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Recruiting the Next Generation of Colonels

SINCE BECOMING WILKES' NEW PRESIDENT, I'm frequently asked to outline my priorities in leading the University. In this issue of *Wilkes* magazine, you'll have a chance to read about my work in a feature story. But I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about one of my goals—and how our Wilkes alumni can help to achieve it.

Growing enrollment is a win-win for everyone. For a tuition-driven institution like Wilkes, healthy enrollment supports financial stability, allowing us to provide the great education that all Wilkes graduates prize. Resources for recruiting and retaining talented faculty, providing new facilities and the latest technology, and keeping college affordable are all tied, directly or indirectly, to meeting our goals for enrolling good students.



President Patrick Leahy stops to chat with students in the Henry Student Center, his favorite spot on campus.
PHOTO BY LISA REYNOLDS

Many factors are involved in recruiting students, from marketing to developing unique academic offerings and innovative programs. One that is too seldom addressed is the role that alumni can play in attracting students to Wilkes. As Wilkes president, I've talked about the extraordinary loyalty of our alumni. I'm blessed that so many graduates remember their time here with pride. The strong tradition of legacy families at Wilkes—families with more than one generation attending the University—confirms this commitment. Alumni, by the nature of their accomplishments and career success,

are a testimony to the value of the education they received here.

We encourage our alumni to volunteer on behalf of the University, serving on boards and committees and mentoring current Wilkes students. Now it's time to think about tapping our alumni to help raise Wilkes' profile among prospective students. If you have a friend or neighbor with a college-age child, urge them to consider Wilkes if the opportunity arises. If you're interviewed in the media about a career achievement, consider mentioning Wilkes and how a professor here mentored you. If you participate in a job-shadowing program or career day for high school students in your community, don't hesitate to tell them that Wilkes is a great place to get an education.

Our alumni can talk about their own experiences and influence prospective students to take a look at Wilkes. When it comes to recruiting our next generation of Colonels, no one can do it with more passion and enthusiasm than our alumni.

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Dr. Patrick F. Leahy
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Patrick Leahy has emphasized a collaborative leadership style since becoming Wilkes' sixth president. PHOTO BY EARL AND SEDOR PHOTOGRAPHIC

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Student Documentary Details Plight of AIDS Orphans

Communication studies senior Kirstin Cook brought back more than memories from her study abroad trip this summer to Tanzania. The aspiring broadcast journalist from Windham, Maine, gathered video footage and interviews that she shaped into a 33-minute documentary about children orphaned in the AIDS epidemic, “It Takes A Village.”

Cook gathered material when she and political science major Christine Shaneberger of Bath, Pa., accompanied Linda Winkler, dean of Wilkes’ College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Evene Estwick, associate professor of communication studies, on a month long study trip to Karagwe, Tanzania. Winkler has worked for more than a decade in cooperation with the AIDS Control Project there, which provides social programs that concentrate on disease prevention and treatment, community service, and enabling

the education of gifted and motivated orphans left in the wake of the disease.

Cook estimates that she spent 200 hours editing the video, which does not include the time she spent transcribing the hours of interviews that she filmed. “Doing the interviews, it was really rewarding to talk to



Above: Communication studies senior Kirstin Cook meets with AIDS orphans. PHOTO COURTESY KIRSTIN COOK

Left: Kirstin Cook films her documentary on a study abroad trip to Tanzania. PHOTO BY LINDA WINKLER

people who are really passionate about what they do there,” Cook says.

Among the people interviewed were the AIDS orphans—Kihinga, Ananais and Benitha—sponsored by Zebra Communications, Wilkes’ student-run public relations agency. Zebra created the “Embrace A Child in Tanzania” campaign to raise money to “adopt” the trio, helping them with educational expenses via the group’s contributions. To date more than \$3,000 has been raised by students for the cause. Cook’s documentary premiered at a November fundraiser in the Henry Student Center, which also included music, food and a silent auction.



Family Business Forum Affiliates With Sidhu School of Business and Leadership

The Family Business Forum has joined with the Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. The forum is a resource for northeast Pennsylvania’s family-owned businesses.

The new affiliation was launched at a meeting of the forum held on Dec. 12 in the Henry Student Center at the University.

According to Jeffrey Alves, dean of the Sidhu School, synergy between the business school and the forum will benefit both organizations. “The members of the forum will be able to leverage the expertise and resources provided by the students and faculty in the Sidhu School,” Alves says. “At the same time, our students will benefit from interaction with the family business owners and the speakers sponsored by the forum.”

The forum previously was housed at King’s College and its William G. McGowan School of Business.

Empty Bowls Event Raises Money for Hunger Relief

A simple meal of soup in a beautiful handcrafted bowl became a way to help feed the hungry through the Wyoming Valley’s first annual Empty Bowls event held in October 2012. Organized by Wilkes pottery instructor Jean (Reiter) Adams ’78, the event brought together four colleges and universities—King’s College, Luzerne County Community College, Misericordia University and Wilkes—to raise money for hunger relief. For a donation of \$15, attendees received soup, homemade bread and a pottery bowl. The event raised \$11,000 for four Wyoming Valley food banks. PHOTO BY KNOT JUST ANY DAY PHOTOGRAPHY



Adam Welch is Pennsylvania's 2012 Pharmacist of the Year

Adam Welch, associate professor of pharmacy practice at Wilkes, was named the 2012 Pharmacist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA). Welch was honored with the award during the PPA's 2012 Annual Conference in Scranton, Pa.

The Pharmacist of the Year award is presented to the pharmacist who has demonstrated dedication to the profession, contributed time and effort to the various professional organizations, furthered the profession of pharmacy through community service, and embodied those qualities, which exemplify the profession.

In presenting Welch with the award, the association noted his passion for his profession and the state of pharmacy practice within Pennsylvania. "His desire for the betterment of Pennsylvania pharmacists above his own personal goals and ambitions are an inspiration to his colleagues and his students," the association stated.

Kenneth M. Klemow Named Fellow of Ecological Society of America

Kenneth M. Klemow, professor of biology and director of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research for Northeast Pennsylvania, was named a Fellow of the Ecological Society of America. Klemow is among the first group of scientists to be awarded the prestigious designation, which is granted to members who have made outstanding contributions to a wide range of fields served by the society. It recognizes Klemow's many contributions to the field of ecology and as an ecology educator.

In being named a fellow, Klemow is among a group of distinguished scientists and environmental researchers. They include such environmental luminaries as Stanford University professor Paul Ehrlich, author of "Population Bomb" and president of Stanford's Center for Conservation Biology, and E.O. Wilson of Harvard University, world-class researcher on biodiversity and global environmental change.



Biology Professor Ken Klemow's work as an educator earned recognition from the Ecological Society of America. PHOTO BY BRUCE WELLER

STUDENTS LINE UP TO "PIE YOUR PROFESSOR"

The old saying that revenge is sweet took on new meaning at the second annual "Pie Your Professor" event sponsored by Wilkes' Chemistry Club. Students had the chance to toss pies made of sweet whipped topping in the faces of Chemistry Department faculty—for \$2 per shot. The event was a fundraiser, with proceeds split between Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation and the club's trip to the American Chemical Society's annual meeting. From left, Wilkes junior Rachel Gill pushes a pie in the face of chemistry professor Don Mencer. Center, chemistry chair Amy Bradley wipes her goggles. Right, assistant professor Adriana Dinescu prepares to be pied. PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BONNER

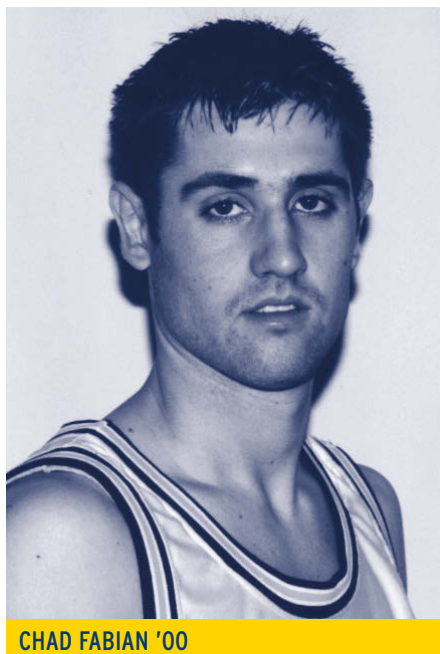


GOOD SPORTS

WILKES HONORS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Six alumni athletes were honored with induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. A ceremony was held on Jan. 26, 2013 following a Freedom Conference basketball doubleheader at the Marts Center. This year's inductees, representing five different men's and women's sports, are among the best players to ever suit up for the Colonels.

Player biographies by Vince Scalzo



CHAD FABIAN '00



ROBYN MENDYGRAL HOBAN '01

CHAD FABIAN '00 Men's Basketball

Chad Fabian is one of the most decorated shooters in Wilkes men's basketball history. His 10 three-point shots against FDU-Madison in 1999 gave Fabian the school record for made threes in a game and he was named Second Team All-Freedom Conference as a junior. With 232 career three-pointers, he ranks second all-time in school history. His 632 attempted three-pointers also rank second all-time at Wilkes. As a senior, Fabian earned First Team All-Freedom honors averaging 20.7 points per game, the eighth all-time scoring average in a single season. He finished his career with 1,295 points, ranking 14th on the school's all-time scoring list. Fabian is now a resident of Linden, Pa.

ROBYN MENDYGRAL HOBAN '01 Softball

A four-time All-Freedom Conference performer, Robyn Mendygral Hoban stands as one of the most decorated softball players in Wilkes history. Hoban holds five career records and five single-season records. A four-year shortstop in the Blue and Gold, Mendygral stands first in career records of batting average (.435), runs (141),

triples (18), sacrifice hits (17), and stolen bases (62), while setting single-season marks in runs (41), slugging percentage (.836), stolen bases (25), and on-base percentage (.540). She is second all-time in total games played (148), hits (191), runs batted in (110), and slugging percentage (.677) while ranking third all-time in doubles (31), fourth in home runs (13), and fifth in walks (35). In 1999, she was named the Freedom Conference and ECAC South Player of the Year while earning a spot on the All-ECAC squad, NFCA All-East Regional First Team, and NFCA Second Team All-American. While being named to the Freedom Conference First Team in her final three years, Hoban was also selected to the NFCA All-East Regional Third Team twice. Hoban also was a member of the women's basketball team for three years. She is a resident of Mountain Top, Pa.

TONY COUTO '78 Football

A four-year varsity letter winner playing under legendary coach Rollie Schmidt, Tony Couto was a three-time All-MAC middle linebacker for the Blue and Gold. A tri-captain, Couto recorded more than 500 tackles, 12 forced fumbles, and eight interceptions in his career while being named the Middle Atlantic Conference Most Valuable Player in 1977. Couto was the first Wilkes linebacker and defensive player in school history to win the award. Couto was also named the overall Player of the Year by Wilkes and was slated to be the "Best of the Best" at his position



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TONY COUTO '78



CATHY DUDICK GAGLIARDI '82



AMY ROSENGRANT RAU '99



CESAR VINCES '98

by his coaches following the 1977 season. During his playing career, he was voted game MVP by WBRE radio eight times, while leading Wilkes to the 1974 Middle Atlantic Conference Championship. Couto lives in Sarasota, Fla.

CATHY DUDICK GAGLIARDI '82

Volleyball

A three-year captain and letterwoman for the Wilkes volleyball team, Cathy Dudick Gagliardi was an anchor during her four-year career. She held several Wilkes records upon graduation, two of which still stand today. She recorded a school record 318 service aces while breaking the single-match aces record when she posted 17 service aces in a 1982 match against The University of Scranton. A First Team All-MAC selection in 1981, Gagliardi was also named the *Times Leader* "Athlete of the Week" and Wilkes volleyball most valuable player as a senior. Gagliardi is a Wilkes-Barre resident.

AMY ROSENGRANT RAU '99

Softball

A four-year starting pitcher for the Lady Colonel softball team, Amy Rosengrant Rau was more than just a consistent performer at Wilkes. A two-time First Team All-Freedom selection, she recorded a 1.74 career earned run average during her stellar time in the circle. She dominated opposing hitters, recording a 31-16 career record with four saves and

seven shutouts throughout her career. She also finished with 169 strikeouts while allowing only 49 free passes. Rau also had some skill swinging the bat, as she batted .316 during her career with six doubles. Rau lives in Wilkes-Barre.

CESAR VINCES '98

Men's Soccer

A three-time All-Freedom selection, Cesar Vinces proved to be an integral part of the Colonels men's soccer lineup during his career. As a senior, he was named an NSCAA Regional All-American Honorable Mention after recording five goals and six assists in 20 games. He was also named First Team All-Freedom and All-Mid Atlantic Third Team. As a freshman, Vinces scored five goals and assisted on three others in 19 games, earning First Team All-Freedom honors. During his sophomore season, he scored three goals and two assists on his way to his second First Team All-Freedom selection. Vinces is a resident of Piscataway, N.J.



THE HEART OF THE MATTER

STUDENTS DRIVE WILKES PRESIDENT PATRICK LEAHY'S PASSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

By Vicki Mayk



FRESHMAN EMILY ABSALOM DECIDED THAT Wilkes' new president, Patrick Leahy, would be the perfect subject for her First Year Foundations class paper about leadership. What she didn't expect was that her interview with him would become a two-way conversation about student life at Wilkes.

"He was very genuine," recalls Absalom, a resident of Bangor, Pa., majoring in political science and psychology. "I noticed how many times he used my name in our conversation and how often he laughed. It's very indicative of his personality. He really relates to people. At the end of the interview, he asked me how I felt at Wilkes, how the semester was going for me. I said Wilkes has a very homey feel and it's a tight-knit community. He was very pleased about that."

Such conversations are a priority for Leahy since becoming Wilkes' sixth president in July 2012. Noting that the Henry Student Center, where students congregate, is his favorite place on campus—"I love the energy there"—Leahy calls students his number-one constituency.

"Presidents work with so many constituencies: faculty, staff, alumni, donors, government officials. But in the end, all of those constituencies exist because we're in the business of educating students," Leahy says. "The heart of the matter is what happens in the classroom, in labs and on the playing fields."

He stops students on the greenway to solicit feedback, attends student government meetings ("I can't think of a more important meeting.") and eagerly accepted an invitation in the fall semester to speak with Associate Professor Marcia Farrell's Introduction to Literature class about his lifelong love of literature. That love affair began as an English major at Georgetown University. "He seems at home in the classroom with our kids," Farrell says.

Hillary Harris, a sophomore pharmacy student from Wilkes-Barre who was in Farrell's class, concurs. "He interacted with us like he was on the same level," Harris recalls. "I liked hearing the story about how he went to school majoring in business and switched to English literature. I really liked the experience of getting to know and meet him."

Many of his student interactions have a purpose, says Student Government President Kris Rivers, a pharmacy major from Emmaus, Pa. "He knows what to ask to benefit the University," Rivers says. "For example, he came to student government right after the Hurricane Sandy storms. He asked about the emergency notification process. He wanted to know how we felt it was working, if it's doing the job."

His focus on students drives his decision-making process. Terese Wignot, interim provost and associate professor of chemistry, notes, "Any conversation that we have about strategy, Pat will always bring back to 'what's the best decision for our students?'"

Leahy joins Wilkes at a challenging time for the institution and for higher education. Institutions—especially tuition-driven ones like Wilkes—are under pressure to control costs and keep education affordable. With a greater emphasis on distance learning and new modes of delivering classes, colleges and universities must innovate and create new programs and reach new markets. At Wilkes, add to those challenges campus imperatives to improve communications and shared governance. Leahy, who describes his management style as highly engaged and genuinely collaborative, welcomes his charge to strengthen the Wilkes community.

"I just believe you are fundamentally better off with more input around key decisions," Leahy says. "If you give people a say about the direction we're going, it's going to be more meaningful."

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— Patrick Leahy”



Opposite page top, clockwise, Mimi Koch and her husband, John Koch, professor, math and computer science, celebrate with Pat Leahy at his installation party. Wilkes students dance at the installation party. The Leahy children, whose birthdays fell close to their father's installation, received a cake at the party. Molly, left, blows out the candles, while Grace, Brian and Jack enjoy the surprise. Leahy delivers his installation address in the F.M. Kirby Center. FIRST THREE PHOTOS, DAN Z. JOHNSON. FOURTH PHOTO, EARL AND SEDOR PHOTOGRAPHIC

Opposite page, bottom: A community service project cleaning up Wilkes-Barre streets and the River Common was part of installation week festivities in September 2012. President Leahy is pictured with his student team, from left, Catherine Knapp, Rachel Lacek, Shawn Carey, Justin Davis, Kyle Henry, Brittany Budman, Kris Rivers, Pat Leahy, Molly Leahy, Grace Leahy and Amanda Bast. PHOTO BY CURTIS SALONICK

This page, right, Patrick Leahy discusses literature with Professor Marcia Farrell's class. PHOTO BY VICKI MAYK



They're going to feel more invested if we're all in this together." He pauses and adds, "I hope I'll always be the kind of person who listens more than I speak."

Faculty and other members of the administration are responding favorably to his collaborative leadership style. Interim Provost Wignot says, "We may not always agree, but he certainly listens."

Jack Miller '68, chair of Wilkes' board of trustees, also cites the new president's relationship-building skills among his greatest strengths. "Pat's a people person. He has a very easy and likable personality that translates into an ability to relate to people."

Justin Matus, associate professor in the Sidhu School of Business and Leadership and chair of the Faculty Advisory Council, also praises Leahy's emphasis on soliciting opinions and cultivating relationships. "He met with me on his first day on the job, for over an hour, one on one. There's symbolism in that

and symbolism is important," Matus explains. "It speaks to Pat's heightened awareness of what's important."

The new president's understanding of the value of perceptions led to some good decisions in the first weeks of his presidency, Matus says. One was the appointment of Wignot—a 24-year veteran Wilkes faculty member—as interim provost. Others include a planned move of the president and vice presidents in 2013 to Weckesser Hall, close to the heart of campus, and the addition of the academic deans to his cabinet. Trustee Miller says, "The quality of his decisions—and the decision-making process—have been outstanding."

His actions also make it clear that all members of the campus community are important to him—like joining members of the facilities crew for breakfast at 6:30 a.m., right when the overnight shift came off duty. "He wants to know everyone at the institution," Wignot says.

AMY LEAHY BRINGS ENERGY AS WILKES' FIRST LADY

Amy Leahy says she's still humming the tunes from Wilkes University Theatre's production of the musical *Godspell*.

"We went to see the production of *Godspell* on campus a month ago. We took the girls," she says. "It was spectacular."

Although she frequently is hostess at University functions as the president's wife, she's just as often at campus events with her four children, ages 6 through 14, in tow. Being mom is a full-time job she relishes. She started her career as a museum educator after earning a master's degree in

museum studies at George Washington University and an undergraduate degree in American Studies from Georgetown University. She interned and worked at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Later she worked at Boston's Paul Revere House and was researcher for an American architectural historian at Cornell while her husband pursued his master's degree there.

Pat Leahy says he first "took note" of Amy Morello in a freshman philosophy class at Georgetown. They both love telling the story about the time they each spent studying abroad in Scotland, Amy at the University of Edinburgh, Pat at the University of St. Andrews. Amy and a Georgetown friend decided to look up Pat and his Georgetown roommate one day.

Meanwhile, Pat and his roommate were knocking on Amy's door in Edinburgh. They both remember the notes they found from their future spouse on their return.

The pair didn't start dating until their senior year. He remembers the date and place: Feb. 5, 1990, at the Saloon in Georgetown. They wouldn't marry for another five years after graduation. That was 17 years, four children, a few moves and job changes, his doctoral degree and a college presidency ago. Patrick Leahy sums it all up with a simple sentence: "Thank God for my wife."

The oldest of three daughters of a Westchester County, N.Y., physician, Amy Leahy says she wasn't surprised when her husband followed a career path in higher education after a start

Opposite page, left: Students join the president for breakfast before the Wilkes-King's football game. Pictured from left are Wilkes students Alison Bitner, Maria Bard and Macey McGuire with President Patrick Leahy.

Opposite page, middle: Legendary Wilkes wrestling coach John Reese, left, chats with Pat Leahy and Jim Ferris '56, right, at Homecoming 2012.

Opposite page, right: The president gets into the Homecoming spirit with students Jessica Short, Lindsay Coval and Ian Foley.

Tom Ralston '80, president of the alumni association, says that includes alumni. "Wilkes University's heritage, its alumni and current students, were first and foremost on his mind as he planned how to move the University forward.

He has shown his dedication to the alumni constituency by traveling the country to meet and visit with us, as well as spending his time with alumni in the greater Wilkes-Barre area whenever asked. Pat has shown great interest in interacting and participating with the alumni association, and the board of directors."

His style also draws praise from outside the University community. State Sen. John Yudichak has known Leahy for several years. "His family, faith and values are the foundation of a man with immense talent," Yudichak says. "Great leaders have to possess more than talent. They must be driven by something greater than themselves to achieve the greater good. Pat Leahy has that spark of greatness in him."

PATH TO PRESIDENCY

Leahy honed his collaborative, student-centered approach through work with two early mentors. As an undergraduate at Georgetown, he took a poetry class with the late Rev. Timothy S. Healy,

the university's president. "He introduced literature to me; not just its beauty, but its relevance in my life.... What he also modeled for me is the importance of a university president getting back in class and interacting with students." Following that example, Leahy plans to teach a class at Wilkes in the future, likely in the Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. At the University of Scranton, Leahy taught in the business honors program. Knowing Healy also sparked Leahy's interest in a career in higher education. "He told me how meaningful that career could be, that higher education could be a noble calling."

Graduating from Georgetown, Leahy did not immediately follow that career path. The youngest boy among six children—four brothers and one sister—he grew up in Baltimore, Md., in a family whose members favored business careers. Although he broke with family tradition by majoring in English, "there was no question that I would go into a management career," Leahy says. He spent a year working in fundraising at his alma mater before moving into finance and investments. He earned dual master's degrees in business administration and labor relations from Cornell University

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in business. "I could have told you when we were in college that was the thing Pat wanted to do," Amy says. Consistently supportive, she admits, with great candor, about being nervous when moving to Scranton, Pa., to begin Pat's career in university work. "I had two little girls and was pregnant with my third," she explains. Now she loves her northeast Pennsylvania home and her children's education and involvement at Wyoming Seminary. She praises her husband's ability to handle both work and family commitments.

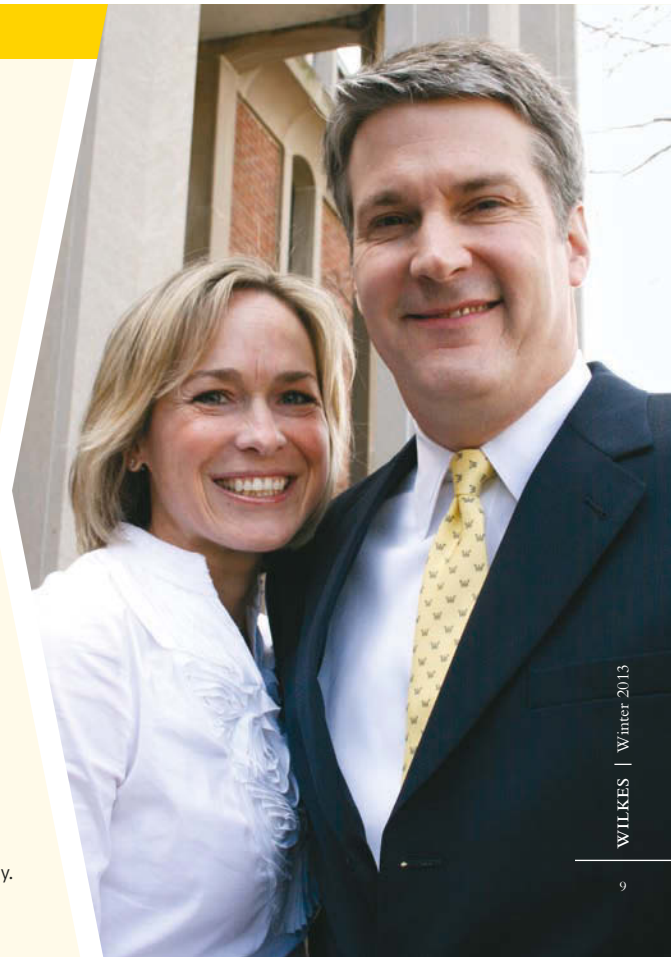
"He's really good about balancing his time and dialing back so we can have time with him," she says.

Frequently asked if she plans to have her own projects at Wilkes, Amy says she's still assessing her role.

Library Dean John Stachacz has discussed tapping her museum experience for some library special collections. She works with University event planners on occasions like the University's holiday party and also is interested in supporting charitable events, like Wilkes' recent Empty Bowls fundraiser for community food banks.

"The reality is, with four kids and their commitments, and with Pat and all of his commitments, our days—and sometimes nights—are pretty crazy. I love all of it though, and plan to continue supporting my family and the Wilkes community in every way I can."

Amy and Pat Leahy in front of the Farley Library.



The Leahy family gets into the Wilkes spirit with The Colonel before the Mayor's Cup football game with King's College. Pictured on the River Common, from left, are Amy Leahy, family dog Sasha, The Colonel, Brian, 6, Pat Leahy, Jack, 8, Grace, 14 and Molly, 12. PHOTO BY BRYAN CALABRO



and co-founded The Business Affairs Forum, a 15,000-member distance learning community based in Ithaca, N.Y. Leahy says his experience in business is valuable preparation for a college president. He made the transition to higher education after visiting another early mentor, the Rev. Scott Pilarz, then president of the University of Scranton.

He first met Pilarz as a high school student at Loyola Blakefield, a Jesuit high school in the Baltimore area, which Pilarz recalled when he gave the keynote speech at Leahy's presidential installation. Pilarz recruited him to join the team at Scranton, where Leahy spent eight years, most recently as executive vice president, before coming to Wilkes. Leahy set records in enrollment and fundraising—and received more mentoring from Pilarz in his higher education career. Pilarz set the example of placing students first. “I never met a college president in my life more committed to students than Father Pilarz,” Leahy says.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES

He says he has two jobs as Wilkes president. The first is creating an environment on campus where students, faculty and staff can excel. In order to do that, he has to do well in what he calls job number two: “Promote the place like crazy to potential donors, local officials,



Center left, Pat Leahy visits Club Day on the greenway.

Bottom left, Rachel (Altavilla) Winebrake '62, Peter Winebrake '64, Pat Leahy and Philip Amico '61 enjoy a moment at Homecoming.

Leahy celebrates his installation as Wilkes sixth president with his most important constituency, his family. Pictured standing rear, are Amy and Patrick Leahy and their children, front from left, Molly, Jack, Brian and Grace.

prospective parents and prospective students. Part of creating the right environment means making sure people have the resources for learning and doing their jobs.”

Evenings find Leahy traveling the 11 miles home to Bear Creek Village. He and his wife, Amy, (see accompanying story page 8) decided to forego living in the president’s house on South River Street. The house still is used to entertain. At a reception there, Leahy explains their choice to guests: “Can you imagine what my two boys would do here?” He’s referring to the youngest of his four children—Brian, 6, and Jack, 8,—whose vigorous play would clearly threaten the Tiffany lamp that adorns a table in the house. He also has two daughters: Grace, 14, and Molly, 12. Although the family doesn’t live on campus, they are frequently there for plays and sporting events, such as the annual Wilkes-King’s College Mayor’s Cup football game. “I like the idea of integrating work and family life,” Leahy says. “Working at the University allows me to do that.”

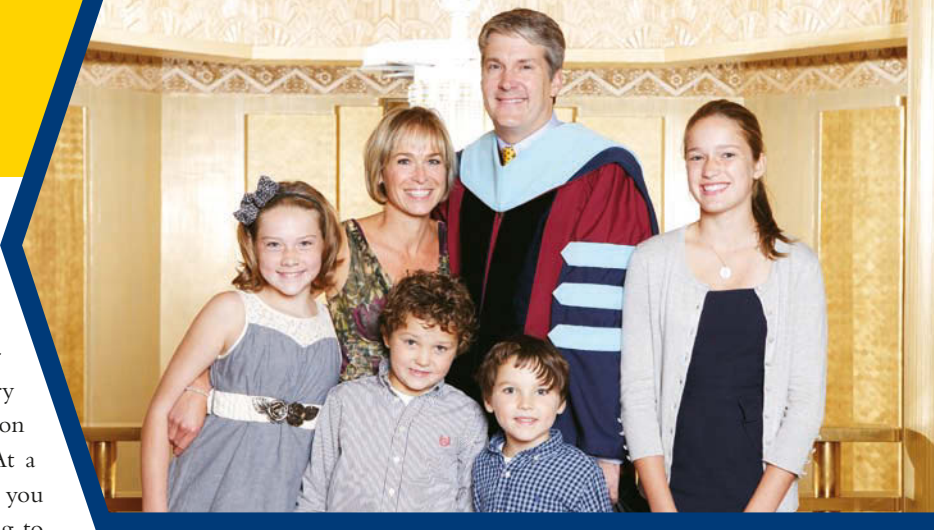
Outside of his job as president, family is his overriding priority. “A close friend once told me that, generally speaking, you only can do two things really well. So I’ve picked two. I want to be one of the best university presidents in the country and be the best husband and father to my family.” It means spending less time golfing—a favorite hobby—so he can drive his children to school at Wyoming Seminary and attend their soccer games and activities.

“Many days, when I leave the office, I know that the toughest two to three hours of the day are ahead. I’ll be getting the boys in their bath and reading to them,” he says, adding ruefully, “When I lie down with them to help them fall asleep, guess who falls asleep first?”

There’s no time for rest in Leahy’s busy days. His administrative assistant, Susan DiBonifazio, pulls up his schedule on the computer to make an appointment and scans line after line of commitments, searching for an opening. “He’s double-booked,” she says, shaking her head. Yet Leahy says working side-by-side with the University president at Scranton prepared him for the demands of the job. He’s kept a promise to meet with every department at Wilkes, steadily working his way through both the academic and administrative sides of the house.

He’s also been quick to set his first priorities during his initial months in office. “I’ve said very publicly that as university president I’m totally focused on enrollment. Shame on me, as president of a tuition-dependent university like this one, if I am not focused on that in this hyper-competitive market.” He’s working with admissions counselors to identify ways to reach enrollment goals, including expanding marketing, recruiting from a wider geographic area, taking a fresh look at athletics and evaluating the possibility of starting an honors program.

Enrollment is not his sole focus, he adds. “I have a continued focus on improving quality,” he states. “Students and parents are demanding a high-quality education for their



money and I want to position us as one of the highest value options in our competitive market.” He speaks of “burnishing Wilkes’ reputation as one of the best small universities in the country” while renewing its commitment to the liberal arts. Maintaining community involvement and supporting the city of Wilkes-Barre also rank high.

When speaking of marketing and competition, Leahy could be any CEO planning for growth, but moments later, he’s also talking about enhancing the culture at the University to promote the family feeling that’s always been a hallmark at Wilkes. “People care deeply about this place,” he says. “For the people who work here, it’s not just a job. It’s a vocation. That’s an enviable position to be in for a president of an institution.”

Long-time faculty and staff seem to feel that Leahy is the right one to head the Wilkes family. English faculty member Farrell says, “Having Pat here, I feel more energized as a faculty member to be more creative.” She notes that he’s dropped in at Kirby Hall just to say hello. “He’s a good fit for us. It feels like he’s one of us.”

Terese Wignot says, “When I started here 24 years ago, it was an open, supportive, mentoring atmosphere. We’ve lost some of that over the years. He’s demonstrated that’s what he wants for the institution. He was speaking in a faculty meeting, and as he left, I heard someone behind me say, ‘That was a breath of fresh air.’ That’s Pat: He’s that breath of fresh air who’s going to build trust within our community.”

“ I want to be one of the best university PRESIDENTS in the country and be the best husband and FATHER to my family. ”
– Patrick Leahy



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Kinney's Kids



ALUMNI RECALL LIFE-CHANGING INFLUENCE OF PROFESSOR BRADFORD KINNEY

By Bill Thomas

It was a familiar sight for students and faculty driving to Wilkes University.

Crossing the Market Street Bridge, they'd pass Bradford Kinney walking along, a leather briefcase clutched in one hand, making the one-mile trip from home in Kingston, Pa.

Though Kinney gave up the walks following open-heart surgery in 2010, the image of him crossing the bridge, briefcase in tow, is a fond memory. It's not the only thing alumni remember. With Kinney's retirement in December 2012, graduates from the communication studies professor's almost 40 years at Wilkes reminisced about how the man with the briefcase influenced their lives.

"Think about the scene in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* where Tom Sawyer gets the people to paint the fence and gets them to really love painting it. Kinney was a little like that," Donna (O'Toole) Sedor '85 says with a laugh. "He had a way of encouraging us to do things that went beyond our comfort zones and stretched our capabilities."

So, too, did Kinney help stretch the capabilities of Wilkes. Before him, there was no Communication Studies Department, no internship program, no speech and debate team. It's safe to say that Kinney's impact on the development of Wilkes was profound. Perhaps more profound, however, was the effect he had on the lives of his students. There is a reason the debate team members called themselves "Kinney's Kids."

Bradford Kinney, center, surrounded by alumni from four decades at his December retirement party.
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“I think we caused him more gray hair than his own kids,” Sedor adds.

Now vice president of The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Sedor credits Kinney with helping lay the groundwork for her future career. Davida Roberts '80 can relate.

Though she now works as a zoning officer, municipal secretary and building code official for the city of Kingston, Roberts spent several years working as a speech and debate instructor at the University of Central Missouri, Penn State and Luzerne County Community College. Prior to Kinney's classes, Roberts was an English major and self-described introvert, with no interest in teaching. Kinney changed all that.

“I remember my first speech for his class was on the history of Valentine's Day. I got three-quarters of the way through, looked right at him and said ‘I can't do any more’ and walked right out of the room,” she recalls. “God bless him, he stuck by me. He was very patient and very encouraging. He kept telling me that he knew I could do it. By the end of my junior year, I was a national champion in entertainment speaking.”

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Rob Johansen '90 was an outgoing theatre major at Wilkes who didn't need much help with public speaking. Nevertheless, he soon joined the ranks of “Kinney's Kids.” Now an actor in Indianapolis, Ind., he remembers when Kinney was involved with Wilkes' student-run radio station and his impact.

“I didn't have my own show but I made a lot of guest appearances playing a bunch of different characters,” he says. “We never really had a written script, it was mostly improv, which is something a lot of actors are scared of. But Dr. Kinney loved it and greatly encouraged me to keep doing it,

which fueled my fire. I think that freed me up as an actor.”

Taking more direct inspiration, Alfred Mueller '93 now chairs the Communication Studies Department at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.

“So often, I find myself modeling what I do after what Dr. Kinney did. I don't think I can underestimate the impact of what I experienced as a student under him on my life. I largely became a college professor because of his influence,” Mueller says, before adding wryly, “I will pay him back for that someday, because I could've gone into more lucrative professions.”

Jamie Gwynn '09 notes that Kinney remained a dynamic presence well into the 2000s, hopping atop desks in the middle of lectures and using humor to create a comfortable environment. Just as Kinney continued holding onto his trusty leather briefcase, he never stopped bringing his high-energy optimism to class.

For Gwynn, who is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at the Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, that was Kinney's most infectious trait.

“It was sort of like watching a show every class. In Dr. Kinney's class, you'd never see students taking out their phones and texting. He was always so engaging. He was always prepared. That's what we learned from him, to always give your best no matter what the situation,” Gwynn says.

“He went into every class like it was his final lecture.”

Bill Thomas is a senior communication studies major.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM A 40-YEAR CAREER

Bradford Kinney, professor of communication studies, devoted his career to teaching speech, debate and rhetoric at Wilkes, both in class and through co-curricular activities such as the debate team. The following are highlights from his 40-year career:

- Between 1973 and 1985, Kinney introduced and taught more than 20 courses in undergraduate speech communications that would go on to form the foundation of the Communication Studies Department. In 1985, Wilkes established the department, which Kinney led from 1987-1998.
- Kinney advised every co-curricular activity offered by the Communication Studies Department at some point during his tenure. Under his leadership, the department began hosting the annual Tom Bigler High School Journalism Conference, which continues to attract nearly 200 students to campus each year.
- During Kinney's 25 years of forensics coaching, Wilkes students won 1,399 awards in intercollegiate competition, including many state and national titles, and were ranked third nationally among all colleges with enrollments under 10,000.
- In 1993, Kinney was named “Coach of the Year” by the Collegiate Forensics Association. In 1995, he was inducted into Pi Kappa Delta's “Coaches Hall of Fame.” In 2005, Kinney received the organization's E.R. Nichols Award for excellence in forensics teaching and outstanding contributions to furtherance of the forensics discipline.
- His significant contributions to Wilkes included leading efforts to establish the University's co-op education and internship program.
- In 1995, Kinney won the Carpenter Outstanding Teaching Award.



MORE ON THE WEB

For a slide show of photos from Bradford Kinney's four decades at Wilkes, go to www.wilkes.edu/Kinney.



DENTAL DISTINCTION

WILKES ALUMNUS
LARRY COHEN HELPED
MOLD FAMILY FIRM
INTO SUCCESS

By Helen Kaiser

FROM ITS MODEST BEGINNINGS IN A TRAVELING SALESMAN'S suitcase during the Great Depression, Benco Dental Supply Co., headquartered in Pittston, Pa., has developed into the nation's fastest-growing dental supplies distributor, with more than 50 regional showrooms and five distribution centers.

Wilkes alumnus Lawrence Cohen '57 has been along for much of the ride.

Now nearing 77, Cohen speaks with pride about the grit and ambition of his father, Benjamin, who, with a sixth-grade education, founded the company when it was simply about selling "picks, scrapers and forceps." He recalls his own involvement beginning in



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I could have just walked away from it all and gotten another job, but too many people would have been **DISPLACED** and out of work;...I made the decision that somehow we were going to **COME BACK**.

– Lawrence Cohen '57 on bringing the family business back after the Hurricane Agnes flood of 1972.

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Larry P. Cohen,
Chief Customer Advocate
Benco Dental
B.S., Accounting, Wilkes, 1957
Master's Degree, Management and
Finance, Columbia University

Career: Chairman and Chief Customer Advocate for Benco Dental, the largest privately owned distributor of dental supplies, equipment and consulting services in the U.S.

Notable: With his wife, Sally, contributed a \$2.5 million gift in support of Wilkes' new science center, the Lawrence and Sally Cohen Science Center.

Favorites Wilkes memory: His Wilkes classes, which gave him a solid foundation for his career.

1959 and the growth and challenges that occurred when he was at the helm. And he conveys confidence in the future of the firm now managed by his two sons—the largest privately owned distributor of dental supplies, equipment and consulting services in the U.S.

From fluoride and sterilizers to clinic chairs and imaging equipment, Benco Dental provides just about anything a dental practice could need. It also offers dentists a full complement of services to enhance their practices: office design, equipment repair, dental practice coaching, financial planning, real-estate consulting, recruitment, clinical education, financing and dental-specific technology solutions.

Cohen says his father was an expert in sales, not the science of dentistry. As the eldest of seven children, it was up to Benjamin Cohen to help his immigrant parents support the family.

“Fortunately, my grandfather had a relative with a small factory in Philadelphia that made dental instruments. So my father, at the age of 19, packed up 100 pounds of samples and took them on the road—throughout Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Ohio,” Cohen says. From the combination of his first and last names, Benco Dental was formed.

In 1930 Ben Cohen decided to open a dental supply distributorship in what is now the Citizens Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre.

During the 1950s, Ben's son Lawrence attended Wilkes and graduated with a degree in accounting. When he went on to graduate school at Columbia University, he truly came to appreciate the value of his Wilkes education.

“I was as well-prepared as anyone else at Columbia, and there I was with graduates of Dartmouth, Cornell, Harvard and other Ivy Leagues. I had much more confidence in myself when I saw I was doing as well—and sometimes better—than the other students.”

After earning a master's degree in management and finance and serving in the U.S. Army, Cohen joined Benco in 1959.

Since the business was tailored to meet

the needs of a specific niche, “we didn't have to sit around and wait for customers. We could go to them. We knew who they were,” Cohen says.

Cohen helped to grow the company's footprint throughout the Northeast. He was named president in 1969 and strategically began expanding the number of employees, showroom space and manufacturing lines offered.

In 1972 Hurricane Agnes devastated the Wyoming Valley, and the company's operations were literally washed out. When the waters receded Cohen and the staff found dead fish in the front yard, mud and muck throughout the building and all inventory destroyed.

“I could have just walked away from it all and gotten another job,” Cohen relates, “but too many people would have been displaced and out of work; and I didn't want that. I made the decision that somehow we were going to come back.”

It took months of hard, steady work on the part of the close-knit staff to recover. With no flood insurance coverage, Cohen said he took advantage of low-interest federal loans and insisted that suppliers replenish inventory at no profit mark-up.

Benco salesman Don Sullivan, who has worked for Cohen for 40 years, said the flooding crisis was a turning point for the president of the company.

“When you can recover from something like that, you lose all your fear. You're willing to take calculated risks and make other changes throughout your life,” Sullivan says.

As a company leader, Cohen was inspirational, Sullivan says, “He would never ask you to do something he wouldn't do himself. You wanted to do good for him.”

A “ton of fun” to be around, Cohen often ad-libbed holiday messages on his employees' telephones; but he was serious when it came to doing what was right for the customer, Sullivan says. “I think customers could sense his integrity.”

Cohen says he learned it was important to treat customers well from his father, who died a few months after

the devastation of Hurricane Agnes.

“I was very blessed that both my sons decided to follow me to Benco,” he said. “It’s fun to be involved with your children in business. There’s always something to talk about.”

Even Cohen’s wife, Sally, worked at the company in various roles throughout the years.

As for the family relationships, Cohen says, “There might have been a downside, if we were all making the same pot of soup. But everyone worked in completely different areas and had confidence in each other.”

In 1994 Cohen partially retired because of health issues. He credits this generation of Cohens with the company’s advance to a nationwide presence. Richard is involved in managing the facilities and



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internal operations. Charles, a Wilkes trustee, heads sales and marketing.

In 2010 the company opened a new 272,800-square-foot, eco-friendly headquarters and distribution center. It boasts the CenterPoint Experience—a sleek, extensive showroom, with 25 fully functioning “operatories,” and 14 digital X-ray machines where dentists can view and try out products from dozens of vendors. Last year a second CenterPoint Experience showroom was opened in Costa Mesa, Calif.

These days the senior Cohen is chairman and chief customer advocate for the firm. He says he fields about three

to five inquiries a week from a customer base of about 30,000—perhaps a service call that was left wanting or a machine not operating the way it should.

“I’ll do whatever it takes. I might issue a credit on the service call or contact the manufacturer for a replacement. Customers like it when they can talk to someone with the authority to solve their problem,” he says.

With its mantra of delivering success “smile after smile,” the family-owned firm has evolved from its origins in a peddler’s suitcase to a company with a business volume of about \$600 million annually.

THE LAWRENCE AND SALLY COHEN SCIENCE CENTER

The new science building scheduled to open this fall at Wilkes will be known as the Lawrence and Sally Cohen Science Center, in recognition of the couple’s \$2.5 million gift in support of the project.

The donation is the largest cash gift from an individual in Wilkes’ history and caps decades of strong support from the Cohen family. The \$35 million, 72,500-square-foot facility is being built as the most advanced educational facility in the region. It will house Wilkes’ award-winning biology and health sciences, chemistry and biochemistry, and environmental engineering and earth science programs.

“The Cohen gift will allow Wilkes to continue its tradition as a national leader in the sciences, preparing the researchers, health-care providers and scientific innovators of tomorrow,” says Wilkes President Patrick F. Leahy.

Michael Wood, vice president for University advancement, says he first met Cohen in 2006 and has come to learn he is a “straight shooter with a big heart. . . . You always know where you stand with him, and he’s never been afraid to speak his mind on behalf of students.” That support for students was evident during the 14 years Cohen served as a member of Wilkes’ Board of Trustees. He was granted trustee emeritus status in 2008.

Future students will benefit from their studies and research at the center much the way Cohen’s Wilkes education served him.

Cohen says his Wilkes accounting degree provided “a very good foundation” for his graduate studies and lifelong career in business. He specifically mentions his Wilkes classes in statistics, business law, business correspondence and even biology. He truly enjoyed—and still has the textbook from—a required class in world literature famous for its intensity. The professor was very dramatic, gave tough tests and was a fabulous teacher, he says.

Cohen says, “I have a warm spot in my heart for Wilkes,” adding that the donation for the science center is good for Wilkes and good for the entire Wyoming Valley.

Larry Cohen, at podium, and his wife Sally, right, speak at the event announcing their gift naming Wilkes’ new science center. PHOTO BY LISA REYNOLDS



MAKING HISTORY

BILL LEWIS TELLS
THE STORIES OF
PENNSYLVANIA'S PAST

By Mary Ellen Alu '77



Bill Lewis '80, MBA '86 in Kirby Hall, one of his favorite historic buildings at Wilkes.

Opposite, the marker with text that Lewis wrote that sits outside of Kirby on South River Street.

PHOTOS BY DAN Z. JOHNSON

IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT BILL LEWIS THE storyteller has a good story of his own.

At age 4, when other boys his age wanted toy soldiers or trucks, the main thing on Lewis' Santa list was a book on the French and Indian War. His family still teases him about it.

But that request would come to define Bill Lewis '80, MBA '86. More than a storyteller, Lewis is a history buff whose passion has led to a gubernatorial appointment to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and leadership roles with the Luzerne County Historical Society.

"If history's to be interesting," Lewis will tell you, "there has to be a story."

And he has told plenty—as guest speaker, author and tour guide. Like the story about the Wilkes-Barre woman whose mother and brother survived the sinking of the Titanic. And the one about Teddy Roosevelt coming to Wilkes-Barre's River Common in 1905, a watershed event. And another about the excavation of bodies from Wilkes-Barre's first public cemetery (where City Hall now stands) that helps to form his "ghost" tours for the historical society.

By day a vice president and wealth management advisor for Merrill Lynch, Lewis became interested in history while growing up in Wilkes-Barre. Older neighbors would share the city's history; older relatives would share family history. His parents fed his fascination, taking him on trips to historic spots such as Valley Forge State Park.

"It always fascinated me to learn about the stories of the past," Lewis says. "I just can't get enough of it."

As he got older and began researching the family stories, he found not all were true. Yet what he learned often proved more interesting. He said he came to understand how world events—including religious persecution in Europe—came to shape his life.

Lewis funnels his passion for history into public service. As a member of the state historical commission, he chairs its historic marker committee, helping to select the people, places and events to forever be designated by a blue and gold state marker. Wilkes Associate Professor of History John Hepp recently joined him on the committee. In September, Lewis was in Bethlehem, Pa., when a state marker—one of 12 approved in 2012—was dedicated to note the 1910 Bethlehem Steel Strike. In October, he was in Philadelphia for the dedication of a marker outside actress Grace Kelly's home.

As a Wilkes undergraduate, Lewis aspired to a career in public administration, inspired by professor Andrew Shaw. His research on Wilkes-Barre mayors formed the basis of a booklet he authored. After college, he held staff positions with the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. Finding public administration wanting, Lewis pursued advanced degrees and eventually chose a new career path in financial planning.

An extensive traveler, Lewis does exhaustive research before heading somewhere. He has a fondness for American, British and Chinese history, the latter fed in part by his many missions to China in his work with the American Red Cross. He has long been active with the organization, serving on the national board of governors and on a team that helped the Chinese Red Cross prepare for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. So deep is Lewis' knowledge of Chinese history that he has a running joke with a friend born in Hong Kong: Lewis has to teach his friend about Chinese history, not vice versa.

A past president of the Luzerne County Historical Society, Lewis remains on its board, chairing its publication committee. He hopes to revitalize booklet-sized publications on local history, which he thinks can prove more popular than thicker, costlier texts. "You can digest a lot of history in two hours."

At the historical society, Lewis is overseeing a publication on Luzerne County soldiers who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. Outside of his work there, he is preparing a publication on Pennsylvania passengers on the Titanic.

"I just want to contribute as much as I can," he says.

There's a reason for that. He considers education in history to be "woeful" in schools. "If we don't do something about teaching the kids about the past," he says, "we'll just force future generations to make the same mistakes over and over and over."



**Bill Lewis, Vice President and
Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch**

B.A., Political Science, 1980, and Master of Business Administration, Wilkes, 1986. Master of Public Administration, Doctor of Arts, government, Lehigh University.

Notable: Member, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, where he chairs the historical marker committee. Past president and current board member of the Luzerne County Historical Society.

Favorite Wilkes memory: Friendships forged. He met his wife, Dr. Mary Ellen Judge Lewis '83, at Wilkes, both having served on Commuter Council and Student Government.



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Share Your News With the Alumni Community

Did you know that the alumni office will share more than just wedding, career and birth announcements in class notes? For example, you can let us know if you recently gathered with friends from Wilkes, performed in a show or received recognition in your community. We love to see photos too. Just send your personal and professional updates to Bridget Giunta Husted '05 in the Office of Alumni Relations – bridget.giunta@wilkes.edu.

Congratulations to John Pilosi '67

John Pilosi '67 of Easton, Pa., correctly answered all of the questions in the Wilkes trivia quiz that appeared in the previous issue of the magazine. He will receive a prize pack filled with Wilkes goodies.

Wilkes Travels the Country this Spring

Wilkes is on the move this spring, with events planned for Boston, Ma.; Washington, D.C.; Morristown, N.J.; Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif.; Harrisburg, Pa.; the Lehigh Valley, Pa.; and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Would you like to host or help coordinate an event in one of these areas? Let us know at alumni@wilkes.edu.



Alumni from northeastern Pennsylvania enjoyed a casual lunch with Wilkes President Pat Leahy. Class years of the event attendees ranged from 1959 to 2011. Pictured, left to right: Sue Jolley, Nancy Burke, Ed Burke '70, President Pat Leahy and Mick Hall '93.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2013

Mark your calendar for this year's celebration, which will include the dedication of the new Lawrence and Sally Cohen Science Center. Reunions include the classes of '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03 and '08, as well as Alternative Spring Break, resident assistants, Warner Hall and pharmacy. If you would like to help plan your reunion, please contact alumni@wilkes.edu or (570)408-7787.

SAVE THE DATE!



HOMECOMING 2013
OCT. 4-6

Meet Your Match!

John Sickler '65 is the Man Behind the Colonel Challenge

For the past several months, an unnamed alumnus has been challenging Colonels to make a first-time gift to Wilkes. To show his belief in the University, this generous person will match individual contributions up to \$1,000 dollar-for-dollar.

John Sickler '65 is the man behind the "Colonel Challenge," which he hopes will encourage more alumni to support Wilkes. "My personal goal is to help get 1,000 new donors: I'm counting on you to take my money." In the following Q&A, Sickler talks about his reasons for giving.

What made you decide to initiate a matching gift program for first-time donors?

About a year and a half ago, I had an enjoyable meeting about the early stages of the University's new science building. After that session, ideas and data were exchanged on a broader list of subjects including the strategic vision for 2015. It was during that time that I came to appreciate that an education at Wilkes was well regarded by the rating agencies (such as *U.S. News and World Report*). The qualities of programs and faculty, the student satisfaction experience and the prospective use of technology received high marks.

High school students often refer to these ratings when selecting a school. Colleges and universities with higher rankings can become more attractive options for future students. How did this rating system factor into your decision?

The one area where Wilkes trailed its peers was in alumni giving. The current participation rate is 14 percent, with a goal to reach 20 percent by 2015. I was intrigued that these results were not comparable to our other ratings. I agreed to match contributions by first-time donors as an incentive to improve our rating.



John Sickler '65
Malvern, Pa.
Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Wilkes
Retired Vice Chairman, Teleflex, Inc.

Did you learn anything while developing this matching gift program with Wilkes?

What a learning experience! For most of my career, I was trained that the best road in fundraising was to target the most money with the least effort. Given a choice of 10 alumni contributing \$50 each or one alumnus contributing \$1,000, I would always lean to the latter choice. Not this time. From a rating perspective, 10 alumni are much more important when viewed as goodwill ambassadors. So, it's the people, not the money, that raises the score in this case.

Why should someone who has never given take advantage of this opportunity?

Personal satisfaction, University recognition, attracting new students and faculty are all part of the benefits. Plus, you get double the credit. My personal goal is to help get 1,000 new donors to the club and we are on our way there. I am counting on you to take my money.

If you've never made a gift to Wilkes, there is no better time than now. Donate online at www.wilkes.edu/challenge or call (570)408-4331.



1949

Clayton Karambelas was presented with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce "Lifetime Ambassador" Award by Wilkes President Patrick Leahy on Nov. 13, 2012, at the chamber's annual dinner. He is pictured with his wife, Terese, at the event. PHOTO BY SHADOWCATCHER PHOTOGRAPHY

1959

Janice (Reynolds) Longo has self-published her second children's book under the pen name Lucia Tuttle. The book, *The Monkey & The Donkey*, was preceded by *There's a Mouse in the House*, published in 2008.

1964

Gary Einhorn is in private practice as a business coach in Ashland, Ore., and also co-facilitates peer discussion groups of business owners.

1969

Martin Naparsteck has written a book, *Sex and Manifest Destiny*, studying the role sex played in America's westward expansion. It was published by McFarland & Company.

1970

Harold Croom retired from Janko Hospitality, which he founded 13 years ago.

Paula Gilbert Gray, a mathematics teacher at Bernards High School in Bernardsville, N.J., was selected as a Presidential

Scholar Teacher and spent four days in Washington, D.C., with fellow honorees from across America. She was also named the Student Council Teacher of the Year at her high school.

1972

Roy Getzoff retired from officiating college football and now officiates at the high school level. He also started his own promotional productions company called Cynsational.

Gary Williams received the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter. The award was presented at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon on Nov. 16, 2012.

1977

Mandy Williams was spotlighted in the article "Short but Sweet," in the October 2012 issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine, focusing on Red & Black Productions, the business she started with her sister. The pair also authored the book *What I Learned About Life When My Husband Got Fired*.

Joe Pringle Made Wilkes History by Naming The Colonels

When Joe Pringle '47 met the Wilkes Colonel in November 2012, it was a meeting long overdue.

Sixty-five years overdue.

Pringle, now 90, made Wilkes history when he submitted the name Colonels as a nickname for the University's sports teams. He waited a long time to get full credit. Back in 1947, when the Kingston native was attending Wilkes, his English professor required her students to submit names to a contest naming Wilkes athletic teams.

Pringle, who now lives in Wilkes-Barre, left Wilkes in 1949 and over the years, the story of how the athletic teams were named became the stuff of legends. One of the most popular stories was that Dean George

Ralston named the teams, basing it on Kentucky's Centre College mascot called the "Praying Colonels."

Pringle says he researched the city of Wilkes-Barre's history and learned that the city's namesakes were British Parliament members John Wilkes and Col. Isaac Barre. Inspiration struck and Pringle submitted what turned out to be the winning name—

Colonels. His prize was a \$25 war bond,

presented at an October 1947 dinner dance.

More than 60 years later Pringle attended a veterans' event at Wilkes and told President Patrick Leahy and *Times Leader* reporter Bill O'Boyle that he was the one who named the Colonels. O'Boyle, with a typical reporter's passion for a good story, sifted through *The Beacon* archives until he found confirmation in a June 4, 1948, edition, in a column called "Notes on Notes," penned by Reese Pelton. The column confirmed Pringle's winning contest entry.

Pringle came to campus to meet the Colonel, gaining official recognition as the man who named him.

— By Vicki Mayk



Joe Pringle '47 meets the mascot sporting the name he gave to Wilkes athletic teams. PHOTO BY LISA REYNOLDS.



1973

Reunion Oct. 4-6 

Ron Yakus and Susan Rogers were married on May 12, 2012, at Blue Lake Ranch in Hesperus, Colo. Ron is a district sales manager for American Greetings Corp. Susan formerly was employed by Century Link in Durango, Colo. The couple reside in Phoenix, Ariz.



1979

Dan Cardell completed his goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. His 50th marathon was in Honolulu, Hawaii.



1989

Linda (Black) Kelnock competed in the Steamtown Marathon in Scranton, Pa., on Oct. 6, 2012. She ran the race in 4:20:17, a personal best, and wore her Wilkes hat in the race.

1979

Kathleen Herpich recently accepted the position of principal at Lima Central Catholic High School in Lima, Ohio.

1990

Paul Williamson was interviewed in *The Times*

Leader's "Meet" column, where he talked about his business, WILL-EEZE Speedy Lube, in Wilkes-Barre.

1991

Shannon (Doughton) Kam earned her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Phoenix. She

is a curriculum coordinator and data coach for the Hawaii Department of Education and a part-time adjunct for the University of Phoenix College of Natural Sciences.

Susan (Adamchak) Smith recently accepted the position of director - human resources business partner with ADP. She resides in New Jersey.

1994

Debbie Yendrick, who teaches second grade at Lincoln-Hubbard School in Summit, N.J., was named the school's 2012 Teacher of the Year.

1995

Christina Ortiz Juguilon completed her emotionally focused therapy training in October 2011 and is a therapist certified by the International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy in Ottawa, Canada. Juguilon is employed

with the Department of Veterans' Affairs as a couples and family therapist. She also works in a group private practice. She lives in Newark, N.J.

1998

Reunion Oct. 4-6 

Michael T. Beachem IV received a master of education degree in adult and organizational development from the Temple University College of Education at its May 2012 commencement.

J.J. Fadden and his brother **Darron Fadden '05** launched a new Web site, USAcigarstore.com.

Tara (Wilson) Kinane and **Scott Kinane '99** welcomed a son, **Liam Wilson**, on July 20, 2012.

1999

Scott Kinane - see 1998

Sarah (Karlavage) Rocchio and her husband, **Rob**, welcomed a daughter, **Rebecca Hope**, on April 18, 2012.



1982

Maurita (Gries) Elias, MBA '83 and her husband, **Robert**, are pictured in Cinderella's coach at Walt Disney World. The couple renewed their wedding vows at the Magic Kingdom in 2011 and their ceremony was featured in a Disney World story promoting the park as a location for weddings. Elias and her husband own Woodhouse Day Spa in Kingston, Pa. Other alumni in attendance at the renewal of vows included Elias' father, **Joseph B. Gries '51**, sister **Colleen Gries Gallagher '81**, brother **Joseph Gries II '84**, **Miriam Jeanne Dearden Elias '55**, and **Dr. Amy Elias' 83**.

Judith Gallagher '62 Rows Against Aging Stereotypes

Judith Gallagher '62 wakes up at 5:30 a.m. and drives from her home in Margate, N.J., to Brigantine Island, located just off New Jersey's Atlantic coast. By 6:30 a.m., she and her friends Kay Papandrew, Roe Burke and Carol Sost launch themselves, in their four-seat rowing boat, known as a quadruple scull, out of a cove on the Brigantine beach.

It's windy. The winds churn the tides into what Gallagher and her friends have come to call "The Soup Bowl." Before they can get on with their morning routine, the foursome must cross the "bowl," which tosses their boat up and down. Once that's passed, they row the six-mile circumference of the island before returning.

In the summer, Gallagher does this four days a week. It's just practice. She is 71 years old, the eldest member of The Hot Flashes, the rowing team comprising her and her friends that is part of the Brigantine Rowing Club.

"We're not super-jocks or anything," Gallagher says. "We just like to keep healthy and keep doing things."

Super-jocks or not, The Hot Flashes achievements are considerable. Some of the biggest include first-place wins in races in the 2011 King's Head Regatta and the 2011, 2010



Judy Gallagher, second from left, with members of the Hot Flashes rowing team. PHOTO COURTESY JUDY GALLAGHER

and 2009 Navy Day Regatta, as well as two bronze medals in the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta and a U.S. Masters National championship in 2000.

Gallagher doesn't limit herself to rowing. In the winter, her passion for active living sees her trading in oars for skis.

"We have a place in the Poconos, so I go up there a lot. Most people go down to Florida in the winter, but I go up to the Poconos. I love the mountains," she says. "I belong to the

70+ Ski Club and there are people there who would put me to shame, people in their 80s and 90s who are still skiing to this day."

Though the Wilkes science major retired from her job as reading curriculum coordinator for the Margate public school system in 2001, she points to her slope-shredding elders as examples of self-actualization at any age.

"You have to keep moving. It's not always easy when you get older and you wake up in the morning with all the aches and pains. But you have to keep on going through that," Gallagher says.

"One of the nicest things that I have as the oldest person in the boathouse is seeing all these younger people who want to do new things. It keeps me inspired. It keeps me young."

— By Bill Thomas

Bill Thomas is a senior communication studies major.



2006

David Gold and wife **Rachel (Moskal) Gold '07** welcomed a daughter, Mallory May, in August 2012. Editor's note: A class note about the Golds in the fall 2012 *Wilkes* magazine, which included a photo of their September 2011 wedding, incorrectly identified David as Jeff. We apologize for the error.



2006

Frank Knorek married Krissy Kelmer on June 30, 2012. The couple is pictured on Wilkes-Barre's River Common.

2000

Donna Talarico MFA '10 married **Kevin Beerman '01** on Oct. 1, 2012. They live in Lancaster, Pa.

Thomas Ward made his Two River Theater Company debut as an understudy in a production of *Henry V*. He performed multiple characters in Act I in both English and French.

2001


Kevin Beerman — see 2000

2002

Sandi Burke Fasset recently became a certified legal nurse consultant.

Lisa (Hartman) Nonotti MBA '07 and husband Tino welcomed a son, Nolan Anthony, on Aug. 14, 2012.

2003

Reunion Oct. 4-6 

Melissa (Babcock) Newbury and husband Dan welcomed a

daughter, Kylie McKenna, on Sept. 14, 2012.

2004

Melissa (Jurgensen) Rose welcomed a son, Brandon Christopher, on April 2, 2012.

2005

Darron Fadden – see 1998

Bridget (McHale) Turel MBA '07 and **Josh Turel**

Pharm.D. '07 welcomed a son, Aiden Joshua, on May 30, 2012.

Nicole (Ripper) Zeiser and husband Tom welcomed a son, Cole Thomas, on Aug. 10, 2012.

2007

Rachel (Moskal) Gold – see 2006

2009

Alison Woody is director of grants and communications at United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Scranton, Pa.

2010

Brian Switay MBA '12 became intern coordinator at the National Society of Leadership and Success in Hoboken, N.J.

Experience Informs Research for Christine Kiesinger '88

Keeping professional and personal life separate is standard practice for many. For Christine Kiesinger '88, personal experience has informed her research.

Kiesinger, a Wilkes communication studies major who received her doctorate from the University of South Florida in 1995, has studied the role of interpersonal communications among those with eating disorders. She isn't shy about acknowledging the roots of her research.

"I myself struggled with bulimia for a number of years. I decided in graduate school to really take a look at that, academically and theoretically, as a way of understanding myself," Kiesinger says. "It actually contributed greatly to my own recovery."

Hoping that her work can also contribute to the recovery of others, Kiesinger—who returned to Wilkes this spring as an instructor—has turned her doctoral dissertation, "Anorexic and Bulimic Lives: Making Sense of Food and Eating," into a book which has received interest from publishers. She also is considering a possible documentary film project expanding her work.

All these things, Kiesinger notes, are just one aspect of her larger interest in intrafamily dynamics.

"I've spent a lot of time looking at family systems in which one member is identified dysfunctional in some way," she says. "It's clear from my work that healing requires the healing of the entire family system rather than a singular focus on the family member identified as dysfunctional."

Fittingly, Kiesinger's own family dynamics are once

again at the forefront of her research. Married to a widower with two young children, she's spent the last few years researching "post-bereaved family systems."

"That's a family where one parent has died and a new parent comes into the system," she explained. "What, if any, responsibility does that parent have in keeping the memory of the deceased parent alive for the children? In many family systems, that doesn't happen at all; it's sort of 'We put that person on the shelf.' But to really create a family system where kids are going to thrive if they've lost a biological parent, in my case, I've had to make a real effort at making sure those children know their biological mother."

In putting so much of her personal experiences into her studies, what does Kiesinger feel is the relationship between the two aspects of her life?

"Looking at various theoretical constructs that address disordered eating and grieving families gives me frameworks from which to better understand the things that I'm living," she says.

– Bill Thomas

Bill Thomas is a senior communication studies major.



Graduate Degrees 2007

Josh Turel, Pharm.D.
– see 2005

2008

Reunion Oct. 4-6



Craig Czury MFA received the \$15,000 F. Lamot Belin Arts Scholarship to help him finish *Thumb Notes Almanac*, a book of poetry inspired by his experiences hitchhiking in the Marcellus shale region.

2009

Karen Kaleta Alessi MBA and Stephen Alessi MBA '10 welcomed daughters Braelyn Eve and Emma Marie on Sept. 13, 2012.

2010

Stephen Alessi MBA – see Graduate Students 2009

2011

Brian Fanelli MFA was nominated for a Pushcart Prize for his poem “After Working Hours,” which appeared in *Boston Literary Magazine*. He entered the doctoral program in English at Binghamton University in January 2013.

2012

Brian Switay '10 MBA
– see undergraduate 2010

Morowa Yejide MFA has signed a contract with Atria Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, to publish her debut novel, *Time of the Locust*. The novel is scheduled for release in spring 2014.

In Memoriam

1935

Luther D. Arnold, Linwood, Pa., died Jan. 30, 2012. Arnold served in the U.S. Army for 24 years, serving with Gen. Patton's Third Army in Europe. He worked as a stockbroker with Prudential Bache in Atlantic City, N.J., for 15 years.

1938

Stanley Matthew Daugert, Bellingham, Wash., died Sept. 4, 2012. He was a World War II veteran. In 1985, he retired as emeritus professor of the Philosophy Department at Western Washington University.

Lillian (Morgan) Mayka, Mountain Top, Pa., died Oct. 6. She was an educator in the Crestwood School District for 30 years.

Margaret Bendock Towers, Wilmington, Del., died July 30, 2012. She worked for 35 years as a public relations manager with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and was a charter member and the first president of the Delaware Press Association.

1941

Irene (Sauciunas) Santarelli, Wyoming, Pa., died Nov. 12, 2012. She was head of the serology department at Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia and worked at the former Nanticoke State Hospital.

1943

Betty W. DeWitt, Towanda, Pa., died July 16, 2012. She was a member of the National Association of Medical Record Librarians and was president of the Pennsylvania State Medical Record Librarian Association.

1945

Jerome Martin Stadulis, Fredericksburg, Va., died Sept. 11, 2012. He worked as a general practice physician and worked in industrial occupational medicine for DuPont. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

1948

Chester Andrysick, Corning, N.Y., died Sept. 12, 2009. Andrysick was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Thomas A. Evans, Hendersonville, Tenn., died Nov. 7, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force and enjoyed a long career with General Electric as a financial analyst.

Henry J. Rydzewski, Woodlynn, Pa., died on March 7, 2012. Rydzewski served in World War II and in the Korean War. He worked for the Philadelphia Electric Co.

1949

Robert Anthony, Wilkes-Barre, died Aug. 1, 2012. He was a World War II veteran who served with the U.S. Army and Air Corps.

Robert G. Quoos, Bethlehem, Pa., died Sept. 16, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Quoos was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 30 years.

1950

Michael J. Delaney, Nanticoke, Pa., died Oct. 20, 2012. A veteran of World War II, he worked as an attorney.

Rigo J. Lemoncelli, Scott Township, Pa., died June 30, 2012. He was a petty officer in the Navy during World War II and was employed as an office manager for Scranton Roofing and Siding for more than 40 years.

Clyde H. Ritter, Mountain Top, Pa., died Oct. 23, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II in both Europe and the Pacific. He worked for Exxon and Exxon International in New York, New Jersey and Texas until his retirement.

1951

Richard J. Horn, Kingston, Pa., died Sept. 23, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Arthur A. Johnson, Weatherly, Pa., died March 30, 2012. Johnson served in the Army Signal Corps. during World War II. He retired as bank manager of the Orange County Trust Company in Middletown, N.Y.

In Memoriam

1952

Rev. Robert Lee Benson, of Greenville, Del., died on Oct. 24, 2012. An ordained Methodist minister, he had a 20-year career as a U.S. Air Force chaplain and officer.

In civilian life, he was district superintendent of the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church in northeast Pennsylvania and was chaplain at Methodist Country Home in Greenville, Del. As captain of the Wilkes basketball team, he set a school scoring record of 738 points for a season.

1953

Eleanor (Kazmercyk) Cornwell, Milford, Conn., died Oct. 8, 2010. She was a fifth-grade school teacher at Pumpkin Delight, Milford, until her retirement.

1954

Herman D. Woodeshick, Hanover Township, Pa., died on Sept. 3, 2012. He operated Woodeshick Drugs in Hanover Township for many years and later worked for several pharmacies, most recently Bedwick Pharmacy in Wilkes-Barre.

1959

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Gilmore, San Francisco, Calif., died Oct. 16, 2012. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an ordained minister.

Sylvester Kuligowski, Tonawanda, N.Y., died on Aug.

17, 2011. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Merchant Marines. Kuligowski taught history, economics and driver's education at Canisius High School in Buffalo, N.Y.

1960

Bernard Chandler Sr., Plains Township, Pa., died Aug. 8, 2012. Before becoming a teacher, Chandler was an aviation cadet at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas.

1962

Richard J. Bona, Spring Township, Pa., died Sept. 14, 2009. Bona worked as an accountant for many years, most recently at Sovereign Bank, Reading, until his retirement in 1996.

Janet (Kay) Williamson, State College, Pa., died Sept. 16, 2012. She served as a nursing instructor, then assistant professor of nursing, professor in charge of the undergraduate program and founding director of the Department of Nursing at Penn State University's School of Nursing from 1976 to 1980. She retired in 1995 as associate professor of nursing emerita.

1965

Dale H. Edwards, North Catasauqua, Pa., died June 22, 2012. Edwards' teaching career spanned 32 years at Catasauqua High School. A lineman for the Colonels during his time at Wilkes, Edwards was a football coach at Catasauqua, serving as head coach from 1968 to 1979.

1968

Nicholas Souchik Jr., Pittston Township, Pa., died Oct. 15, 2012. Souchik served as the executive director of the Luzerne County Civil Defense, playing an instrumental role during the 1972 Agnes flood.

Prior to his retirement, he worked for the Department of Defense as an electrical engineer with the Department of the Navy.

Barbara J. (Kluchinski) Williams, M.D., Montgomery County, Pa., died Oct. 19, 2012. She was employed at the Norristown State Hospital as a psychiatrist for many years.

1969

William F. Homnick Jr., Annville, Pa., died Sept. 21, 2012. He served as president of Circle System Reconditioner's in Easton, Pa. He was owner/president of the former Ace Reconditioning and Sports Sales in Washington, Pa.

1970

Joseph A. Rasimas, Hummelstown, Pa., died on Sept. 17, 2012. Rasimas worked as an elementary mathematics teacher and served as a principal in different positions in public education in Pennsylvania, retiring as coordinator of educational services at Middletown Area School District in 2007.

1971

Richard G. Evans Jr., Dallas, Pa., died Oct. 5, 2012. He was vice president of WYZZ Radio and co-founded Sew Fine Draperies and Interiors. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

James R. Uhl, Mountain Top, Pa., died Sept. 13, 2012. He served for four years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Uhl was an award-winning photographer and painter, and was a featured artist in "The Creative Will," the 10th anniversary of Project Rembrandt, a national exhibition by 31 artists with multiple sclerosis.

1972

Edward J. Romanoski, Deerfield Beach, Fla., died Sept. 18, 2012. He worked in both Pennsylvania and Florida as a property appraiser.

David Smith, Jacksonville, Fla., died Aug. 19, 2012. He received an advanced degree in banking from Rutgers University. He was a bank senior vice president upon his retirement.

1976

Robert O. Boston, Redlands, Calif., died June 14, 2012.

Ann Zini Coffey, Peckville, Pa., died Nov. 3, 2010. She taught English in the Mid Valley School District.

1978

Mary Elizabeth (Phillips) Ertz, Plymouth, Pa., died Oct. 21, 2012. She was employed for 34 years by the Angeline E. Kirby Memorial

In Memoriam

Health Center as a certified laboratory technician.

Jon W. McNew, Wilkes-Barre, died Sept. 11, 2012. He was a certified public accountant.

1979

Maryann (Baron) Oster, Swoyersville, Pa., died Sept. 28, 2012. Oster was a quality control supervisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. She also worked as a teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

1980

William. J. Stauch, West Wyoming, Pa., died Aug. 3, 2012. Stauch was employed at the former Techneglas Corp. of Jenkins Township and, from 1996 to 2003, owned and operated Dusseldwarf's Restaurant in Pittston, Pa.

1981

Barbara (Greene) Dunn, New York City, N.Y., died on Jan. 27, 2010.

1994

Kevin Ostrowsky, York, Pa., died Nov. 20, 2012. He

was employed as a civil and environmental engineer for EBI Consulting in Baltimore, Md.

2005

Sharon Amy Granahan, Philadelphia, Pa., died Nov. 3, 2012.

2007

Michael Meoni, Moosic, Pa., died Aug. 29, 2012. He was a geometry teacher at Lakeland Junior/Senior High School since 2005.

Friends of Wilkes

David Crawford Hall, Dallas, Pa., died Sept. 9, 2012. He served on the Wilkes board of trustees from 1982-2001 and was trustee emeritus. Crawford was a Colonel's Blazer recipient. For many years, he ran Diamond Perforated Metals Inc. in Gardena, Calif., and more recently was owner of Llewellyn & McKane, Inc., a printing company in Wilkes-Barre.

Remembering Jane Breiseth

Jane Morhouse Breiseth, who passed away on June 16, 2012, was many things to many people. She was a wife, a mother, a hostess and an educator. From 1984 to 2001, she served as Wilkes University's first lady, during her husband, Christopher N. Breiseth's, 17-year tenure as Wilkes president.

"I was amazed at her versatility," says Patricia Heaman '61, Wilkes-Barre, a retired English professor who taught at Wilkes during Breiseth's term. "It seemed she was everywhere, walking around with her youngest daughter, Lydia. She'd show up at every art opening, every poetry reading, every guest lecture and music recital and theatrical event."

Jane Breiseth's interest in education went beyond her duties as Wilkes' first lady. She held a bachelor of arts degree in comparative literature and a master's degree in education from Cornell University. And with eldest daughters Abigail and Erika enrolled in Meyers High School, she was also a member of the local PTA.

Similarly, Breiseth was involved with several community service and arts organizations, including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, the Family Service Association of

Wyoming Valley, the Peace and Justice Committee and the First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Even after the Breiseths left northeastern Pennsylvania to become president and first lady of The Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y., they maintained an apartment locally and frequently returned to hold dinner parties.

"They kept their friendships in a marvelous way," Pattie S. Davies, Dallas, Pa., says, recalling "carloads of Wilkes-Barrians" likewise visiting Hyde Park as the Breiseths' guests.

A Wilkes trustee emerita, Davies was chairwoman of the presidential selection committee and was among the first to meet the Breiseths upon their arrival at Wilkes.

"She was a very warm and delightful person to be with, so first impressions were good," Davies says. "They stayed that way over the years."

Breiseth is survived by her mother; husband; daughters Abigail, Erika and husband William F. Brockman of Baltimore, Md., and Lydia and husband Marco Vargas, of Arlington, Va.;

grandchildren Warner and Annika Brockman; siblings; and many nieces and nephews.



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PROGRESS AT THE COHEN SCIENCE CENTER SITE

Construction of the Lawrence and Sally Cohen Science Center has been progressing rapidly since the groundbreaking in March 2012. The impressive transformation has been captured each day by a camera located at the top of Sturdevant Hall. Here's a look at various stages of the project in the photos at right.

Crews are working on the building's interior and anticipate construction will conclude this summer. You're invited to be a part of history when we dedicate the science center at Homecoming 2013 at 4 p.m on October 4. More details will be available in the coming months, but mark your calendar now so you don't miss this exciting event!

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calendar of events

February

1 through March 17

- Sordoni Art Gallery exhibit, *Flow*
- 12 Drs. Robert S. and Judith A. Gardner Educational Forum Series Lecture, Marts 214, 4:30 p.m.
- 15-16, 22-23 Theatre Performance, *Archy & Mehitabel*, Darte Center, 8 p.m.
- 17, 24 Theatre Performance, *Archy & Mehitabel*, Darte Center, 2 p.m.
- 26 Drs. Robert S. and Judith A. Gardner Educational Forum Series Lecture, Marts 214, 4 p.m.

March

- 17 Bach Festival Concert, Chamber Singers/Robert Dale Chorale, 3 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton, Pa.
- 18 Drs. Robert S. and Judith A. Gardner Educational Forum Series Lecture, Marts 214, 4:30 p.m.
- 23 VIP Day for admitted high school students

April

9 through May 19

- Sordoni Art Gallery exhibit, *Our People, Our Land, Our Images*

- 11-13 Theatre Performance, *Gemini*, Darte Center, 8 p.m.
- 14 Theatre Performance, *Gemini*, Darte Center, 2 p.m.
- 16 Drs. Robert S. and Judith A. Gardner Educational Forum Series Lecture, Henry Student Center Ballroom, 4:30 p.m.
- 19 Alumni Association Scholarship Dinner, Henry Student Center, 6 p.m.
- 20 Dance Concerts, 3 & 8 p.m., Darte Center
- 21 2013 Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities, Noah Feldman, Constitutional Law Expert, Darte Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Chamber Orchestra Concert, Darte Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Band Director's Conducting Clinic with guest clinician Samuel Hazo, Jr., Darte Center, 12:30 p.m.
- 27 Chorus/Chamber Singer's Concert, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre
- 28 Civic Band Concert, Darte Center, 3 p.m.
- 30 Jazz Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Darte Center

May

- 18 Spring Commencement, 1 p.m.