

After The Flood, An Army of Colonels

JOINED PAUL ADAMS '77, WILKES VICE PRESIDENT FOR Student Affairs, on Sept. 8 to monitor the Web site tracking the level of the Susquehanna River. It became clear that—for the second time in Wilkes history—the river was rising to truly dangerous levels. The damage caused by flooding after Hurricane Agnes, nearly 40 years ago, remains a painful memory for many. It looked to both of us that we would be evacuating the University.

As I'm sure many of you know, history did not repeat itself. The levee system did its job. Although the Susquehanna crested at a record 42.66 feet, the levees held. Wilkes and the City of Wilkes-Barre were spared. Others in the valley were not as fortunate.



Wilkes President Tim Gilmour and Paul Adams '77, vice president, student affairs, pitch in during flood relief efforts in Wilkes-Barre. PHOTO BY EARL AND SEDOR PHOTOGRAPHIC

While the two events, separated by four decades, had different outcomes for Wilkes, both brought out the best in our University community. How we respond at such times is the very definition of what it means to "Be Colonel." In 1972, the campus community under President Mike Michelini rallied, cleaning and rebuilding campus in time to begin the fall 1972 academic year and graduate the class of 1973. Witnessing flood damage in communities near Wilkes this fall gave me new appreciation for what Mike and his team accomplished.

As we faced the 2011 flood, I realized how truly special Wilkes is and how remarkable the people are in our University family. Everyone worked together as we prepared for possible flooding. Our facilities

department, with some help from the football team, moved sophisticated scientific equipment, computers, file cabinets and other items to safety on upper floors in buildings. Most importantly, we made sure our students were safe.

When we returned to campus, we focused on helping the community. A new Wilkes advertising campaign talks about an Army of Colonels. Faced with incredible need after the flood, we sent our Army of Colonels into the community to help. We ensured that all University employees could join flood relief efforts by instituting a policy granting two days of paid leave for volunteering. I joined a team cleaning up the Brookside section of Wilkes-Barre. Our students, faculty and staff have shoveled toxic river muck, carried tons of junk to the curb, served food, collected and delivered supplies, and repaired damaged library books at the West Pittston Library. You can read more about it in the story on page 14.

At our annual Club Day, held days after the flooding, we took time to be thankful that Wilkes was spared from another devastating flood. And thankful we should be!

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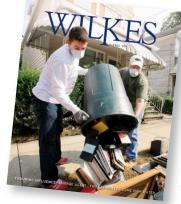
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John Lynch, left, a member of the Wilkes wrestling team, and Mark Allen, dean, student development, haul damaged books and other items out of a house in Wilkes-Barre's Brookside section damaged by floods caused by Tropical Storm Lee. Wilkes volunteers played a role in flood-relief efforts. PHOTO BY EARL AND SEDOR PHOTOGRAPHIC

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African Adventures: Wilkes Faculty Lays Groundwork for Future Study, Service Opportunities

Wilkes students will have the opportunity to study and provide service in Africa, thanks to the efforts of a contingent of students and faculty who visited the countries of Uganda and Tanzania during summer 2011.

KarenBeth Bohan, an associate professor of pharmacy, visited Africa to plan a study abroad program for students in the Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing. Her goal is to offer an advanced pharmacy practice elective for fourth professional-year pharmacy students. Bohan is working with a professor at Makerere University College of Health Sciences in Uganda in developing the class. The students who take the elective also will go on a safari to study local wildlife and landscape throughout Murchison Falls National Park.

"It is Wilkes' mission to educate our students for success in a constantly evolving and multicultural world," Bohan says. "And now more than ever it is important our students are engaged in experiences that can enhance their understanding of other cultures."

While in Africa, Bohan and James Merryman, professor of anthropology, also conducted a pilot study of the impact of clean-water wells on health, culture, and quality of life in villages of the Masindi District in Uganda. The

wells are built by Busoga Trust America, a non-profit organization that provides wells and sanitation. Merryman brought Jeremy LaPorte '11 as his graduate assistant and Bohan was accompanied by pharmacy student Joseph Shipula. Other Wilkes faculty and staff on the trip included Godlove Fonjweng, director of global education, and Evene Estwick, associate professor of communication studies.

Other African opportunities are being developed by Linda Winkler, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social





To read more about KarenBeth Bohan's,
James Merryman's and Linda Winkler's work in
Africa, please visit their blogs on the Wilkes Web site.
To find them, click on the 3 on the homepage.

Sciences, who has worked and conducted research in Tanzania for a decade. Winkler, who joined the University in fall 2010, plans to involve Wilkes students in her work. This year, Wilkes student Lisa Bova accompanied Winkler to Tanzania. Bova, who is president of the student group Wilkes in the World, raised money for a water tank for Tegemeo School.



Godlove Fonjweng, director of global education, second from left, meets with Ugandan representatives about the impact of wells in their community. PHOTO COURTESY OF KARENBETH BOHAN

'ARMY OF COLONELS' STORMS NEPA

The University's fall ad campaign had barely hit northeastern Pennsylvania when a local radio personality was heard referencing the "Army of Colonels" lending help to flood victims.

The phrase—a nod to the Wilkes tradition of leadership and selfless determination—

anchors a campaign constructed to build awareness of the University's accomplishments and the ways Wilkes helps bring positive change to the entire region. In addition to calling out various accomplishments and contributions, the campaign highlights the proximity to Wilkes' campus to emphasize impact on the region's economic development and quality of life.

Wilkes staff worked with advertising agency 160over90 to develop the campaign. A focus group comprising alumni and Wilkes-Barre-area

residents guided creative.

The fall campaign includes television, radio, billboards, Internet and newspaper advertising throughout the Wyoming Valley. To see all its elements, visit

www.wilkes.edu/adcampaign.

This billboard in Scranton highlights engineering research that involves undergraduate students in real-world problem solving.

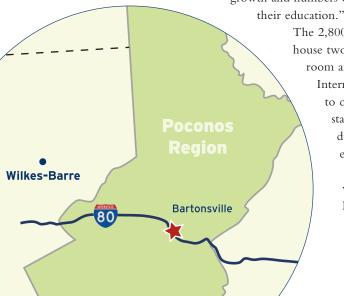


Wilkes Expands to Poconos

The Poconos is becoming more than a vacation destination. It's also becoming a convenient location to get a great Wilkes education. The University is expanding to the Poconos this fall with a new adult education facility in the Shoppes at Crossroads at the Bartonsville exit of Interstate 80 in Monroe County. Students at the Wilkes University Pocono Center can enter degree programs for the master of business administration, the accelerated bachelor of business administration for those wishing to complete their degree, and the master of science in engineering management.

University President Tim Gilmour says, "We feel this is an ideal place to expand our offerings, based on impressive population

growth and numbers of people eager to continue

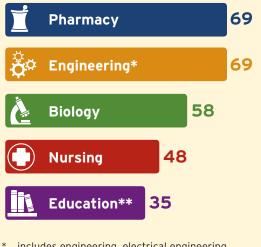


The 2,800-square-foot facility will house two classrooms, a conference room and office space. Wireless Internet will connect students to campus resources. On-site staff will guide students during the application and enrollment process.

For more information, visit www.wilkes.edu/
Poconos.

TOP MAJORS

The following were the top five majors among students in Wilkes' Fall 2011 freshman class. Majors are listed by the number of first-year students registered for fall semester:



- includes engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and engineering management
- ** includes elementary and early childhood education and middle school.

U.N. Partnership to Bring Speakers, Global Perspective

The global perspectives of the United Nations come to Wilkes through a collaborative program launching during the 2011-2012 academic year. The multi-faceted program, presented in partnership with the Higher Education Alliance for the United Nations, brings U.N. officials to campus throughout the year for lectures and informal meetings with students, organized around the theme *Human Security in the 21st Century: Challenges and Solutions.* Selected students can intern at the U.N. and a contingent of faculty and students will attend a special behind-the-scenes briefing there. A campus conference at Wilkes during spring semester will focus on an international issue and will feature

U.N. representatives as presenters. Wilkes is the only northeast Pennsylvania university participating in the program.

All Wilkes first-year students participate in weekly seminars during the fall semester designed to help them develop the strategies essential for a successful transition into the campus community. Students in the First-Year Foundations classes will meet informally with the U.N. lecturers as part of these classes.

The U.N. lecture series kicks off on Sept. 26 with a lecture about *Elections - Road to Democracy Around the World*. It will be presented by diplomat Roland Rich, Executive Head at the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF). Rich's talk, which is free and open to the public, will be at 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Other lecture topics during the year will include the U.N.'s role in combating terrorism, peacekeeping, food security, population growth and interfaith dialogue.

The Humpty Dumpty Institute, a non-profit based in New York City, launched the Higher Education Alliance (HEA) in 2010. The alliance builds bridges between higher education, the United Nations and the international community.

Wilkes Biology Professor Studies Effects of Marcellus Drilling on Songbirds

The process of hydrofracking and gas drilling in Pennsylvania's rich Marcellus Shale deposit has raised concerns about its effects on humans and on the environment. Wilkes University professor Jeffrey Stratford has received a grant to study its effects on some of the state's smallest inhabitants: song birds.

Stratford, an assistant professor of biology who specializes in studying birds, received a \$22,852 grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The project—"Physical Stress in Songbirds Associated With Natural Gas Drilling"—focuses on the possible impact of drilling and contaminants from drilling.

Stratford and his team of student researchers are studying songbirds in five Pennsylvania counties: Bradford, Lycoming, Potter, Susquehanna and Tioga. All are counties rich in Marcellus Shale. Gas drilling already has started in most of the sites and promises to increase. Stratford and his team collect blood samples from songbirds in the field, store the samples on ice and bring them back to the lab to test enzyme levels. Locations for gathering the blood samples are chosen from maps indicating where current drilling is happening and where future drilling may occur. Samples are taken back to

the laboratory where William Biggers, associate professor of biology, works with students on the enzyme analysis.

Stratford explains that birds exposed to environmental stressors and contaminants have increased levels of certain enzymes. The enzymes, Stratford says, help the body to process and rid itself of contaminants. Increased enzyme levels parallel an increase in contaminant exposure. Stratford and his team are gathering baseline data and will study changes in enzyme levels. Levels also will be compared for birds that are close to drilling sites with those at sites isolated from drilling.

"This is a great opportunity to teach students the issues related to the environment as well as teaching them important biological techniques," Stratford says.

WEBS PROGRAM DOUBLES IN SIZE

Wilkes' HHMI Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) camp for girls enjoyed unprecedented success in its third year. Enrollment doubled over the previous year, with 60 seventh- and

eighth-grade girls participating in the two-week camp. Funded

by a grant from the Howard
Hughes Medical Institute,
the camp aims to increase
girls' interest in science
careers. They participate
in classes taught by
Wilkes faculty and are
mentored by Wilkes

students—many of them women enrolled in programs in the sciences.

Inset: Two WEBS participants, above, launch their Lego robot.

Right: WEBS participants, get excited about the results of an experiment. From left are Kathryn Waclawski, Hanover Area School District, Kaylee Sminkey, Wyoming Seminary, and Kendyl Lyn Kalish, Hanover Area School District. PHOTOS BY RACHEL STRAYER Activities include building Lego robots, solving "The Great Mascot Heist" with laboratory techniques, visiting the world of pharmacy and cleaning up an oil spill. Girls also enjoy talks by women working in science careers. For a story about one of the guest speakers—Wilkes alumna Charlotte Moser '92—please see page 19.



Football Stadium Named for Legendary Colonels Coach Rollie Schmidt

By Helen Kaiser

EGENDARY COLONELS FOOTBALL coach Rollie Schmidt is being recognized for decades of dedication to the University and its students as Wilkes names its football stadium in his honor. The naming ceremony for Schmidt Stadium at the Ralston Athletic Complex was to occur before the homecoming football game against Widener University on Sept. 24, with Schmidt and many of his former athletic stars attending.

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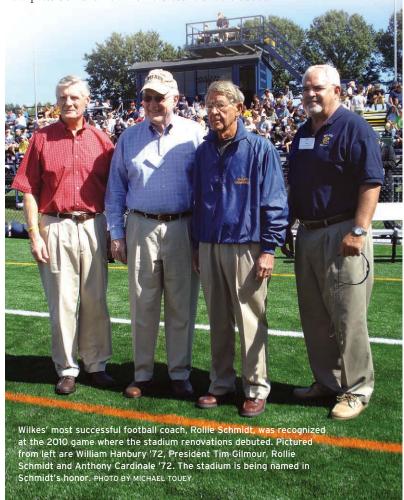
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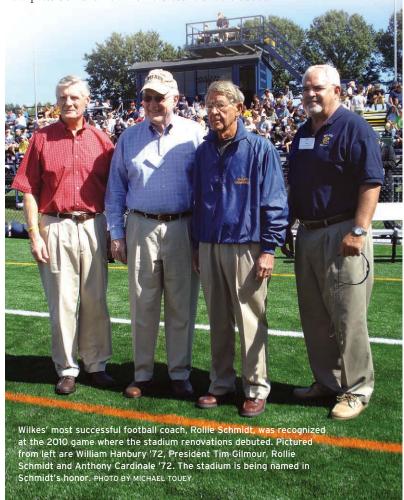
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RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN WILKES
PROFESSORS
AND STUDENTS
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ENDURING Influence By Vicki Mayk

HEN MICHAEL BUTCHKO '96 MARRIED HIS wife, Amy, in 2009, he delayed the ceremony until Dr. Tom Baldino arrived. Butchko said he didn't want the ceremony to take place unless Baldino, a Wilkes political science professor, was present.

"He was one of the most important people there that day," recalls Butchko, who says a violent rainstorm slowed his long-time friend's travel.

For alumni like Butchko, relationships with faculty mentors continue after graduation. The bonds formed during undergraduate years don't break—they strengthen. Wilkes professors become trusted career advisors, friends and professional colleagues for their former students. "There are not a couple of weeks that go by without Tom and me being in touch," Butchko states. "He's been invaluable to me. No one in my family went to college, so Tom filled the mentor role. I really trust his opinion on a variety of things."

Butchko and Baldino remember their first meeting. Butchko was a sharp high school senior from Wyoming Valley West High School who visited Wilkes, King's College and the University of Scranton to talk with heads of the political science departments before making his college decision. Meeting Baldino, then the new chair of political science at Wilkes, was the deciding factor in Butchko's college choice.

"I found his energy and attitude unique. Tom was forward-looking, focused on the new wave in political science that includes an emphasis on quantitative analysis," says Butchko.

In the case of Baldino and Butchko, it's no surprise that they continued a relationship started in Wilkes classrooms more than 15 years ago. After earning a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public policy analysis from the University of Rochester, Butchko launched a career in Washington, D.C. Today he is deputy director of field operations for NeighborWorks, a non-profit organi-

zation that promotes opportunities for people to live in affordable housing.

"If you're political junkies like Tom and me, Washington is the place to be," Butchko jokes. Over the years, he's loved sharing anecdotes about his work with Baldino—including the one about the day that a senator named Barack Obama opened the door for Butchko on his way into the building. Such relationships are important to Baldino and other faculty.

"It's what makes it all worthwhile," Baldino says. "I could teach anywhere, and it would be fun. The chance to get to know and influence students makes the difference." It's also what sets Wilkes apart, Baldino adds.

"This is what differentiates the faculty at Wilkes....We care about students as people," he states.

Jen Ciannilli Smith '01 says commitment from faculty makes a difference to students. When she transferred to Wilkes from Luzerne County Community College, the personal attention surprised her. Living away from home for the first time, Smith struggled to balance schoolwork, a job and her social life. She missed some classes—until the day she received a phone call from psychology professor Robert Bohlander.

"He left me a message on my answering machine. It said, 'This is Dr. Bohlander. You haven't been in class. I hope everything is OK'," recalls Smith. "I played the message back and listened to it again. It really made an impression on me. I couldn't believe a professor at Wilkes would do that. It really meant the world to me. It turned my whole attitude around. I became motivated."

Bohlander, who has taught for 32 years, says it's important for faculty to know when to reach out to a student. "Sometimes you encounter students who are having an issue where you need to intervene," Bohlander says.

Smith is a drug and alcohol counselor for the Choices program in Hazleton, Pa. She began her career with Community Counseling Services—an opportunity that Bohlander suggested. "He recommended my first internship at Community Counseling



Services and that gave me the perfect beginning. After graduation, any time a career opportunity arose, I'd contact him. He'd talk me through it," she says. She and Bohlander exchange Christmas cards, talk on the phone and catch up over lunch about Smith's career and about her 4-year-old daughter.

Bohlander says staying in contact with alumni has benefits for his current Wilkes students. It's a form of networking. "I contacted Jen about possible jobs for my students when she was at Community Counseling," he says.

While many close relationships between faculty and students begin in the classroom, some blossom via co-curricular activities. C.J. Copley '98, MBA '00 and Jeff Alves, professor of entrepreneurship and acting dean, Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, together launched the Wilkes chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). Copley was its first president and Alves was advisor.

Today Copley is executive vice president for sales and marketing for Golden Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer of mobility products, such as lift chairs and scooters, based in Old Forge, Pa. The path to an executive position wasn't always easy, Copley acknowledges. He credits Alves with inspiring him to persevere.

"Getting through my undergraduate years was a challenge. I wasn't a straight-A student," Copley says. "Dr. Alves inspired me. I remember our first SIFE competition. I think it was in Parsippany, N.J. We had been up practicing for hours, doing dry runs of our presentation. We took a break and went to dinner. He started sharing his own experiences in school and told me he had challenges too, that it wasn't always easy for him. He told

me, 'If I can do it, anybody can do it.' His encouragement at that dinner is something I'll never forget.... To hear that from someone like Dr. Alves meant a lot."

Copley was a veteran entrepreneur before he graduated—he helped his family start a promotional products business while still at Wilkes—and Alves has tapped that real-world expertise by recruiting his former student to teach at Wilkes. "He's taught the Integrated Management Experience (IME) course in which students start a business," Alves says. "He's taught (a course about) the selling process. He's done it. He's started a business." Copley says he still consults with Alves when choosing textbooks for his classes.

Alves emphasizes that mentoring has a trickle-down effect: It passes from faculty member to student, and then, when the student becomes an alumnus, back to current students. Copley has mentored Wilkes interns who work with him at Golden Technologies.

Sidhu School alumna, Katie Pearson Desiderio '01, MBA '03, followed the same career path as her faculty mentor, Anne Heineman Batory, professor of business. Two years ago, Desiderio completed her doctorate in leadership education at Barry University in Miami, Fla., and joined the business faculty at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. When she was invited to address the graduating class at Moravian in May 2011, the importance of having a mentor was one piece of advice she shared. Desiderio didn't set out to become a professor when she entered Wilkes.

"I thought I was most interested in marketing, but Dr. Batory asked me, 'Did you ever think about teaching?" Desiderio says.



Anne Heineman Batory, professor of business, left, and Katie Pearson Desiderio '01, MBA '03 have the same career path, teaching business to undergraduate students.

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- Katie Pearson Desiderio '01, MBA '03



Mike Steele, chair of Wilkes' biology department, shares some insights in the lab with Salvatore Agosta '98, who has returned to work with his faculty mentor as a post-doctoral research fellow.

Desiderio looks forward to combining motherhood and her academic career in the near future. Batory says female faculty fill an important role as mentors for their female students. "The fact that I'm married and have children is important to students," Batory states. "They are asking themselves, 'Did superwoman die, or can we do it all?' I'm here to show them that they can."

Salvatore Agosta '98, who earned a biology degree at Wilkes, has moved from a student to a colleague of his mentor, Michael Steele, professor and chair of the biology department. After earning a doctorate in ecology from the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to Wilkes in fall 2010 to work with Steele as a post-doctoral research fellow. He credits Steele with inspiring his interest in studying ecology.

"I came here as a history major, not knowing what I really wanted to do," says Agosta, who also had an interest in biology. "He facilitated my going to the school for field studies in Kenya in the summer after my sophomore year. After that, I pretty much knew what I wanted to do."

Agosta spent his remaining two years at Wilkes working with Steele on his research on oak trees and seed dispersal. He notes that his relationship with Steele has not changed much since earning his doctorate because Steele treats his students as equals in the lab.

"The thing about Mike is, once he identifies you as someone who is serious about research, he starts to interact with you as a colleague. He's a great mediator of people."

Steele knows that the mentoring that happens in Wilkes labs leads to long-term success. "Mentoring is about an apprenticeship," he says. "You have to be totally immersed in the scientific process for it to be a meaningful mentorship."

Steele is proud of his former student, noting that Agosta is gaining recognition as a biologist with research papers published in 25 peer-reviewed journals. He says that Agosta has worked in the field with top ecology researchers from the University of Pennsylvania, including work with Dan Janson in Costa Rica. Agosta helped to arrange a meeting between Janson and Steele when the Wilkes professor visited Costa Rica. Such achievements are clear indications that their relationship has transitioned to a new level.

"He and I will be collaborators for the rest of our (professional) lives," Steele says.

Batory noticed her student's talent for teaching during class presentations. "She was able to take things and render them absolutely understandable for others in the class," Batory says. Desiderio remained at Wilkes, serving as assistant women's soccer coach and earned a master of business administration degree.

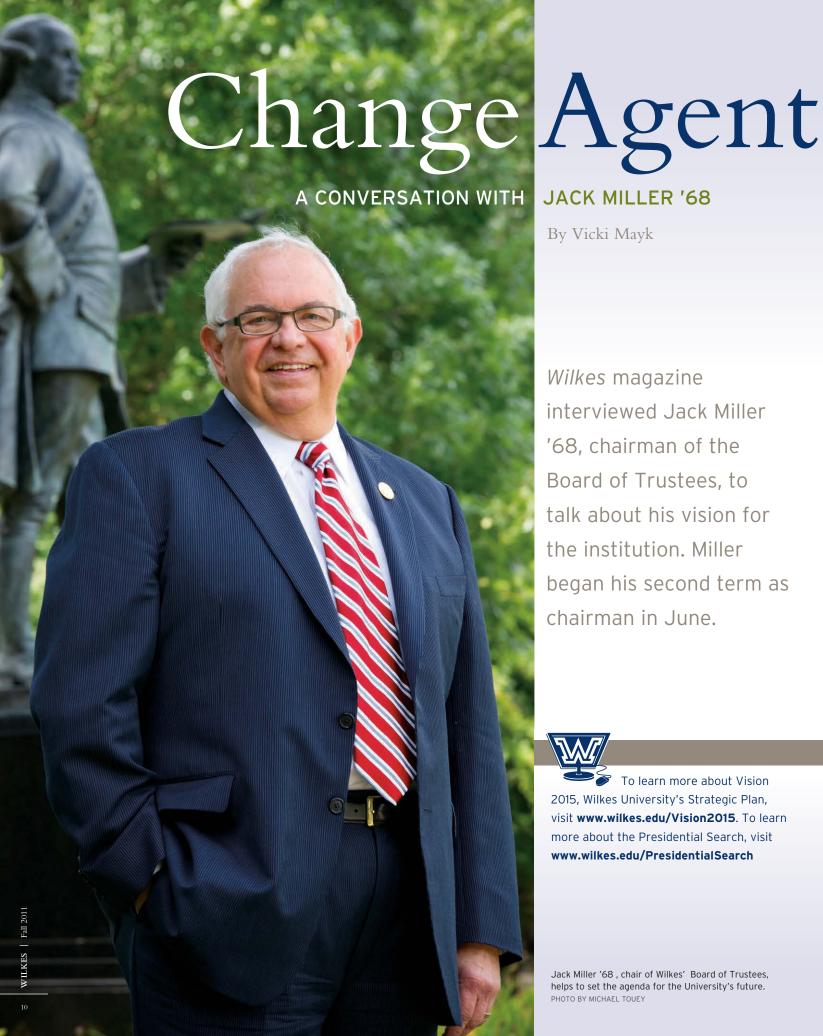
Although she initially worked in the corporate arena, including a position as consumer marketing manager at publisher Rodale, Inc., she also served as adjunct faculty at Wilkes. "I realized that I had more passion about driving up to Wilkes every Thursday than about what I was doing in my job," she recalls. She left the corporate world to earn a doctorate, realizing her dream of becoming a professor in 2009.

"We share a lot of interests in common," says Batory, who converses on email regularly with her protégée. "When she was at Barry (University), it was fun to be re-introduced to material at the doctoral level. It's great to have your students go out there and come back to you with their current interests."

MORE ON THE WEB

Read more about mentoring relationships that continue after graduation. Visit

www.wilkes.edu/Mentor. Have a story to share about your friendship with your Wilkes faculty mentor? Do you have a picture taken since graduation with your faculty mentor? Share them with us by emailing them to wilkesmagazine@wilkes.edu and put the word Mentor in the subject line. We'll post them on the Web page.



JACK MILLER '68

By Vicki Mayk

Wilkes magazine interviewed Jack Miller '68, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to talk about his vision for the institution. Miller began his second term as chairman in June.

To learn more about Vision 2015, Wilkes University's Strategic Plan, visit www.wilkes.edu/Vision2015. To learn more about the Presidential Search, visit www.wilkes.edu/PresidentialSearch

Jack Miller '68, chair of Wilkes' Board of Trustees, helps to set the agenda for the University's future. PHOTO BY MICHAEL TOUEY

Wilkes Magazine (WM): You've been one of the highest ranking executives with one of the world's largest accounting and consulting businesses. You could do many things with your time. So first of all, a simple question: Why Wilkes?

Jack Miller (JM): If you want to change the world, be involved in education for children, youth and young adults. They will make change happen in their lifetime. Every time we graduate a student, we create a change agent for the future. That is powerful stuff. Wilkes provides the foundation skills, instills core values and provides an introduction to life experience that allows individuals to succeed in their chosen area. Knowing that Wilkes does that for its students—that alone makes it worthwhile.

WM: The University's strategic plan—Vision 2015—is the blueprint for the University's future. What are the most important priorities to emerge from the strategic planning process?

JM: Wilkes is at a crossroads. We can either follow a path to mediocrity or a path to a willed future. Something that I learned very early in my career is the concept of a willed future. It's something that says, 'I'm sitting down and determining what I want and where I want to go in the future.' What we did with Vision 2015 is create consensus of what we collectively want to be at Wilkes and also developed a plan that outlines how we're going to get there.

The strategic plan capitalizes on opportunities for growth and growing revenue. Why are we focusing on growth opportunities and growing revenue? Although Wilkes is financially stable, it's not sustainable. For example, we have an opportunity to grow revenue with adult learners.....Another area for growth is with the development of the Marcellus Shale in the region. With Wilkes' strength in the sciences, we can position ourselves as independent assessors in the Marcellus Shale development....Wilkes is very heavily dependent on tuition. If we can develop and capitalize on professional

opportunities and broaden the base of revenue, we will no longer have that dependency.

WM: What are the board's priorities at this time?

JM: I would say we've got three areas that are priorities. First, we must stay abreast or ahead of the curve in the sciences. We've got to build a new, state-of-the-art science building and have a successful capital campaign to support that project. We'll break ground this spring. If we want to contuine to attract the kind and quality of student we want, a state-of-the-art facility along with our top-notch professors is key.

Second, we're continuing with the IMPROVE initiative (Integrating Management Planning and Resources Effectiveness). For alumni who may not be familiar with this, it is a fact-based decision-making process. We are providing data, including financial metrics, to administrators and faculty at the program level or department level, where it is most useful. It allows them to determine where we need more resources in the areas where we want to succeed. That information is not useful if it's kept on the upper administration level. It has to be shared with people closest to the programs.

And finally, our third focus is measuring student learning outcomes....We need to be able to assess the effectiveness of a Wilkes education....The cost of education is so great today. Parents and students have every right to say, 'Am I getting value for my (tuition) at Wilkes?' I believe we create lots of value.

WM: Wilkes alumni read this magazine. What message would you like to send them?

JM: Become involved. We value you. Many of you provide us with financial support. But the most important things our alumni can also give are their time and talent. There are many ways they can do that. Be a mentor to a current Wilkes student. Become active with the alumni association. You can become a member of board of trustees. We want your financial support—but we really want you! The time and talent of our alumni can really make an impact.

ABOUT JACK MILLER '68

Jack Miller graduated cum laude from Wilkes in 1968 with a degree in commerce and finance. He says, "I was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre. My mother was in accounting at Planters Peanuts on South Main Street. My father was a city fireman. I was the first in our family to go to college. I very much fit the profile of the student we have at Wilkes today."

Miller was vice chairman of KPMG LLP, a global accounting, tax and advisory firm. During his 36-year tenure, he served in many positions, including the elected position as a member of its Board of Directors and Management Committee. He also served as chief executive officer of a billion dollar line of business, led the development of tools to assist clients in responding more efficiently in their markets, and managed regulatory compliance, risk management and crisis management activities. He credits Wilkes for preparing him for his career: "Wilkes is outstanding. It says something about Wilkes that a boy from the Wyoming Valley ended up vice chairman of one of the world's largest accounting and consulting companies."

After being diagnosed with cancer, he retired from KPMG in January 2005 to devote his time to public service. In addition to his work on Wilkes' board of trustees, he is chairman of the board of trustees of The Osborn Retirement Community and a trustee and regent of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New York City, where he serves as chair of its audit committee and member of its executive committee.

Miller lives in Rye, N.Y., with his wife, Sarah. They have four children and six grandchildren.

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Friends Indeed

WILKES ALUMNI CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIPS FORMED AT THE UNIVERSITY

By Rachel Strayer

Wilkes alumni found much more than an education when they came to the University: They found friendship. The relationships students form are among the most valuable parts of the Wilkes experience. After graduation, alumni don't wait for Homecoming and class reunions to rekindle their friendships. They hold their own events—from dinner parties to four-day camping trips—to celebrate relationships that are as important as their diplomas.



A Mark of Friendship

Donna Talarico MFA '10, Jonathan Rocks MFA '10, K. Justice Fisher MFA '10, Carol Lavelle MFA '10, Viannah Duncan MFA '10 and Angela Eckhart MA '09 share more than a Wilkes creative writing degree. They all sport the same tattoo: a "W" that stands both for Wilkes and for writing.

The group remembers when they revealed their matching tattoos to creative writing program director Bonnie Culver.

"She thought they were fake!" Talarico says.

Students get to see each other only twice a year in Wilkes creative writing program—at eight-day residencies in January and June. The low-residency program conducts classes and writing critiques online the rest of the year. Talarico's cohort, which includes non-tattooed but equally dedicated MFA '10 graduates Michael "Papa" Suppa, Cory Brin, and Sarah Pugh, met during their first Wilkes residency in June 2007 and bonded so well they couldn't wait until January before seeing each other again. Their first get-together took place at Suppa's home over Labor Day Weekend 2007. According to Suppa, the group's friendship thrives in the atmosphere provided at Wilkes.

"The nurturing atmosphere of the Wilkes Creative Writing program was the catalyst for our group," says Suppa. "I would recommend the program to any or all! It is truly a community."

Although they lost one member to a long-distance move, most of the group meets twice a year —every August and April—for a four-day weekend of board games, book discussions, dress-up movie nights, and off-season holiday celebrations, including Christmas in April and Easter in August. Locations have included a houseboat, a cabin near Gettysburg and a vacation home in the Poconos. Inked or not, the familial spirit among these Wilkes alumni runs deeper than blue dye.

"Donna and the rest of my cohort...have made a permanent and indelible impression on me," says Rocks. "You know, sort of like a tattoo."

A (Wilkes) Christmas Story

When Marcie Kreinces Bono '90 and Karen Donohue Connolly '90 became friends as Wilkes freshmen, they had no idea that their friendship would grow into a yearly gathering of close to 30 people.

"We kind of started the whole crew," laughs Bono. Connolly chimes in, "Marcie was the ringleader. (She) knew everyone on the whole campus."

While both women remain close with their entire graduating class, they formed a special bond with Valerie Sweeney Walachy '90, and three members of the class of 1991, Karen Finn Juliano, Laurie Tappon Furfaro, and Sue Adamchak Smith.

Their post-Wilkes gatherings began simply enough. The friends met annually at the University's Homecoming Weekend. It wasn't





Left: Celebrating Christmas in January has become an annual tradition for, from left, Karen Finn Juliano '91, Laurie Tappan Furfaro '91, Marcie Kreinces Bono '90, Sue Adamchak Smith '91, Valerie Sweeney Walachy '90, and Karen Donohue Connolly '90.

enough: The six New Jersey residents began planning regular dinner dates. They didn't stop there.

"Every January we get together at someone's house to celebrate Christmas with all the kids and husbands and everyone," says Connolly. The six of them have a total of 16 children ranging in age from 15 to four years old, making one chaotic, joyful group.

"We don't pick a day unless everyone can make it," says Bono. "And everybody always shows up," Connolly adds.

The women are thrilled to watch their children build relationships of their own within the group. Now their Christmas gatherings are a relaxing time to catch up because the kids take care of each other, leaving the six women to laugh, talk, and reminisce about their Wilkes days.

"I didn't anticipate that going away to college would give me five of the best friends I could have asked for," Bono says. Connolly echoes the sentiment. "We're like sisters...I hope my kids have that someday."

The women planned to reunite the whole crew at Homecoming 2011.

Close-Knit

Sharon Snyder Bergin '82 and Geri McAfee Dougherty '81 recall spending their college years sunbathing on the roof of

Sturdevant Hall and sledding on the cafeteria's lunch trays with their six closest friends. So how did the eight long-time buddies celebrate turning the big 5-0?

"We made potholders!" they say with enthusiasm. "Whatever keeps you laughing," Bergin explains.

Laughing is never a problem for the group, which also includes Helen Gorgas Goulding '82, Jeannie Bennis Seidof '81, Mary Giblin

Galetto '81, Gina Scazzaro Fair '82, Maureen Falvey Creamer '80, and Bergin's twin sister Karen Snyder Zeiser '82. The women, who bonded as residents of the same hall, have an eclectic mix of majors. They get together at least once every year or two—not an easy feat for eight women who have 22 children and three grandchildren among them. For each gathering, the ladies strive to come up with a fun theme or activity.

"One year we brought old bridesmaids' dresses and wore them out to dinner," says Bergin. "Another year it was crazy hats." Then came the potholders.

"After we all turned 50 we were joking about being old," says Dougherty. "Someone brought a potholder weaving kit, so we made potholders!" Dougherty even embellished one of hers with a Wilkes "W," in honor of their "family away from home."

Even though they don't get to see each other as much as they would like, they still find creative ways to connect.

"We have something called 'The Sisterhood of the Traveling Necklace," says Bergin. One necklace is passed around the group every three months or so, usually to someone who is going through a tough time. "We tend to mail it to someone who needs cheered up," she says.

The women are content to be each other's reminders of their happy college years.

"We will always get together..." says Bergin.

"...even when there's only two of us left..." continues

Dougherty.

"...and we don't know where we're going," laughs Bergin.
At least they'll be going together.



Making potholders - complete with Ws -- was one way to mark half-century birthdays for these alumnae. Pictured with their creations, are front row, from left, Helen Gorgas Goulding '82, Jeannie Bennis Seidof '81, Mary Giblin Galetto '81, and Gina Scazzaro Fair '82. Back row, from left are Maureen Falvey Creamer '80, Sharon Snyder Bergin '82, Geri McAfee Dougherty '81, and Karen Snyder Zeiser '82.

WILKES RALLIES TO LEND A HAND IN FLOOD RELIEF By Mary Ellen Alu '77

HEN A SWOLLEN Susquehanna River heavily flooded the Wilkes campus in June 1972 in the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes, an incoming freshman named Bill Goldsworthy heard the college's clarion call for help as the water receded. With a group of Circle K members, he cleaned out muddy books from the basement of Eugene S. Farley Library in a campus-wide push to get Wilkes back open by the start of his fall semester.

Now, nearly 40 years later, it was Goldsworthy who was in need, as the Susquehanna River rose again to record levels in September due to heavy rains.

Levees built after the '72 Agnes flood held back the river in Wilkes-Barre, sparing the city from major flood damage. But in unprotected communities—such as West Pittston, where Goldsworthy '76 grew up and still resides—the rushing river pushed into homes and businesses, tossing about furniture, buckling floors and crumbling foundations.

This time, the Wilkes community got a chance to pay it forward by helping Goldsworthy and other Wyoming Valley families recover from the extensive flooding. Students, faculty, staff and alumni teamed up to work shifts, hauling out muck from basements, ripping up flooring or tossing damaged furniture curbside and into dumpsters.

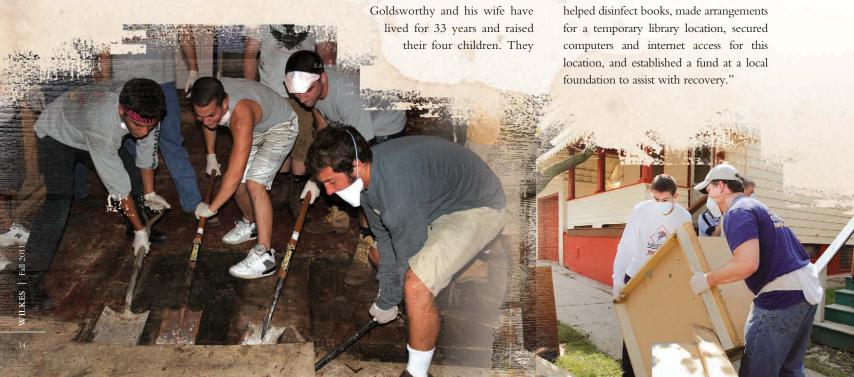
"Our town is in total devastation," said Goldsworthy, former West Pittston mayor and former president of the Wilkes Alumni Association. "It's like we went through a war."

The water rose 3 feet on the first floor of his two-story home, where Goldsworthy and his wife have hadn't owned the home during Agnes, but back then, the basement was only partially flooded. When the water started to recede and Goldsworthy finally got the first look inside, he was disheartened.

"It looked like someone literally trashed your house," he says.

Meanwhile, the Wilkes community was mobilizing, calling for volunteers over the University's Facebook page and by phone. The University gave all employees up to two paid days off to volunteer. Amy Hetro, Wilkes annual fund manager, used the time off to continue volunteer work at the West Pittston Library, which lost its building and 40 percent of its collection from flooding.

Hetro says, "Because of the Wilkes employee volunteer program, I was able to volunteer at the library to pick up where the volunteers left off over the weekend. I



"It was a no brainer," Laudenslager says. Community service was on his mind, he says, because of the service to country of one of his former wrestlers, Army Ranger Sandrino Plutino, killed in action in Afghanistan in August 2011. (See page 25)

Some 30 wrestlers volunteered to help. At the request of Wilkes-Barre officials, the wrestlers and others from Wilkes-55 people in all-worked in the Brookside section of the city.

Wrestler Shane Everett, a Wilkes senior, was among them. "It was pretty eye-opening," he says. "It was surprising to see that just a few miles down the road (from the campus), many community members weren't so lucky."

Everett said students felt they were making a difference as they cleared homes and streets of debris. "I was soaked in sweat," he said. "We gave it our all."

Community service coordinator Megan Boone encouraged students not to refer to flood-damaged items as trash. "We're touching people's treasured items: wedding dresses, photo albums, the chair that grandma sat on at Thanksgiving, Christmas decorations that you put up every year, things that hold memories."

Goldsworthy didn't hesitate in accepting the University's offer of help. He hopes he can rebuild his home in time to celebrate the Christmas holidays there with his family and new granddaughter.

Pieces of family history were already curbside when students arrivedhis grandfather's antique clock, his grandmother's favorite chair. Anything covered in flood mud posed health hazards and had to be tossed, says Goldsworthy, deputy director of the governor's northeast regional office. Kitchen cabinets had to be removed, as well as tile flooring.

When sophomore Megan Heverly arrived with the student crew, it was the mounds of debris lining the streets that struck her. "You couldn't tell what anything was," she says. "It's so sad to see." Inside Goldsworthy's home, Heverly bleached woodwork on the first floor to protect it from mold, as other students hauled muck and a ruined pool table from the basement.

"You're getting them one step closer to getting their house back to what it was," Heverly says.

There have been some things Goldsworthy has managed to save. In his file cabinet in his first-floor office, he found his acceptance letter to Wilkes from so many years ago, signed by then-Dean John Whitby.

He dried it out.

Far left, wrestlers Myzar Mendoza, Michael Fleck, Matt Ellery and Ryan Wilson pull up a floor in a flood-damaged home in Wilkes-Barre. Second photo, wrestler Ryan Lynch and Philip Ruthkosky, associate dean of student development, remove damaged furniture. This page, left below, Wilkes President Tim Gilmour and Mark Allen, dean, student affairs, get ready to don gloves for clean up. Below right, a Wilkes worker shovels mud from a basement. PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BARROWS AND EARL AND SEDOR PHOTOGRAPHIC



MORE ON THE WEB

of Wilkes students, faculty and staff pitching in during flood relief efforts after the 2011 flood at www.wilkes.edu/Flood.

2011 Flood Facts

Heavy rains caused by Tropical Storm Lee caused the swollen Susquehanna River to spill over its banks. Here are some facts about the flood of 2011 at Wilkes:

- The City of Wilkes-Barre—including Wilkes University's campus—was evacuated at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8.
- · The University's facilities department, with some help from the Colonels football team, moved file cabinets, computers and other equipment out of harm's way, moving them to upper floors prior to the evacuation deadline.
- About 40 Wilkes students were guests of the University of Scranton during the evacuation.
- The river crested at a record 42.6 feet on Friday, Sept 9. The levees constructed after Hurricane Agnes held. Communities without levee protection experienced record flooding.
- The evacuation order was lifted on Saturday, Sept. 10 and the Wilkes residence halls reopened on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. Classes resumed on Tuesday, Sept. 13.
- The Wilkes volunteer effort continues weeks after the flood. Collections of cleaning supplies, fundraisers and a special volunteer cleanup by alumni during Homecoming Weekend continued as Wilkes magazine went to press.

Memories of Agnes

The spring 2012 issue of Wilkes magazine will feature memories of another flood—the 1972 deluge caused by Hurricane Agnes. If you have 1972 flood memories to share, please e-mail us at wilkesmagazine@wilkes.edu.



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Alumni Mentor Current Generation of Wilkes Students

Wilkes is known for the one-on-one mentoring relationships students have with their professors. The Alumni Association has expanded this tradition of individualized learning by bringing alumni mentors together with current students.

Since the alumni-student mentoring program's inception in 2009, over 200 alumni and about 300 students have been matched according to interest and expertise. The program has been integrated into the psychology, communication studies, business and education departments and includes both undergraduate and graduate alumni. This collaboration is coordinated by a committee of alumni volunteers, faculty and staff members from the alumni relations and career services offices.



Mentor Kristin Klemish '04 talks with Allison Roth '11 before the mentoring dinner in February 2011. PHOTO BY CURTIS SALONICK

Deborah Tindell, associate professor of psychology, has been involved with the mentoring initiative from the start. "I have always encouraged students to contact professionals in their chosen field to gain more experience, but it can be difficult to make that initial connection. With this program, our students have a readily available source of advice from mentors who have already indicated a willingness and desire to help," she says.

Mentors and mentees discuss interview preparation, the job search and graduate school applications; however, oftentimes, these talks turn to life after Wilkes.

Al Melusen '85, a senior staff advisor and attorney with the U.S. Department of Labor, is one of the alumni mentoring students. "I remember what a trying and anxious period of time it can be as you are launched into the 'real world' from the comparatively protected environment of the University. Many of the questions we discuss are basic, practical issues that you take for granted when you have been working for 10 or 20 years. But as these young

...As these young people are getting started, the mentoring program gives them SOMEONE else TO TURN TO besides mom and dad.

– Al Melusen '85

people are getting started, the mentoring program gives them someone else to turn to besides mom and dad," says Melusen, who has worked with two students over the past three years.

Allison Roth '11 appreciated such advice when she was a senior in the communication studies department in spring 2011. Paired with Kristin Klemish '04, a communications professional, Roth describes their relationship as "an instant connection."

"She gave me insight into the job world and answered all of my questions regarding job applications and interviews. We also bonded over college life. Kristin reminisced about her years on campus and we chatted about classes and professors," says Roth.

According to Tindell, the biggest benefit of the mentoring program can't be measured. "When a person finds a true mentoring relationship, it can last a lifetime and provide a great deal of support and satisfaction for both the mentor and mentee," she says.

Both Melusen and Klemish encourage other alumni to get involved with the mentoring program. "The time commitment is not overwhelming, and you will be surprised how much you have to offer others and how rewarding an experience it can be," says Melusen.

To learn more about the mentoring program, visit **community.wilkes.edu/mentoring** or contact Mary Simmons in the Office of Alumni Relations at **mary.simmons@wilkes.edu.**

Thank You to Our Alumni Hosts

During spring and summer 2011, Wilkes enjoyed the hospitality of alumni along the East Coast. Our hosts included Jason '90 and Tammy Griggs in Limerick, Pa. (pictured); Jan Seeley '70 in Boston, Mass.; and Phil '76 & Carol Gusgekofski '76 Besler on Long Beach Island, N.J.

"I was amazed to learn that there were 350 alumni living within 30 miles of me in Montgomery County, Pa., says Griggs. I thought that there was no better way to let people know that Wilkes alumni are all around us than to hold an alumni event. I cannot wait to do it again, bigger and better than last time."

To view photos from these events, visit www.wilkes.edu/alumni. If you're interested in hosting an alumni event where you live, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (570) 408-7787 or alumni@wilkes.edu.



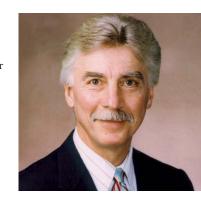
More than 20 alumni and guests attended an event at the home of Jason '90 and Tammy Griggs in April 2011. PHOTO BY BRIDGET GIUNTA HUSTED '05

Calendar of Events

- · Connecting the Dots: Wednesday, Nov. 9
- · Athletics Hall of Fame Day: Saturday, Nov. 15
- Dave Russo '93 Comedy Show: Thursday, Dec. 8
- Naples, FL event: March

Paul Wender '69 Presents First Catherine H. Bone Lecture in Chemistry

The inaugural Catherine H. Bone Lecture in Chemistry will be presented by Paul Wender '69, Bergstrom Professor of Chemistry at Stanford University. The lecture is on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 at 7 p.m. in Stark Learning Center 101. Wender will speak about *Molecular Frontiers*



and Future Transformative Therapies for AIDs, Alzheimer's, and Resistant Cancer.

Wender has pioneered new methodologies for design and construction of naturally occurring and synthetic complex organic molecules. His contributions cover a broad range of chemistry, including synthetic organic, organ metallic, medicinal, and agricultural and photo-chemistry; cancer biology; and computer application in synthesis and drug design.

The event is free, but registration is required. For more information call 570-408-4306.

HOMECOMING 2011 PHOTO GALLERY

Whether you frequented the party tents, shared a pint with a professor or cheered on the Colonels, Homecoming was the place to be last month!

Thank you to everyone who came back to campus for the festivities.

See who was there by visiting www.wilkes.edu/alumni and mark your calendars for next year's celebration:

Sept. 28, 29 and 30, 2012.



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1954

Martin J. Meyer recently joined Fellerman & Ciarimboli Law Firm in Kingston, Pa. Meyer has been engaged in the general practice of law with emphasis on civil litigation and family law since 1960. He has been a member of the board and a trustee of the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley and was honored by the association with the Al Danoff Humanitarian Award in September 2010.

1955

Lou Steck and Norma Moses Steck celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Jan. 14, 2011. They are the proud parents of three daughters, six granddaughters and one greatgranddaughter. The couple currently resides in Chicago, Ill.

1957

Dr. Leslie P. Weiner received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Cincinnati's College of

Medicine. Weiner is internationally recognized for his research on the T-cell vaccine for multiple sclerosis. Weiner completed an internship at Syracuse University Hospital, residencies at Baltimore City Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital, and fellowships at The Johns Hopkins University and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and working in the National Institutes of Health Laboratory of Slow Virus Infections with Nobel laureate D. Carleton Gadjusek. Weiner was the chair of the neurology department at the University of Southern California for 24 years.

1959

Stephen Poleskie's book *Acorn's Card* was published recently by Wasteland Press. It includes a novella and two short stories.

1969

Robert Wallace retired after 41 years as a high school choral and instrumental director with the public schools of Cecil County, Md. He is dean-elect of the Delaware Chapter American Guild of Organists and director of music at St. Mary Anne Episcopal Church in North East, Md. Wallace is a published composer.

1973

Rich Mendelsohn and his wife, Suzie, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They live in Alexandria, Va.

1974

Brent Spencer recently published his memoir, Rattlesnake Daddy: A Son's Search for His Father. The book won the Distinguished Artist Fellowship and the Little Bluestem Award from the Nebraska Arts Council and The Backwaters Press.

Barbara H. Zelnick's book of poetry, *The Passage of Seasons*, was recently published by Publish America. Bob Spinelli see 1977.

1977

Reunion Sept. 28-30 🛌

Patty Cullinan Spinelli and Bob Spinelli '76 welcomed their granddaughter, Abigail, on July 9, 2011. They live in Rochester, N.Y.

1978

Ellen Ferretti was appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett as deputy secretary for parks and forestry in the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. She was the president of the northeast region office of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

1979

Tim Evans' company, Colours Inc., an automotive paint distributor, is one of four recipients of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's annual Pride of Place Award. The company began with one Wilkes-Barre



Roger A. Hatch '89 married Michelle V. Enright on Oct. 10, 2010. The couple resides in Sewickley, Pa.



Elizabeth A. Roveda '05, MBA '07 and **Joshua S. Swantek PharmD '08** were married May 30, 2010. The bride is the director of residence life at Wilkes University. The groom works for pharmacy services at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Charlotte Moser '92: A Scientist's Voice in the Vaccine Safety Debate

Charlotte (Hoffman) Moser '92 helps to educate parents about the importance of vaccinating children as assistant

director of the Vaccine Education Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Moser works with Dr. Paul A. Offit, director of the center and one of the world's leading authorities on vaccines.

Parents' concerns about vaccines, including claims that some are the cause of conditions such as autism, led to the creation of the Vaccine Education Center in 2000. The center filled an important role in the vaccine safety debate.

"What was missing was the voice of science in the debate," Moser explains. "The center filled that role."

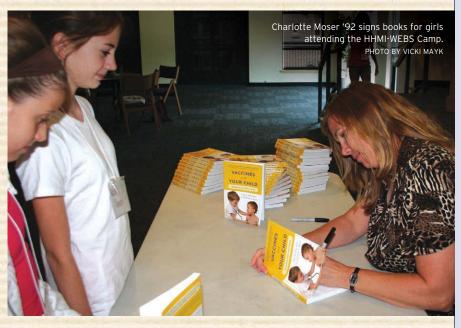
Moser creates educational materials for parents available in print and on the center's Web sites, http://vaccine.chop.edu/parents.

Recently, she and Offit co-authored the book *Vaccines and Your Child: Separating Fact from Fiction*, published this year by Columbia University Press. Both the book and materials stress the importance of vaccines to safeguard children's health.

Becoming a health educator is a new step in Moser's science career. After graduating from Wilkes with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry, she joined Offit's laboratory as a research technician and supervisor. She was part of a team researching ways to improve the human immune response to rotavirus.

What was supposed to be a two-year commitment at the hospital turned into a career for Moser. She was promoted to senior research associate in Offit's lab, and eventually began to divide her time between research and running the Vaccine Education Center. The center became a

full-time job in 2005. Her responsibilities include directing and creating education center programs and materials, including the Parents PACK—Possessing, Accessing and Communicating Knowledge about vaccines—program, which has more than 30,000 subscribers from throughout the world who receive its monthly email newsletter.



A native of Weatherly, Pa., she entered Wilkes as a pre-med student before switching to a research focus. As an undergraduate, she worked on research with chemistry professor William Stine and biology professor Ken Pidcock. Pidcock remembers her as "one of our best students." He takes pride in her accomplishments, saying, "In not too many years, she built quite a record of research activity."

Moser recently returned to Wilkes to speak to seventh- and eighth-grade girls in the HHMI Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) Camp. She encouraged them to follow their interest in science while choosing a career that will allow them to have a work-life balance, as she has done.

Moser lives in Bensalem, Pa., with her husband, Dan Moser '92, who works in the pharmaceutical industry. They have two children, Andrew, 15, and Victoria, 11.

- By Vicki Mayk

store in 1986 and has grown to 19 locations in three states.

Philip Ogren of Kingston, Pa., is now vice president and information technology officer at First National Community Bank.

1980

William V. Lewis Jr. MBA
'86 has been appointed by
Pennsylvania Gov. Tom
Corbett to serve as commissioner of the Pennsylvania
Historical and Museum
Commission. Lewis is a

member of the board of directors of the Luzerne County Historical Society. He is vice president and wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Wilkes-Barre. Col. Mark Rado assumed command of the U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade on July 15, 2011 at Fort Knox, Ky.

Anniversary of Air Disaster Also a Milestone for Dr. Donald Spruck '69

Dr. Donald Spruck '69, a resident of Massapequa, N.Y., was one of five forensic dentists to identify victims of TWA Flight 800, one of the most devastating air disasters of recent history. This year marked the 15th anniversary of the crash, which occurred on July 17, 1996, when the plane, enroute to Paris, exploded just off the shore of Long Island, N.Y.

It took almost a year and a half for investigators to determine the probable cause of the crash: a spark from short-circuited wiring ignited vapors in the center fuel tank. Spruck and his colleagues worked alongside CIA and FBI agents from July through October of 1996 to conduct an equally important investigation – successfully identifying all 231 passengers who died in the crash, bringing much-needed closure to hundreds of mourning families.

"The experience will stay with me forever as one of the most...rewarding experiences of my life," says Spruck.

Spruck started as a biology major at Wilkes under the guidance of biology professor Charles Reif. He later changed his major to graduate with a business degree in commerce and finance, completing the program in only two years, thanks to Wilkes business professor Welton Farrar.

"These gentlemen and others helped me to learn to balance school, sports and life," Spruck says.

He changed his major due to his great success on the soccer field, receiving honorable mention as an All-American soccer player at Wilkes. He considered a professional soccer career—a goal he abandoned when he broke his leg soon after graduation. He continued to play and coach soccer until he was 45. After the accident, he revisited his original dream of becoming a dentist and graduated from New York University in 1974 with a doctor of dental surgery degree.

Spruck became interested in forensic odontology—the examination and evaluation of dental evidence for the purposes of justice—and was trained at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. His work as

a forensic odontologist in Nassau County lines up with what he always intended to do, if not in the way he expected.

"The challenge is difficult," Spruck says of his work. "However, it is gratifying to be able to bring closure to a family waiting to discover a lost loved one."

Spruck and his wife, Cathie, have three children and five grandchildren.

- By Rachel Strayer

Dr. Donald Spruck '69 at the TWA Flight 800 Memorial on Long Island. PHOTO COURTESY DR. DONALD SPRUCK







Jennifer Iwaniszyn '06 and George Muller '06 were married on Sept. 26, 2010. The bride is assistant director of enrollment services processing-admissions at the University of North Florida. The groom is a covert geek squad agent for Geek Squad at Best Buy. The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla. Pictured with their wedding party, from left to right: Ashley Lehr PharmD '08, Danielle Smagala, Sarah (Rodstrom) Randazzo '05, Ashleigh Frueholz, Rebecca Iwaniszyn, Jennifer Iwaniszyn '06, Allison Hagan, George Muller '06, Sean Smith '05, Curtis Wiser '07, David Retske, and Alex Pacowta.

1982

Reunion Sept. 28-30 🎏

Dr. Bruce Williams was named to the board of trustees of Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, his medical school alma mater. On Jan. 29, 2011, he was installed as the 2010–2011 president of the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

1986

Paul Cummings co-authored an article titled "Two Cancellative Commutative Congruences and Group Diagrams," which appeared in the March/April 2011 issue of *Semigroup Forum*, a leading research mathematics journal.

1995

Henry Bisco's blog, "The Suburban Man's Guide to Somewhere," is featured in several online New Jersey newspapers. His blog can be found at guidetosomewhere. blogspot.com. He and his wife, Tammy Cyprich Bisco '97, a designer and saleswoman for Commercial

File of New York, have a 9-year-old daughter, Nina.

1996

Robin C. Minielly is a board-certified anesthesiologist and was named director of anesthesia at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

1997

Dr. Cynthia Gabrielle
Charnetski married Paul Charles
Shiber on April 22, 2011.
The bride is an optometrist at
Northeastern Eye Institute. She
also is second vice president of
the Wilkes University Alumni
Association Board of Directors
and is on the board of directors
at Step By Step Inc. The couple
resides in Kingston, Pa.

1998

Michael Kaschak received a Developing Scholar Award for outstanding scholarship and teaching at Florida State University, where he is the cognitive psychology area director in the department of psychology. Kaschak is also a researcher at the Florida Center for Reading Research.

1999

Jennifer Radzwillowicz was accepted into the 2011/2012 Leadership Lackawanna Class through the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

2000

Nancy Stinger was the featured artist at the Franklin Square Gallery's Members Show in Southport, S.C. The Members Show presents paintings and pottery by regional artists.

Thomas Ryan Ward is working with the Undershaw Preservation Trust in Surrey, England, to preserve the home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes and author of the Sherlock Holmes books. Ward was the winner of an international competition to design a logo for the trust. The logo is featured on their web site and in other materials.

2001

Matt Reitnour and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their first child, Grace Margaret, on April 15, 2011. They reside in Buffalo, N.Y.

2003

Ty Bowman and Melissa Bowman welcomed their first



Ashley Marie Joslin '06 and Nicholas Witucki '06, PharmD '08 were married on June 17, 2011.

child, Briar Elle, on May 3, 2011. They reside in Dallas, Pa.

2004

Adam Kowalczyk and Krystle Cardamone were married on Nov. 13, 2010. The bride is an adult probation and parole officer. The groom is a Pennsylvania state police trooper.

2007

Reunion Sept. 28-30 📜

Nolly Nash and Amanda Avery welcomed their first child, Kaleb Nathaniel Nash, on June 18, 2011.

2009

Jef Bauman is a community income development representative with The American Cancer Society, working in the east region office in Taylor, Pa. His responsibilities include working with the Wyoming Valley Daffodil Days and the collegiate Relay For Life events at Wilkes University, the University of Scranton and Misericordia University. He will also develop a youth community

Relay For Life for Greater Pittston Area High School.

2010

David Chaump and Rebecca Santoro Hetzel have released a new album of original music with their band Groove Train. Besides showcasing their original songs, Groove Train specializes as one of the top private party/ wedding bands in northeast and central Pennsylvania.

Andrew M. Seaman of Forest City, Pa., received his master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism on May 18, 2011. The school named him Student of the Year, honoring a student whose energy and talent make him an example of a superior Columbia Journalism graduate. Seaman spent 10 months studying newspaper and investigative journalism as a Stabile Fellow. He spent the summer in Washington D.C. reporting on the Affordable Care Act from the White House and U.S. Capitol for Reuters under a fellowship sponsored by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

2011

Amanda Gunther, Daniel Kautz and Allison Roth co-authored "The Credibility of Female Sports Broadcasters: The Perception of Gender in a Male-Dominated Profession," an academic paper based on their communication studies research, completed for their Research Methods class at Wilkes. The paper was published in *Human Communication*, an online academic journal.

Amanda Kaster is one of seven young women from across the United States selected for a fellowship by the non-profit organization Running Start. The organization's goal is to get more women involved in politics. As part of the fellowship, Kaster will be working in Washington, D.C., with Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine beginning in September 2011. Kaster will participate in classes offered by Running Start to learn more about running for political office.

Graduate Students

William V. Lewis Jr. see 1980.

2007

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Elizabeth A. Roveda MBA see 2005.

2008

Joshua S. Swantek PharmD see 2005.

Nicholas Witucki PharmD see 2006.

2009

Martha Wright M.S. is vice president of dietary and clinical nutrition services for United Methodist Homes. She has held positions with the organization for 13 years.

2010

Sara Chisdock MBA and Ryan Hogan were married on Nov. 6, 2010. The bride is the customer service manager at Lord and Taylor. The groom is employed at Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services.

In Memoriam

1935

Robert H. Melson,

Wyomissing, Pa., died May 22, 2011. He was a certified public accountant with Lybrands, Ross Brothers & Montgomery before becoming an assistant controller for Carpenter Technology Corp., where he was a member of the board of directors and vice president of administration before retiring in 1977.

1940

Leon F. Wazeter,

Wilkes-Barre, died April 16, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and worked for the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. He partnered with his brother at Wazeter Brothers Heating and was district manager for World Book Encyclopedia for three decades. Dr. Sidney Zimmerman, Rye, N.Y., died Feb. 25, 2011. He served on the board of directors at White Plains Hospital, where he was affiliated for his 53 years of medical practice. In 2001, the Sidney P. Zimmerman Nuclear Cardiology Center was dedicated in his honor.

1942

John J. "Jack" Dooley, Harrisburg, Pa., died April 6, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a retired employee of Olmsted Air Force Base and New Cumberland Army Depot.

In Memoriam

1944

Ruth E. Thomas, Plymouth, Pa., died April 4, 2011. She was a teacher at Plymouth High School and Wyoming Seminary Day School.

1945

Harvey G. Trachtenberg, Kingston, Pa., died July 4, 2011. He was employed as an independent advertising sales representative.

1948

Herman Baumann Jr., Big Cedar Lake, Wis., died June 2, 2011. He was a U.S. Navy Air Force veteran of World War II. He worked for many years in the propeller division of Curtis Wright Air Force Base, N.J., before moving to Wisconsin and becoming a sales engineer for the Elastic Stop Nut Corp. of America.

Gordon R. Schlier, New Hope, Pa., died June 22, 2011. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a business teacher for 17 years at Kingston High School, and a guidance counselor for 22 years at Dallas Junior High School. He also taught evening business courses at Wilkes University.

1950

Anne Ruth (Byorick)
Parker, Edwardsville, Pa.,
died April 13, 2011. She was
employed as a retail sales
associate for the B. Altman
and Strawbridge & Clothier
stores and also worked as

a real estate agent for the Bleakly Agency in Cherry Hill, N.J., and for the Mertz Corp., Mt. Laurel, N. J.

1951

Jerome John Perry Sr., Raleigh, N.C., died May 17, 2011. He was professor emeritus of microbiology at North Carolina State University.

1952

John Francis Johns, Boca Raton, Fla., died May 14, 2011. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II before joining his family's business, Joseph John & Co. He and his brothers went on to found Society Mills Inc., a ladies' sportswear manufacturer with offices in Wilkes-Barre and New York City.

1953

James W. "Roxy"
Reynolds, Wilmington, Del., died Feb. 2, 2011. He worked at General Motors for 24 years and worked for 15 years at A. G. Edwards & Sons.

1954

Leonard C. Seras, Port
Richey, Fla., died April 8,
2011. He was a U.S. Army Air
Force veteran of World War
II and a professional musician.
He recorded with groups led
by José Moran, Bobby Byrne,
Lee Vincent, and Henry
Shapiro, and served as a band
and music instructor in several
Pennsylvania and New Jersey
high schools.

Macungie, Pa., died April 13, 2011. He was a U.S. Air

Howard A. Shaver Jr.,

Force veteran and a retired employee of the AC Delco Division of General Motors Corp., where he was regional manager for 47 years.

1957

Dr. Marvin Z. Kurlan,
Amherst, N.Y., died May
31, 2011. During a 30-year
medical career, he was plant
surgeon for Bethlehem Steel
Corp.; medical director
for the Brothers of Mercy;
director of trauma services and
senior attending surgeon at
Millard Fillmore Hospital; and
clinical instructor in surgery
at the University at Buffalo
Medical School.

Roland R. Leonard,

Webster, Mass., died March 4, 2011. He held executive positions at Joy Manufacturing Co. and Ingersoll Rand Corp. He was the owner and CEO of Numa Tool Company in Thompson, Conn.

Dr. Samuel Charles Mines,

Mt. Lebanon, Pa., died April 8, 2011. He opened a private practice in Mt. Lebanon and at St. Clair Memorial Hospital, where he was chief of the allergy department until his reitrement. He served on staff at several hospitals and founded an allergy clinic at Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

1958

Joseph M. Halcisak, Drums, Pa., died May 13, 2011. He was a retired employee of the Omrom Electronics Corp. of Chicago, Ill., where he worked as the west coast regional sales manager for over 25 years.

1959

Dr. Frank Dombroski, West Wyoming, Pa., died May 7, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a dentist for 36 years until his retirement in 2001.

Audrey Radler Lord,

Cambridge, Md., died June 24, 2011. She was a retired social studies teacher for Council Rock High School in Newtown, Pa.

1961

Peter T. Connors Jr., Kingston, Pa., died July 13, 2011. He was a veteran of World War II and was employed by the A&P supermarket chain for 27 years.

Benjamin (Duke) Jenkins

Jr., Plymouth, Pa., died April 16, 2011. He was a teacher for 38 years at Lake-Lehman and Wyoming Valley West high schools, as well as in the Kingston School District.

Viola B. (Domain) Van Slyke, Longmont, Colo., died March 2, 2011. She was a medical technician and cyto-technician

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for Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., and for Roche Biomedical in Raritan, N.J., before moving to Colorado.

1962

John A. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., died Sept. 23, 2010.

Walter W. Umla, Pittston, Pa., died May 12, 2011. He taught vocal music for 34 years in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District before retiring in 1996. He also served as organist and choir director for churches in Kingston, Pa., and Wilkes-Barre.

1963

Anthony L. Dysleski, Wilkes-Barre, died April 8, 2011. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict and was employed as a teacher and wrestling coach for many years at North Harford High School

Linellen (Charlton) Wantland, Pittsburg, Kan., died May 4, 2011.

1966

in Maryland.

Stephen L. Flood,

Mountain Top, Pa., died July 16, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran, an employee of Kingston National Bank; CFO of Wilkes Pools; and Chief Executive Officer of Prospect Harbor Trading Company of Prospect, Maine; and a Luzerne County controller.

1969

William Layden, Nutley, N.J., died May 17, 2011. He was employed as a business manager by the Honeywell Corp., Morristown, N.J. A member of the Colonels football team while a Wilkes student, he was named to the Wilkes University Athletic Hall of Fame.

1970

Mary Agnes Kaiser, Newark, Del., died July 10, 2011. She was an environmental analytical chemist for the DuPont Co. starting in 1977 and was the first woman to achieve the level of senior research fellow. She was the author of *Environmental Problem Solving Using Gas Chromatography*. The Mary Kaiser Scholarship Fund has been established at Wilkes to aid chemistry students.

Frank John Rodella, Wilkes-Barre, died May 6, 2011. He was a teacher for 20 years in the Western Wayne School District and was a dry cleaner for Men's Wearhouse in Pittston, Pa.

1971

Mary Ann (Demko) Ernst died April 2, 2011. She spent the past seven years living in Germany.

1972

Mary Ellen Hurley, Morristown, N.J., died May 2, 2011. She was a professor at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J., since 1993 and served as chair of the education department since 1997.

1973

Leona Dudascik, Dallas, Pa., died July 5, 2011. She was a second grade teacher at Dana Street Elementary School in the Wyoming Valley West School District for over 30 years.

Raymond W. McNulty, Pittston, Pa., died May 28, 2011. He taught English at the West Side Vocational Technical School for 32 years and also coached football, basketball, softball, and volleyball.

Daniel G. Ruduski, Hockessin, Del., died June 4, 2011.

1974

Nancy S. (Sologovitch)
Carmon, Mountain Top, Pa., died April 25, 2011. She was a retired employee of the call center in Wilkes-Barre and had worked for the American Red Cross Blood Services as director of communications for the northeast Pennsylvania region. She also worked in advertising at the former Boston Store in Wilkes-Barre.

1977

Louise (Cebula) Puchalski, Montville, N.J., died June 4, 2011. She was an office clerk for Dr. Arthur H. Tiger in Dover, N.J., for over 10 years before retiring in 2004.

1981

Barbara Lee Partridge, Rancho Murieta, Calif., died June 29, 2011. She worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilkes-Barre until she moved to California, where she worked at Smith Kline Company as a registered medical technologist.

1984

Kimberly Lynn (Bush) O'Connor, Lincroft, N.J., died March 24, 2011. She was a wife, mother, and homemaker.

1998

Christopher Evan Cavanaugh, Seattle, Wash., died April 20, 2011. He worked as a bartender and restaurant manager at Elysian Brewpub, the Stumbling Monk and Brouwer's Café.

2000

Kimberly A. (Prizniak) Rembish, Wilkes-Barre, died June 28, 2011. She was a manager at Gymboree Children's Clothing Store at the Wyoming Valley Mall.

Graduate Students

Thomas Paliscak M.S., Larksville, Pa., died May 15, 2011. He was a retired first sergeant E-8 U.S. Army veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He taught English at the West Side Area Vocational Technical School in Pringle, Pa.

In Memoriam

Gay Marie Foster Meyers M.S. '76

Gay Marie Foster Meyers M.S. '76 of Nuangola, Pa., died Aug. 8, 2011. Meyers was a member of the Wilkes community for more than three decades. During a 33-year career with the University, she served as an assistant professor in the physical education department and served as director of intramurals, ski club advisor and head coach of field hockey. A major contributor to the establishment of women's athletics at Wilkes, Meyers founded the women's varsity basketball and softball programs. Later in her career, she was an associate professor in the education department, serving as acting department chair in 1999. She was a member of the Association for Childhood Education International, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa and the Union Dale Presbyterian Church. Meyers was inducted into the Wilkes Athletic Hall of



Fame in 2003, was honored with the Wilkes Athletics Ancestral Colonels Award in 2010 and was inducted into the Wyoming Valley Sports Hall of Fame in August 2011. She earned a bachelor's degree from Lock Haven State College, a master's degree in education from Wilkes University and a master's degree in

early childhood education from Bloomsburg University. She is survived by her partner, Eileen Sharp, Wilkes University manager of health sciences; her daughter, Lee Meyers Pollaro, M.D. and son-in-law Vincent of Wellsboro, Pa., grandson, Ethan Pollaro; four sisters and two brothers.

Sgt. Alessandro L. "Sandrino" Plutino '05

A sergeant and rifle team leader in the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Plutino was killed in action on Aug. 8, 2011, in Afghanistan, weeks before he was to end his sixth tour of duty in the Middle East. He is believed to be the first Wilkes alumnus killed in action in that conflict. Plutino graduated from Wilkes with a degree in criminology. He was a member of the wrestling team at Wilkes and at Western New England College.

Plutino is survived by his father, Sandro, and sister, Brenna Rae, of Pitman, N.J., his mother, Dianne Hammond, also of Pitman; his fiancé, Natalie Layton of Glassboro, N.J.; and aunts and uncles.



Robert Swetts, Sr.

Robert S. Swetts Sr., of Sugar Notch, Pa., died Sept. 14, 2011. A member of Wilkes University's facilities department for 15 years, he was manager of capital assets for the university and supervised the heating and cooling systems for facilities. His service to the University included serving on the Strategic Planning Committee, which developed the Wilkes' Vision 2015 plan. He also owned and operated Commercial Refrigeration Services. He was a graduate of Hanover Area High School and Wilkes-Barre Vo-Tech. Swetts is survived by his mother, Mary Louise Musrey Swetts; grandmother, Eleanor Swetts; sons, Robert Jr. and Eric; daughters, Noelle and Kristie; granddaughter, Alexis; brothers, John and Richard; former wife, Denise Horro-Schraeder; companion, Colleen Zula, and extended family, Jessica and Nikki Zula.

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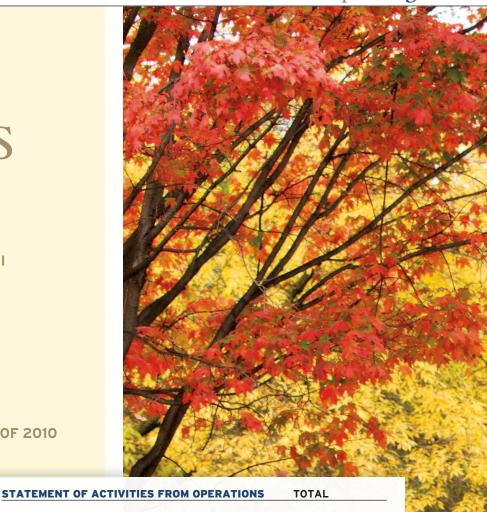
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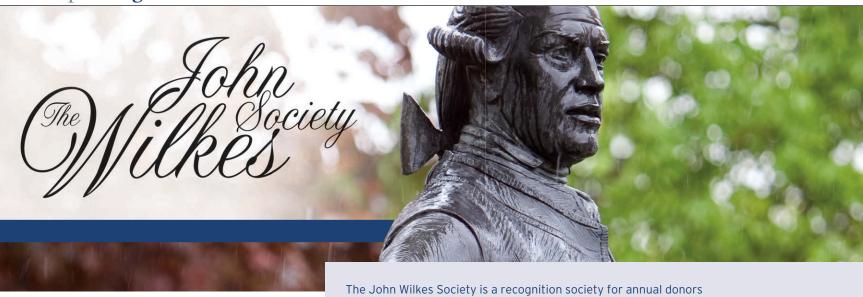
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Revenues and other support		
Tuition and fees	\$	84,469,184
Less scholarship aid	\$	(24,160,630)
Net tuition and fees	\$	60,308,554
Government grants and contracts	\$	3,902,300
Private grants and contracts	\$	464,456
Private gifts	\$	1,153,599
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	\$	8,868,284
Income from interest and dividends	\$	497,909
Other revenue	\$	802,050
Endowment income designated for current operations	\$	1,363,000
Net assets released from restrictions	\$	
Total revenues and other support	\$	77,360,152
Expenses		
Instruction	\$	34,509,427
Research	\$	1,560,298
Public service	\$	1,092,103
Academic support	\$	9,218,770
Student services	\$	11,159,312
Institutional support	\$	13,394,233
Auxiliary enterprises	\$	7,302,066
Total expenses	\$	78,236,209
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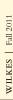
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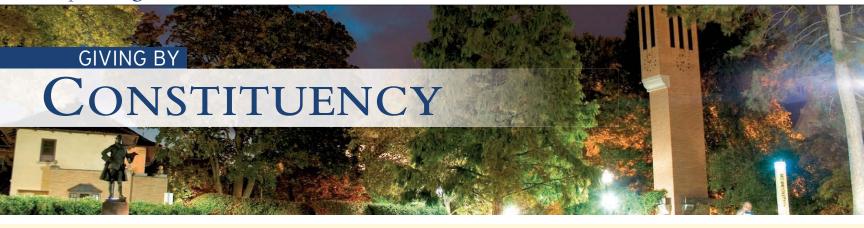
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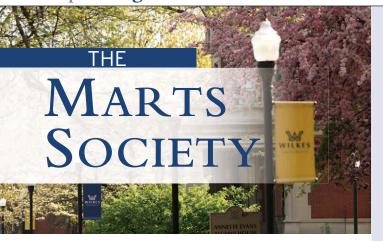
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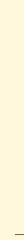
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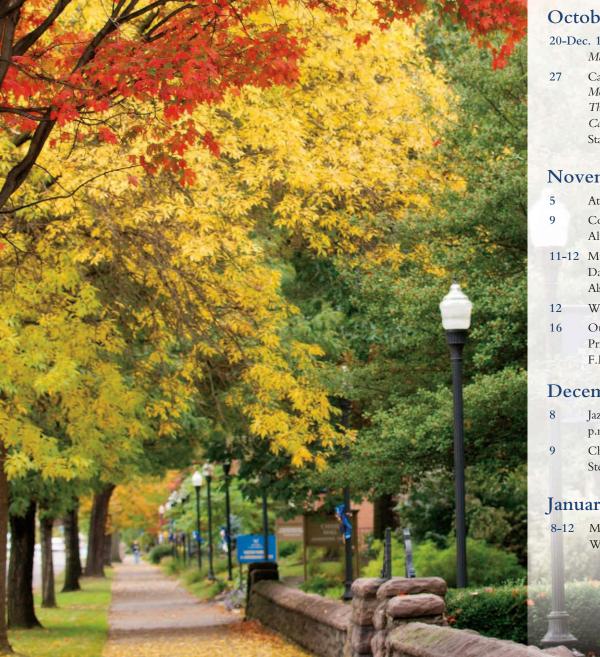
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November

- Athletics Hall of Fame Day
- Connecting the Dots: Alumni Event at Wilkes University
- 11-12 Musical Theatre Production: Tommy, Darte Center, 8 p.m.; Nov 13, 2 p.m. Also Nov. 18-20
- Wilkes University Admissions Open House
- Outstanding Leaders Forum featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Thomas Friedman, F.M. Kirby Center, 7:30 p.m.

December

- Jazz Orchestra Concert, Darte Center, 8:15 p.m.
- Chorus and Chamber Singers Concert, St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, 7:30 p.m.

January

8-12 Maslow Reading Series, Faculty, Creative Writing Program, Darte Center, 7 p.m.

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