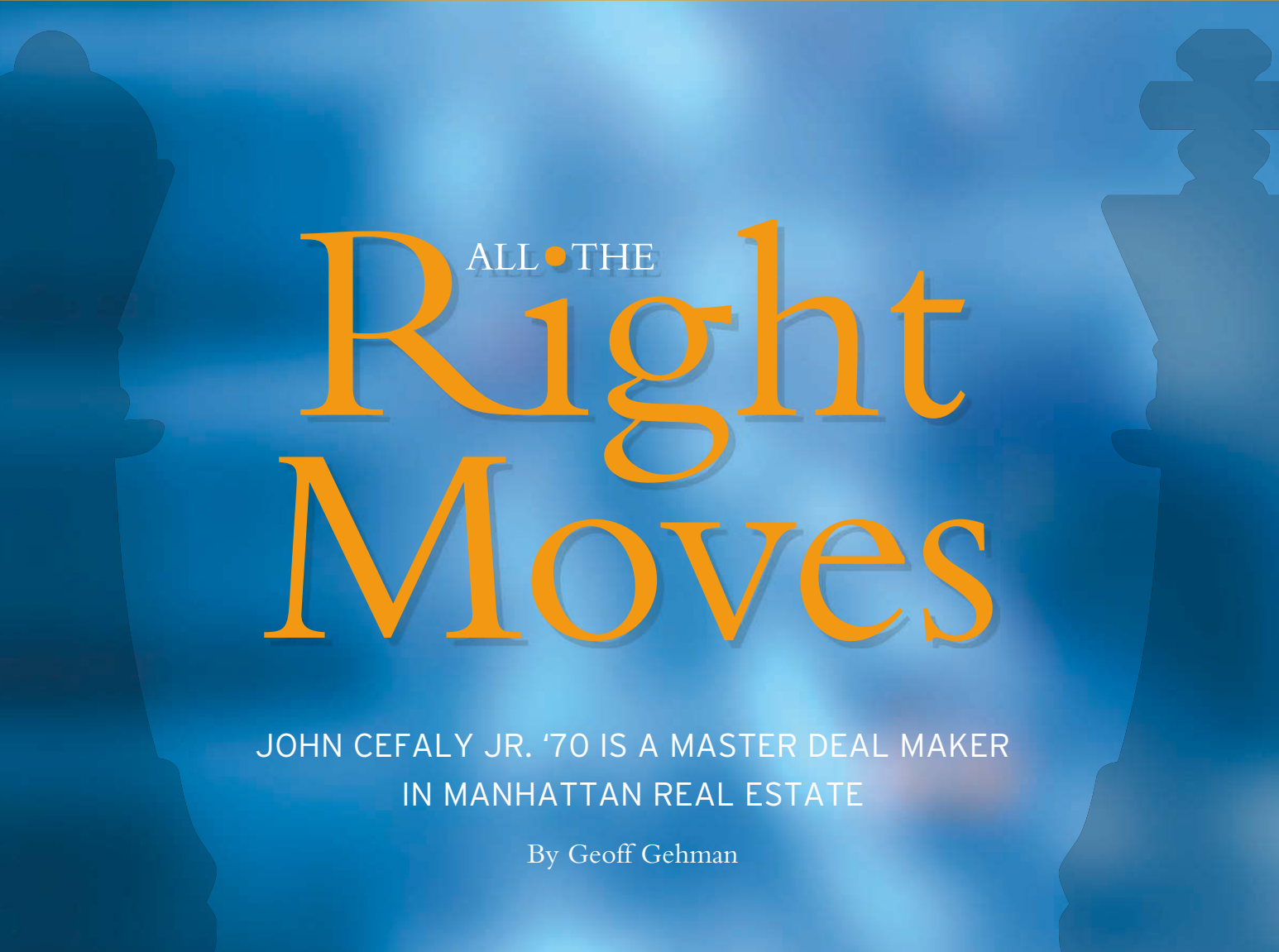
M.S. Nursing, Wilkes, 1994

D.N.P. candidate, Columbia University

Career: Practicing nurse in Pennsylvania and college administrator, faculty member, and doctoral candidate at Columbia University.

Notable: Entered Wilkes as a welfare mom and graduated with honors to become a skilled nurse anesthetist and educator.

Favorite Wilkes Memory: Great mentors in the Wilkes nursing program who believed in her and who championed the role of nurses as the backbone of the healthcare system.

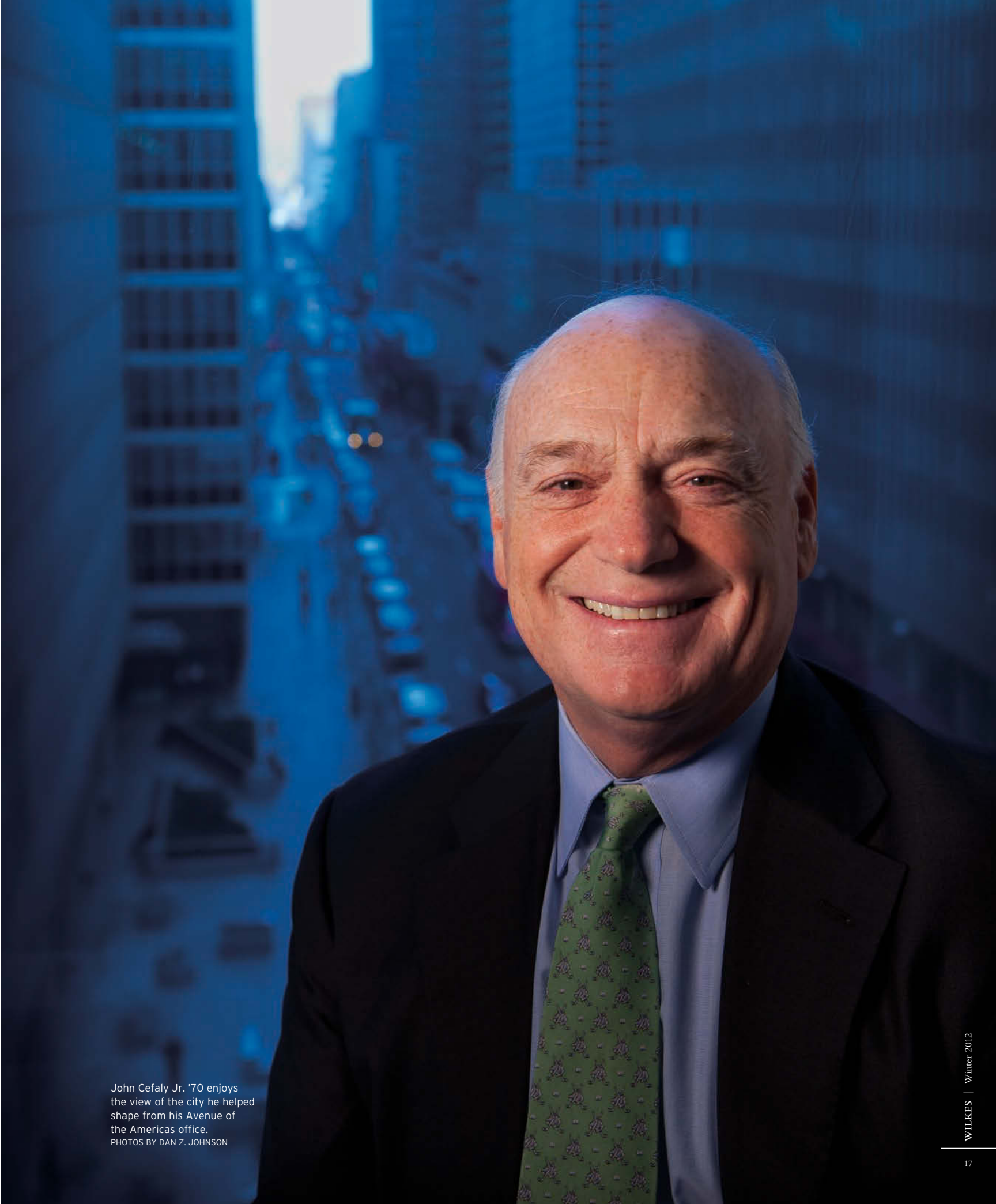
A large, faint silhouette of chess pieces, including a king and a knight, is visible in the background of the top section. The king is on the right, and the knight is on the left. The background is a gradient of blue and teal.

ALL•THE Right Moves

JOHN CEFALY JR. '70 IS A MASTER DEAL MAKER
IN MANHATTAN REAL ESTATE

By Geoff Gehman

JOHN CEFALY JR. '70 PLAYS CHESS WITH MANHATTAN SKYSCRAPERS. THE BROKER SECURES HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SQUARE FEET FOR SOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ADVERTISING AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL BANKS AND OTHER KING-SIZE CORPORATE KNIGHTS IN SHOWCASE BUILDINGS, SOME IN AREAS HE HELPED TRANSFORM INTO BUSINESS HUBS. HE PERFORMS THESE MOVES AS EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE GLOBAL FIRM CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD, INC., THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRIVATELY HELD COMMERCIAL REAL-ESTATE SERVICES COMPANY.



John Cefaly Jr. '70 enjoys the view of the city he helped shape from his Avenue of the Americas office.
PHOTOS BY DAN Z. JOHNSON

“The business is interesting when you put a deal together with two parties. But it’s FASCINATING when the DEAL is with three parties, or more.”



“I like working with big clients with big needs and, hopefully, complicated structures,” says Cefaly, reclining in his Avenue of the Americas office, a block from two landmarks, Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center. “The business is interesting when you put a deal together with two parties. But it’s fascinating when the deal is with three parties, or more.”

Cefaly grew up near the Wilkes campus in Ashley, Pa. He had little interest in brokering commercial space while studying at Wilkes, although he did enjoy George Bell’s real estate course.

Cefaly discovered Cushman & Wakefield through his friend Caleb McKenzie ’70, whose brothers worked for the firm. Hired by a McKenzie sibling in February 1971, Cefaly’s first job was finding tenants for a year-old building in lower Manhattan in an area known as the insurance district. It was a tough sell because New York City was mired in a real estate recession. Cefaly’s task became easier in 1973 as the market rebounded and New York emerged from the recession. The opening of the World Trade Center also began to make lower Manhattan a new commercial hotspot.

Cefaly was mentored by Ken Dean, nicknamed “Mr. Downtown” for popularizing lower Manhattan. For 25 years, mentor and protégé shared a Wall Street office, sitting literally desk to desk. Dean convinced Cefaly in 1974 to stay in Manhattan and not relocate to Houston, Texas, where Cushman & Wakefield was opening a new branch office—“the best decision I ever made in my life.” And it was Dean who gave Cefaly rare access to CEOs, CFOs and other captains of industry. “That was pretty eye opening for a kid from Ashley, Pa.”

“Ken was from an old New York family with deep roots in lower-Manhattan real estate. He was a first-class gentleman and very important in my career at Cushman & Wakefield.”

Cefaly has accumulated a large crop of creative coups. In the late 1980s, he moved the ad agency Bates Worldwide from the Chrysler Building to the Garment District on Seventh Avenue, a move that helped change the area from commercially unfashionable to fashionable. Since 2000, he advised the Canadian Imperial Banking Corp. (CIBC) on a 1.1 million-square-foot joint venture to construct a new building on 42nd Street and

Madison Avenue. Shortly after 9/11 he represented the Dutch bank ABN AMRO in relocating from its New York home to waterfront property in New Jersey and then re-let their space to the insurance brokerage giant Aon, previously located in the World Trade Center. In that transaction, Aon secured all the leasehold improvements including furniture and artwork from ABN AMRO.

Last summer Cefaly completed one of the biggest deals of the year for Nomura Holding America Inc., the U.S. branch of a Japanese financial-services company. Cefaly worked with Nomura executives to analyze their options of remaining downtown or relocating to midtown. They ended up focusing on Worldwide Plaza at Eighth Avenue and 50th Street. During negotiations, a number of other tenants sought to secure the building. Due to relationships he forged over his 40-year career, Cefaly convinced the Worldwide Plaza owners to stick with Nomura. “Don’t go looking,” he said, “at the other girl across the street.”

Nomura ended up renting 900,000 square feet in Worldwide Plaza on 20 floors. It was the largest new office lease in midtown in seven years. *The Wall Street Journal* chronicled the deal as one of five major 2011 transactions for Cefaly’s team totaling \$1.3 billion.

Cefaly’s success can be measured by the nearly 40 million square feet he’s secured and by his longtime rank as one of C&W’s top worldwide producers. He has adjusted to a host of crises: the Black Friday stock-market crash of 1988 and the subprime-mortgage catastrophe in 2008. Most traumatic was the Sept. 11, 2001 destruction of the World Trade Center’s twin towers by terrorists. Cefaly, who lost friends in the disaster, worked tirelessly with his team to help clients find alternative spaces and assist in getting their businesses up and running.

Cefaly and his wife, Jane, who also has ties to Wilkes, reside in Manhattan, but also spend time in homes in Palm Beach, Fla., and Westhampton, N.Y. He belongs to clubs in the New York area and enjoys golfing around the world, making an annual trip to play the fabled course at St. Andrew’s in Scotland. He’s an investor in two restaurants in Manhattan: Il Gattopardo (The Leopard), which survived weeks of gloomy business after



John Cefaly '70 takes care of business in his Cushman & Wakefield office.

**JOHN CEFALY JR., New York, N.Y.
B.S., Commerce and Finance, Wilkes, 1970**

Career: Vice chairman, Cushman & Wakefield, world's largest privately held commercial real-estate services company; member of its global management committee; founding chairman of its National Brokerage Advisory Board

Notable: Cushman & Wakefield's Worldwide Overall Producer in 2002-2003 and 2005

Continuing contribution to Wilkes: Co-chairman of fundraising campaign for the University's new science center. Accepted the task to honor Cromwell Thomas, former longtime head of Wilkes' engineering department and uncle of his wife, Jane. The campaign kicks off in March 2012. (See story, page 10)

opening a week after 9/11, and The Leopard at Des Artistes, which reopened in the former Café des Artistes, a legendary lair near Lincoln Center.

Now in his 41st year at C&W, Cefaly still relishes the friendship of his partners, inside and outside the firm. He still enjoys auditioning for jobs—and he still gets a major jolt from closing a major package.

“Every deal is very satisfying when you’ve taken it from beginning to end, and you’ve negotiated through the maze of structural and legal complexities, and you’re there for the ribbon cutting, so to speak,” says Cefaly with a smile. “Even after 41 years, I still feel the same enthusiasm for executing, and winning, the business. It’s just great when you get checkmate.”

Wrestling Reunion Set For June 2-3

Wrestling alumni are invited to attend a reunion on June 2-3 in Wilkes-Barre. The occasion will mark Coach John Reese's 85th birthday and include plenty of opportunities to catch up with teammates and friends. Wilkes' rich wrestling history spans more than 60 years, 42 of which were under Reese's leadership.

"The story behind our overall success is that our program is about being a team and all of [our wrestlers] made that possible," says Reese. Interested alumni should contact current coach Jon Laudenslager at jon.laudenslager@wilkes.edu or (570)408-4035 or the Office of Alumni Relations at (570)408-7787 or alumni@wilkes.edu.

According to the 1972 *Amnicola*, where this photo appears, "The 1971-1972 Colonel wrestling team once again displayed that quality of greatness which has established Wilkes as one of the top 'college division' wrestling powers in the entire nation." Wrestling alumni are invited back to campus for a reunion on June 2.



Alumni Association Open Board Meeting

Interested in learning more about the Alumni Association? Participate in our open meeting on Friday, June 1. Whether you join us on campus or call in to the meeting, you'll get a firsthand look at how our board of directors works with its campus partners to provide programs for the alumni community.

At the meeting, we'll review our goals, discuss future opportunities and get a detailed look at Homecoming 2012. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@wilkes.edu or (570)408-7787.

Regional Alumni Groups to Gather in 2012

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the start of four regional groups that will be led by members of our board of directors:

- Boston and Providence areas: JJ Fadden '98
- Central Pennsylvania: Donna Talarico '00, MFA '08
- Northeastern Pennsylvania: Kristin Klemish '04
- Washington, D.C.: Ron Miller '93

Located in areas with strong alumni participation, these groups will hold fun events and create ways for Wilkes grads to stay connected, no matter how far they are from campus. JJ, Donna, Kristin and Ron would love to hear from you if you live in one of their regions. Contact them at alumni@wilkes.edu. Don't worry if you don't live in one of these areas—Wilkes has a full schedule of events planned for 2012. Check www.wilkes.edu/alumni for updates.

A group of alumni and guests gather at the Capitol building in Washington, DC. Ron Miller '93, the alumni association representative for the DC area, invites fellow Colonels to attend upcoming events, which will be announced soon.



HOMEcoming 2012

Mark your calendars for
**Homecoming 2012 —
 October 5, 6 and 7!**

Take a trip back to campus
 and you'll be sure to have
 as much fun as these ladies
 from Chesapeake Hall.

Pictured first row, left to right are Janet Markowitz Macik '75, Gayle (Kinback) Pryor '75, Ann Marie (Lewis) Strempek '75, Nancy (Slawson) Deacon '77, Denise Chapura '74; sitting on stage left to right, are Janine (Pokrinchak) Dubik '78, Merle (Zipkin) Silver '78, Nancy Van Kuren '78, Shelley (Busa) O'Brien '77, Sue Ann (Knight) Beck '77; and top row, from left, Fran (Polakowski) Holloway '76 and Shawn (Rozett) Senning '78



Nominations Sought for 2012 Health Sciences Distinguished Service Awards

If you know a Wilkes graduate who should be recognized for his or her contributions to the fields of medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry or veterinary medicine, consider submitting a nomination for the Health Sciences Distinguished Service Award. Past recipients include Charles N. Burns Sr., M.D., '35; Doris B. Bartuska, M.D., '49; George E. Hudock, Jr., M.D., '50; Catherine DeAngelis, M.D., M.P.H., '65; Dan F. Kopen, M.D., '70; Richard Clompus, O.D., '75; Henry Finn, M.D. F.A.C.S., '80; Eduardo Marban, M.D., Ph.D. '74; W. Peter Nordland, D.M.D., '74, MS '75; Mark Stair, V.M.D., '70. Submit your nomination online at www.community.wilkes.edu/HSawards.



President and Mrs. Gilmour to be Honored at Alumni Scholarship Dinner

The Wilkes community will honor Tim and Patty Gilmour on Friday, April 20 at the Alumni Association's annual scholarship dinner in recognition of their 11 years of service to the University.

"I have attended this fabulous event several times over the years. It is always a festive evening which draws the 'Who's Who' among the Wilkes community, including alumni, trustees, faculty, past presidents and students. It is a great way to network with those from Wilkes and the local community," says Cindy Charnetski O.D. '97, committee chairperson.

Last year, the dinner honored Lawrence Cohen '57 and raised over \$14,000 for the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each year to a child or grandchild of a Wilkes alumnus. Members of the Alumni Association's development committee interview student scholarship candidates to select the winner.

For more information about the scholarship dinner, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (570)408-7787 or alumni@wilkes.edu.

1951

Charles F. Jackson was honored with the 2011 Philadelphia Association of School Retirees Community Service Award. The Philadelphia chapter, Region XI, has the largest membership among Pennsylvania's Association of School Retirees (PASR). Jackson retired in 1994 after serving in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York public school districts in various positions including teacher, athletic coach, department head, grade coordinator, assistant vice principal, principal and assistant superintendent. He

and his wife, Barbara, reside in Langhorne, Pa.

William Siglin and his wife Norma celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Dec. 25, 2011. They reside in Springfield Township, Pa.

1978

Tony Couto was inducted into the Allentown (Pa.) Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame in December 2010 as a member of the 1973 undefeated football team. In December 2011 he was inducted for a second time in recognition of his athletic achievements in football and wrestling.

David A. Jolley announced the publication of his book, *A Good Cup of Coffee: Short-Time Major Leaguers & Their Claims*

to Fame. He donated copies of the book to the Baseball Hall of Fame's research library in Cooperstown, N.Y.



David A. Jolley '78 shows off his book, *A Good Cup of Coffee: Short-Time Major Leaguers and Their Claims to Fame*, outside the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Tim Golden '78 Holds Patent on Research Success

Tim Golden '78 wondered why his boss insisted he attend the December 2011 Technology Town Hall Meeting held at their company, Air Products. A 28-year veteran researcher with the Allentown, Pa.-based corporation, Golden says he didn't think it was unusual when he saw the company's senior vice president, Corning Painter, and its chairman, John McGlade, were present.

"I'm a researcher," Golden quips. "My head's in the clouds 99 percent of the time. But then I realized that they were talking about me."

Air Products senior leadership presented Golden with the company's Professional Achievement Award, recognizing employees who have made significant contributions to Air Products' success through their skills, dedication and high professional standards. The award—given only once before since its inception—carries a \$40,000 honorarium.

Golden was honored for his work with adsorption technology, which contributes to success for Air Products plants, technology and processes. Adsorption technology, Golden explains, involves designing and developing

porous materials to separate gases. Golden uses the analogy of a sponge to explain the process: "It would be as if I sent air through a sponge and nitrogen would be retained by the sponge allowing for the production of oxygen at the exit of the sponge."


Golden holds the record among current Air Product employees for most patents: 66 in the United States and more than 400 worldwide. During the course of more than two decades with the company, it's estimated that Golden's work has impacted more than \$6 billion in Air Products revenues. Air Products is a global leader in the industrial, energy, technology and health care markets with a portfolio of atmospheric gases, process and specialty gases, performance materials, and equipment and services.

In presenting the award, Air Products chairman McGlade said, "We're here to recognize someone who is helping to move us toward our vision, someone whose adsorption expertise has contributed greatly to our success as a company. But technical prowess alone isn't what makes him a leader. That quality is combined with other attributes like the ability to mentor, to collaborate, and sponsor teamwork. So much so that a recent job applicant met Tim at a conference and said—and this is a quote—"I want to work for him!" The adsorption industry

1980

Dr. Jeffrey S. Yablon is an assistant professor in the University of California San Francisco Department of Neurological Surgery. He is medical director of the newly formed Peggy Herman Center for the Neurosciences at Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa, Calif.

1982

Reunion Oct. 5-7 

Ruth McDermott-Levy received the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association's 2011 Nurse as Global Citizen Award at a ceremony on Oct. 27, 2011. She works for Villanova University College of Nursing.

John Pullo Sr. was elected to the Keystone College Board of Trustees. He is vice president for ground systems at Gentex Corp. in Simpson, Pa.

1990

Christopher Buchanan and his wife, Sharon, welcomed their second child, David Bruce Black Buchanan, on Sept. 23, 2011.

1994

Matt McCaffrey MS '97 and his wife, Andrea, welcomed their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on June 29, 2011. She joins her siblings, 8-year-old Matthew and 5-year-old Katy.

The family lives in North Canton, Ohio.

1998

Danielle (Yeakel) Schaeffer and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second child, Shane Douglas, on Dec. 20, 2010. He joins older sister Olivia Ann. The family lives in Forks Township, Pa.

2000

Linda Chong and Nicholas Souchik III welcomed their third daughter, Liliya, on Sept. 7, 2011. She joins older sisters Larissa and Natasha.

Tony DaRe and his wife, Adrienne, welcomed their

second daughter, Adele Marie DaRe, born Oct. 17, 2011.

Suzanne Reedy and Daniel McKeon were married on May 14, 2011. The bride is employed at Sanofi-Pasteur in Swiftwater, Pa. The groom is employed by American International Mailing in Whippany, N.J. The couple reside in Great Meadows, N.J.

2002

Reunion Oct. 5-7 

Vanessa Bodgan and William Parry III were married on Oct. 1, 2010. The bride is a fifth-grade teacher in the Lake-Lehman School District. The groom is employed at

recognized him through his election to the Carbon Hall of Fame, and we're proud to recognize him now for his contributions to Air Products."

The award—a complete surprise for Golden—brought tears to his eyes. "I got a standing ovation from my mates in technology. That meant more to me than anything."

Golden, who came to Wilkes from New York state, was a wrestler. But after the University switched from Division III to Division I in wrestling after his freshman year, he was no

longer competitive. "I decided I'd better concentrate on chemistry," says Golden, who earned the Catherine Bone Award in chemistry when he graduated.

He has fond memories of chemistry faculty and their influence. "Owen Faut was my favorite professor. He was an inspiration to me. He was a great teacher who gave me confidence in my abilities."

After graduating from Wilkes, he earned a doctorate in materials science from Penn State and joined Air Products, where he's enjoyed a long and successful research career. Upon his retirement from Air Products in January 2012, Golden is moving to France with his wife, Catherine, a native of Brittany, and their two children, Madeleine, 13, and William, 11. "I want to spend more time with the kids," Golden says. "They still like me. I know that will change. Selfishly, I just want to be around them while I can."

Although he will continue working for Air Products as a consultant mentoring younger scientists, Golden looks forward to the change. "Sometimes we get caught up on this merry-go-round called work. If you just jump off, you may be surprised where you land."

- By Vicki Mayk M.A.'12

Tim Golden '78 in his laboratory at Air Products.
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Stefanie Henninger '02 and Andrew Taylor were married on Sept. 10, 2011. The bride is a nuclear medicine technologist at Fox Hospital in Oneonta, N.Y. The groom works in sales for Chrysler. The couple reside in Oneonta. The bride's wedding party included two Wilkes alumnae. From left to right, bridesmaids Jessica Kim and Nicole Volpe, matron of honor **Shanna (Henninger) Dawson PharmD '01**, bride **Stefanie (Henninger) Taylor '02**, matron of honor **Kimberly (Chapman) Schneider '02**, and bridesmaids Jennie Taylor and Kristi Stein.



Nadine Ann Taylor '07 and **Jon James Prutzman '05** were married on Nov. 6, 2010. The bride is a special education teacher at Robert D. Wilson Elementary School and junior varsity softball coach in Waymart, Pa. She also is a Zumba instructor. The groom is a controller at Compuspar USA Inc. in Allentown, Pa. The couple reside in Scranton, Pa. Alumni in the couple's wedding party included bridesmaids **Jodi Viscomi '05** and **Jan Nunemacher '06**, groomsman **Mike Zapotoski '05**, and best man **Tom Reynolds '05**.

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. The couple reside in Dallas Township, Pa.

2003

Christopher Tedesco
see 2004.


2004

Pamela Tedesco and **Christopher Tedesco '03** welcomed their third child, Lilyanna Grace Tedesco, on Sept. 20, 2011. She joins older brothers Christopher, 5, and Nathaniel, 21 months.

2005

James Lemoncelli is deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, for 10 months as a Commanders-Emergency Response Program program manager for USFOR-A, U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

2007

Reunion Oct. 5-7 

Shannon Curtin MBA '09 and **Zachary Mazur** were married on June 12, 2010. The bride is a communications and engagement analyst for Northrop Grumman in Suffolk, Va. The couple reside in Portsmouth, Va.

2010

John Hollock is an accountant at the Moosic, Pa., office of accounting firm Jones Kohanski & Company.

Andrew Seaman was hired to manage the health news Web site for Thomson Reuters. He will be based at Reuters's headquarters in New York City.

Matthew Archey '09, M.S. '11 Brings New Technology to Historic Building

When Wilkes-Barre-based architecture and engineering firm, Borton-Lawson, won the contract to update the heating system of the historic Luzerne County Courthouse, Wilkes alumnus, Matthew Archey '09, M.S.'11 was eager to begin the challenging assignment.

The project is a part of the overall renovation of the courthouse and focuses on the implementation of the new heating system and the corresponding energy efficiency improvements. Archey's employer is committed to preserving the history and landscape of northeastern Pennsylvania for future generations, but with that commitment come challenges.

"Older buildings weren't designed with the current technologies in mind," explains Archey. "It can be difficult to conceal or even fit the necessary system components within the building in a way that maintains its historical integrity."



The project required design concepts be approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to ensure the updated renovations would not affect the appearance of the building. Another challenge is making sure the building system meets building code requirements.

Archey is enjoying the various challenges the project has posed. "It's really interesting to see how systems have evolved to satisfy the needs of building occupants, while limiting the effects on the environment," he stated.

Designing environmentally friendly systems is of particular importance to Archey. He is also working on a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project for the Geisinger Health Systems office building in Buckhorn, Pa.

Archey earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's in engineering management from Wilkes. He says his professors influenced the way he approaches his day-to-day work. Wilkes engineering professors, Syed Perwez Kalim and John Orehotsky, each helped to prepare him to handle the multi-faceted aspects of the engineering profession. "A lot of what I do today I learned in Dr. Kalim's classes," he says. "(Orehotsky) was always full of energy. It was obvious he loved what he did every day. I try to keep that positive attitude because it helps you get through stressful times."

Being versatile and capitalizing on internship opportunities is what led to his career success. "The Wilkes internship fair set me up with a company, which eventually led to my job immediately after graduation," he said.

Archey is grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the restoration of the Luzerne County Courthouse.

- By Rachel Strayer, M.F.A. '12

Matt Archey '09, M.S.'11 has worked on the restoration of the Luzerne County Courthouse. PHOTO BY VICKI MAYK

Graduate Students 1981

Babetta Wenner M.S. is now assistant professor of fine arts at Misericordia University.

2006

John A. Bednarz, Jr. M.A. was honored at the annual Pennsylvania Association for Justice retreat with the George F. Douglas Amicus Curiae Award. The award acknowledged his outstanding

appellate advocacy as amicus brief writer and allocatur clerk, past chair and active committee member of the Amicus Committee for more than 15 years, and his lifelong dedication to preserving justice. Bednarz resides in Shavertown, Pa.



John A. Bednarz, Jr. M.A.

Brian Kasarda M.S. and Jessica Ervin were married on June 18, 2011. The bride is studying to be a teacher. The groom is an accountant with Guard Insurance Group in Wilkes-Barre. The couple reside in Hazle Township, Pa.

2007

Karen Elaine Petrosky MBA and James Patrick Blaum were married on Aug. 20, 2010. Both are employed as teachers by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The couple reside in Kingston, Pa.

2008

Dave Blum M.A. self-published his novel *The Last Pottsville Warrior*. The novel chronicles the lives of five families from the mid-1950s through the 1970s in the coal and steel belt of northeast Pennsylvania. The book is a portrait of personal struggles amidst the dramatic changes in American culture. It is now available on amazon.com for Kindle.

2009

Shannon Curtin MBA see 2007.

In Memoriam

1940

Dr. Michael Seniuk, Augusta, Ga., died Nov. 9, 2011. He served as a dentist in the U.S. Army during World War II. Seniuk was employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital and worked in the dental clinics of the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Wilkes-Barre; Fayetteville, N.C.; Lebanon, Pa.; Dublin, Ga.; and Augusta, Ga.

1942

Dr. Phyllis Berger, Kingston, Pa., died Sept. 10, 2011. She opened a joint optometric practice with her husband, becoming the first woman optometrist in Lackawanna County.

1949

Donald W. Perrego, Mechanicsburg, Pa., died Oct. 17, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserves and the U.S. Army, serving as a civil engineer during the Korean Conflict. Perrego worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Department of Forests and Water, becoming director of the Bureau of Water Projects.

1950

Thomas T. Smith Jr., Kingston, Pa., died Nov. 25, 2011. He was a U.S.

Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and began his teaching career at Forty Fort High School before teaching English at Wyoming Valley West. He also worked for his father at Smith's Grocery Store in Kingston.

Charlotte Davis Wentz, Wyoming Valley, Pa., died Aug. 9, 2011. She worked at the Harrisburg State Hospital and as a legal secretary in Virginia. She was the first paid director of volunteer services for the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, a position she held for 20 years.

1951

Leo F. Gavlick, Swoyersville, Pa., died Dec. 5, 2011. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a self-employed professional civil engineer, architect, and surveyor.

John B. Wheelwright Jr., Hunlock Creek, Pa., died Aug. 9, 2011. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was employed at Bell Labs in New Jersey.

1952

Robert H. Nash, Berwick, Pa., died Oct. 19, 2011. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was an English teacher for the Berwick Area School System for 39 years.

David T. Williams Jr., Roanoke, Va., died Nov. 9, 2011. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and an employee with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. After retiring, he was a computer operator for Dauphin County in Harrisburg, Pa.

1954

H. Harrison Cook, Dallas, Pa., died Sept. 27, 2011. He was a sales representative for National Gypsum Co. until his retirement in 1996.

Nevin Dieffenbach, Manheim, Pa., died March 21, 2011. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a retired registered nurse and nursing home administrator who served at all levels of nursing, from nursing assistant to director of nursing. He retired from the Lebanon VA Medical Center in 1980.

Dr. Thomas A. Kislán, Harleigh, Pa., died Aug. 12, 2011. He was a retired U.S. Navy pilot and had a private dental practice in Hazelton, Pa., for over 40 years. Kislán served as a pilot and dentist for the U.S. Naval Reserves for more than 25 years, earning the rank of Commander.

In Memoriam

1955

Irwin H. Gelb, Wilkes-Barre, died June 24, 2011. He worked for and eventually owned his father's wholesale business, Phillip Gelb Company. He was an employee at Macy's since 2000.

The Rev. John (Jack) S. Prater, Plymouth Township, Pa., died Nov. 8, 2011. He served Episcopal parishes in Saint Clair, Pa., and Minersville, Pa., before becoming the rector of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Dallas, Pa., where he served for 35 years. Upon his retirement he was named rector emeritus.

1957

Nancy Morris Phethean, Mt. Kisco, N.Y., died Sept. 2, 2011. She taught first grade at Primrose School in Somers, N.Y. from 1970 until her retirement in 1996.

1958

Thomas A. Yahara, Lancaster, Pa., died Oct. 16, 2011. He was a registered professional engineer with the Department of Mechanical & Nuclear Engineering Mentoring Program at the Penn State University. He was also an artist belonging to the Lancaster Art Association.

1959

John C. Lacomby Sr., Old Forge, Pa., died Nov. 28, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was employed as a metal fabricator and inspector for R & H Fabricators, Orangeville Metal, and Berwick Metal Fabricators.

1960

Carol Ann Haracz, Nanticoke, Pa., died Aug. 31, 2011. She was a registered nurse at Hahnemann University Hospital and other hospitals in Philadelphia, Pa.

1964

John Tensa Jr., Plymouth, Pa., died Sept. 24, 2011. He was an elementary school and remedial math teacher at the Main Street School in Plymouth in the Wyoming Valley West School District for 39 years.

1968

Martin E. (Marty) Hurley, New Orleans, La., died Sept. 12, 2011. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force Band and served as a drum instructor for the military bands Bleu Raeders and the Black Knights before joining the staff of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. He was band director at Brother

Martin High School, New Orleans; percussion instructor at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La.; and taught musical seminars and clinics. He also published his musical compositions through his own company, Rudimental Percussion Publications, and through Row-Loff Productions.

1970

Les Sdorow, New Hope, Pa., died Sept. 13, 2011. He was an associate professor of psychology at Arcadia University, co-founder of the Leigh Valley Undergraduate Psychology Conference, and the author of an introductory psychology textbook.

1971

Casimer J. Czerwien, Nanticoke, Pa., died Oct. 2, 2011. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

1975

Mary O'Brien Callahan, Forty Fort, Pa., died Nov. 12, 2011. She worked for the Division of Unemployment Compensation and Employment Service for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and taught at Saint Ann's Academy, Wilkes-Barre, and Scranton Preparatory School.

1976

Stephen A. Bloomberg, Forty Fort, Pa., died Aug. 31, 2011. He worked in the insurance and financial planning industry for more than 30 years and was the owner and operator of Bloomberg Financial in Kingston, Pa.

Richard J. Kopec, Swoyersville, Pa., died Oct. 22, 2011. He was an active member of the Association of the Blind.

Roger John Price, Wilkes-Barre Township, Pa., died Oct. 20, 2011. He was employed for 10 years by the Probation Office of Luzerne County and for 20 years as a supreme/auditor for the Pennsylvania Auditor General.

1977

Gary E. Bilski, Norristown, Pa., died Sept. 16, 2011. He was employed as a nurse executive at Montgomery County Emergency Service.

1978

Gloria M. Dobrowalski, Laflin, Pa., died Nov. 14, 2011. She was a certified rehabilitation counselor, and owned and operated G.M.B. and Associates in Wilkes-Barre. She was also employed by Evergreen Behavioral Intervention for Children in Luzerne, Pa.

In Memoriam

1979

Thomas N. “Chip” Pufko, Spring City, Pa., died Sept. 7, 2011. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps before being honorably discharged as an officer.

1981

Rose H. Somers, Weatherly, Pa., died July 2011.

1983

Rev. Robert G. MacIntyre, Bethlehem, Pa., died Sept. 2, 2011. He was the pastor at Olivet United Presbyterian Church, Easton, Pa., since 1998. Prior to his ordination, MacIntyre was a project design engineer in satellite communications at the Tobyhanna Army Depot.

1985

Billy D. Adams Sr., Pocono Summit, Pa., died June 27, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps for 26 years and was a veteran of both the Korean War and Vietnam wars. He also worked for an electronics company out of the

Tobyhanna Army Depot and served as a technical writer and editor at Fort Monmouth.

Vincent J. Kashulon Jr., Raleigh, N.C., died Sept. 10, 2011. He was a Vietnam War veteran and worked for U.S. Postal Service Information Systems, Washington, D.C., before retiring in 2002.

Graduate Students

1973

William D. Morris M.S., Pottsville, Pa., died June 9, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War as well as a music teacher and band director at Williams Valley High School. He was a retired employee of the New Cumberland Army Depot.

1981

Raymond Elick MBA, Tunkhannock, Pa., died Nov. 7, 2011. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and had a long career at the Procter & Gamble Paper Mill in Mehoopany, Pa.

1988

Lisa Anne Tercha MBA, Macungie, Pa., died Sept. 12, 2011. She was vice president of operations at Dun and Bradstreet in Saucon Valley and formerly worked for IMS America in Norristown, Pa.

2004

Virginia D. “Ginnie” Rohn M.S., Bethlehem, Pa., died Sept. 25, 2011. She was a teacher in the business department at Liberty High School for 13 years and was also a coach of the Liberty girls’ volleyball team. She was previously employed as an auditor for Fulton Financial and worked in the commercial lending department of Lafayette Ambassador Bank.

2006

Jennifer Diskin M.A., Scranton, Pa., died Dec. 11, 2011. She was an adjunct English professor

at Marywood University and a graduate assistant at Wilkes University. She was also employed for 10 years by Allied Services as a resident assistant and program specialist. She was a poet with two published chapbooks, *Everyday Anemias* in 2008 and *Wear White and Grieve* in 2010.

Friends of Wilkes

Alvan Bruch, Plains Township, Pa., died July 30, 2011. He was a retired meteorologist for the U.S. Air Force and an environmental scientist with the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was a professor at Wilkes College and helped to start the environmental science department.

Marybeth Patterson, Nanticoke, Pa., died Oct. 24, 2011. She was a service center assistant in the office of public safety at Wilkes University. She worked at Wilkes for more than eight years.

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GIVING BACK

“I prepared my will before my deployment to Iraq. I included a gift for Wilkes as a token of appreciation for getting a quality education. I wanted to give back.

— Captain Joshua Mendoza '02



Joshua Mendoza '02 has been a captain in the U.S. Army for nine years. He is currently stationed at Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Karen (Bradley) Mendoza '02, and their 2-year-old daughter, Isabella. In remembering his Wilkes days, Mendoza, says, “The professors were very accessible; it was a good environment to collaborate and do better work. I wrestled and was team captain my senior year. I met my wife there. I have friends I still keep in touch with. There are coaches, faculty and staff who meant a lot to us.”

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calendar of events



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March

- 1 Groundbreaking Ceremony, New Science Center, 1 p.m., greenway (Snow date, March 7)
- 1-11 *Let Children Be Children: Lewis Wickes' Crusade Against Child Labor*, Sordoni Art Gallery
- 22 Alina Fernandez, daughter of Fidel Castro, Women's History Month speaker, 7 p.m., Ballroom, Henry Student Center

April

- 3 Halfway to Homecoming, Boston, Mass.
Halfway to Homecoming, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 4 Halfway to Homecoming, Rodano's, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, 7 p.m.
- 12 Halfway to Homecoming, Washington, D.C.
- 12-15 *Amadeus*, theatre production, 8 p.m., Thurs.-Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun., Darte Center
- 22 *How To Change the World With Your Bare Hands*, The Hon. Cory Booker, mayor, Newark, N.J., Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities, 7:30 p.m., Darte Center
- 20 Alumni Scholarship Dinner, Ballroom, Henry Student Center
- 27 Chorus Concert with NEPA Philharmonic, Scranton Cultural Center
- 28 Relay for Life, benefiting American Cancer Society, greenway
- 29 Civic Band Concert, 2 p.m., Darte Center

May

- 1 Jazz Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Darte Center
- 19 Spring Commencement, Mohegan Sun Arena