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On the Cover

"The Last Scalp" an engraving by J. C. McRae, c. 1852. This work depicting a scene from the famous Wyoming Massacre, was included in the exhibit Vale of Wyoming (see pages 12-14).

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Beverly Hiscox '58, President, National Executive Committee of the Wilkes College Alumni Association in front of the Annette Evans Faculty and Alumni House.

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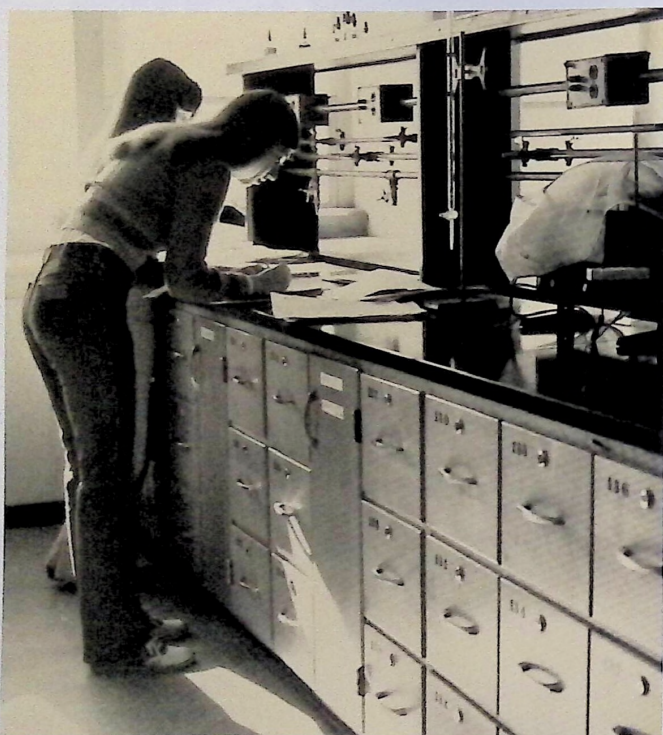
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Student/Faculty Research at Wilkes College

Then and Now (1950-1986)



Wilkes College students in a biology laboratory of the early 1950's.

An article entitled, "Science Studies Thrive at Small Colleges," appeared in the June 18th edition of the New York Times and focused on a conference held at Oberlin College. Forty-eight representatives from liberal arts schools met there to discuss the various successful science programs involving faculty-directed research for undergraduate students.

These programs were designed specifically to give students the practical experience so essential to their development as future scientists. Wilkes College was not represented, a fact that disturbed Dr. Sheldon Cohen, M.D. and a former member of the biology faculty at Wilkes. Dr. Cohen, who is now director of the Immunology, Allergic, and Immunologic Disease Program at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland said, "As I read the article with so much emphasis placed on the perceived newness of the concept, yes, I was disturbed. I had the feeling that they were reinventing the wheel at Oberlin. This kind of research began at Wilkes College in 1953 when, with a lot of enthusiasm and a little seed money, Dr. Chuck Reif and I and later Dr. Francis Michelini put together just such a program."

Dr. Cohen reminisced about those early days. In the second floor of a converted carriage house behind Conyngham Hall, the three biology professors set up laboratories and started an ambitious program of faculty-directed student projects in bio-medical research. According to Cohen, the National Institute of Health provided a series of small grants (\$880 to \$1,400), which supported the beginning of the model for research at Wilkes.

It wasn't long before the program attracted the attention of the Veterans Administration, the Northeast Chapter of the American Heart Association, and the then newly created National Science Foundation, all of whom recognized and supported the development of the designated undergraduate student projects. Thus, according to Dr. Cohen, in the early 1950's bio-medical research evolved in a most improbable setting — a small liberal arts college in Northeastern Pennsylvania and, "Wilkes College," Cohen said, "found a new source of pride."

Today counted among the Wilkes alumni who participated in the program are research immunologists, biologists, bio-chemists, and American Board certified specialists in pathology, internal medicine, pediatrics, allergy and immunology, and public health, all of whom hold academic positions and/or are engaged in clinical practice. Included in this prestigious group are three chairpersons of medical schools: Dr. Leslie Weiner '57, who is chairperson of the Department of Neurology, University of California; Dr. Thomas Saba '63, Chairman, Albany Medical College; and Dr. Martin Tansy '60, dean, Temple University School of Dentistry. There is Dr. William Davis '67, who is head of allergy at Columbia University Medical Center; Dr. Doris Bartuska '49, director of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at the Medical College of Pennsylvania; Dr. William F. Raub '61, deputy director of the National Institute of Health; and Dr. Catherine DeAngelis '65, professor of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. There are many more according to Dr. Cohen, "Far too many to list here."

It is interesting to note that the three pioneering professors have an impressive

history, too. Dr. Cohen, in his role at the NIH, heads one of the most prestigious research facilities in the nation. Dr. Francis J. Michelini was to advance to the presidency of Wilkes College and serve as its C.E.O. until accepting his present position as president for the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities. Dr. Chuck Reif chose to stay on at Wilkes College as chairman of the department he helped to establish until he retired as professor emeritus in biology in 1985.

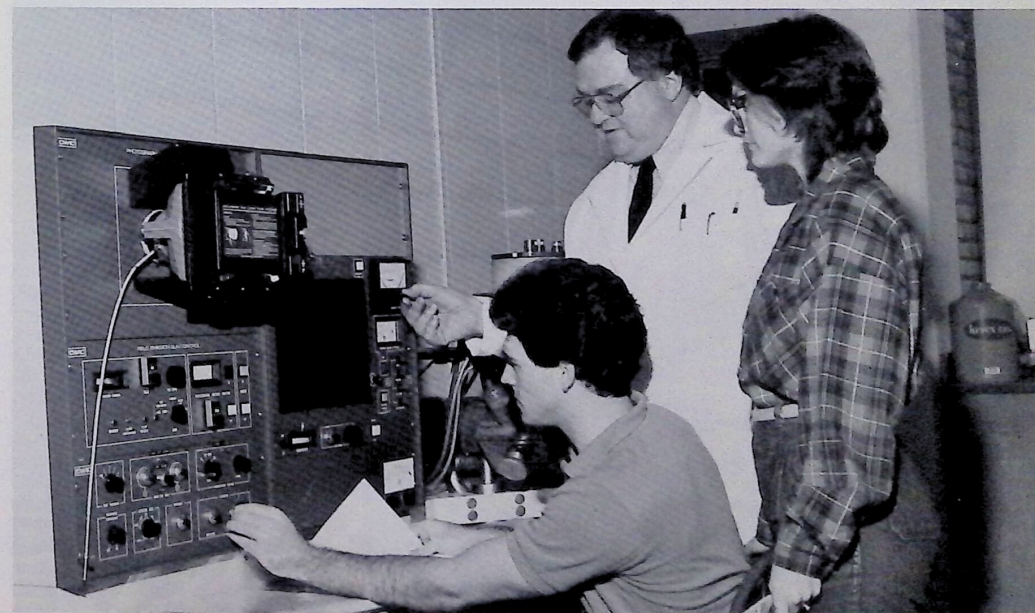
Cohen, still speculating on why Wilkes wasn't at the Oberlin conference, decided to contact his former colleague, "It was wonderfully reassuring to hear from Chuck Reif that a program of opportunities for faculty-directed research with undergraduate students, is alive and well at Wilkes. This was confirmed by Dr. Lester Turoczi, chairman of the Wilkes Biology Department, who noted that the Oberlin conference was intended for schools with a high percentage of students going on to Ph.D. programs, while the highest percentage of Wilkes students go on to medical schools. We've continued in the same tradition," he said, "however, the emphasis is changed as the needs of

society and the marketplace has changed."

"The methodology we use is aimed at equipping the student with a critical eye, enabling them to interpret experimental design. We introduce them to the jargon of science so that they can read and evaluate. They are taught to prepare manuscripts in conventional scientific format."

The department has continued in the tradition and has added to the hands-on experience in the labs, and according to Turoczi, the students' self-image is enhanced each year when they attend the Eastern Colleges Science Conference. "Our students, at this conference, are among presenters from all of the prestigious colleges in the eastern United States. Each year they come away feeling that they are well qualified to function as independent researchers because of their education and experience here at Wilkes College." This year, ninety percent of these students were accepted to medical schools across the nation.

The tradition does continue and the list of Wilkes College alumni who influence the health care of a nation will also continue to grow.



Dr. Les Turoczi works with students on the scanning electron microscope in the Wilkes Biology labs.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

Dr. James DeCosmo

Although most sabbaticals are taken by professors in order to pursue independent interests, Dr. James DeCosmo, professor of Mathematics, spent his sabbatical time differently. From fall, 1983, to spring, 1984, DeCosmo enrolled in an intensive Computer and Information Science program at the State University of New York at Binghamton (SUNY).

DeCosmo's sabbatical was one of the first steps toward developing a faculty retraining focus at Wilkes College. Faculty retraining provides professors with an opportunity to investigate new developments in their areas of expertise, which can then be incorporated into the Wilkes College curriculum. DeCosmo's goal was to gain a broad perspective on computer use in business. He could then utilize this perspective in building a new program at the College — Computer Information Systems (CIS), instituted this fall.

When he first enrolled at SUNY, DeCosmo found himself in the midst of a drastically different experience. As a professor, he was accustomed to teaching such subjects as applied mathematics, calculus, and beginning computer science. As a student, he enrolled in courses in Pascal, Cobol, File Management, and Data Base. In order to focus on the growing role of computers outside the field of mathematics, he was also exposed to graduate MBA coursework at SUNY. It was this marriage of mathematics, computer science, and business information that he feels gave a direction appropriate for the CIS program at Wilkes.

DeCosmo views his work at SUNY as "an invaluable opportunity to investigate the computer as a tool in new areas." Although the academic demands placed on him during a short period of time left him with little else to do but study, he does not



see this as a negative aspect of his experience. Says he, "the intellectual challenge was very demanding — as much as any math coursework I have taken."

Now that his sabbatical is complete, DeCosmo is anxious to utilize his knowledge in building the new CIS program here at Wilkes. Before studying at SUNY, he considered the computer as an important resource for mathematics. Now that he has gained an appreciation for computer applications in a variety of fields, he is eager to pass this perspective on to his students. In his view, the CIS program, which features less technical and mathematical computer courses and more business and management, gives liberal arts and business majors an idea of the computer's potential, not just its detailed workings.

Due to the highly progressive nature of the computer field, the introduction of a CIS program into the Wilkes curriculum is a timely one. DeCosmo hopes that the course he is currently teaching, "C.S. 115: Computer Information Science," will be the first step in an exciting new opportunity for non-computer science majors at the college. He is far-sighted in his hopes for the program, envisioning further opportunities for educating area businesses and professionals in computer applications. He stresses, however, "Our first obligation is to our students. The CIS program will show them that, while computers are only tools, they have incredible potential in all creative work."

Dr. Owen D. Faut

During the 1981-82 academic year, Dr. Owen D. Faut, professor of chemistry at Wilkes College, spent a sabbatical at the Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. For one year, he conducted intensive studies in tribology, the science of friction, lubrication, and wear.

Faut's sabbatical came about as a result of earlier research he had done on tricresyl phosphate (TCP), a liquid lubricant additive. TCP is known as an anti-wear or extreme pressure additive, which causes a coating to form on a metal's surface. This coating helps to prevent wear on the metal, thus making machinery last longer. Although the implications of such a substance to industry are obvious, the United States government does not currently support tribology research. In fact, there is only one United States facility dedicated solely to fundamental lubrication studies — the Lewis Research Center.

In 1981, Faut applied for and was awarded a National Research Council Senior Associateship, a post-doctoral position sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington, D.C. Since he had spent two previous summers as a member of the lubrication fundamentals group at the Goddard Space Center, his expertise earned him an invitation to the Lewis Research Center. Faut and his family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, where they lived and studied from August, 1981 to August, 1982.

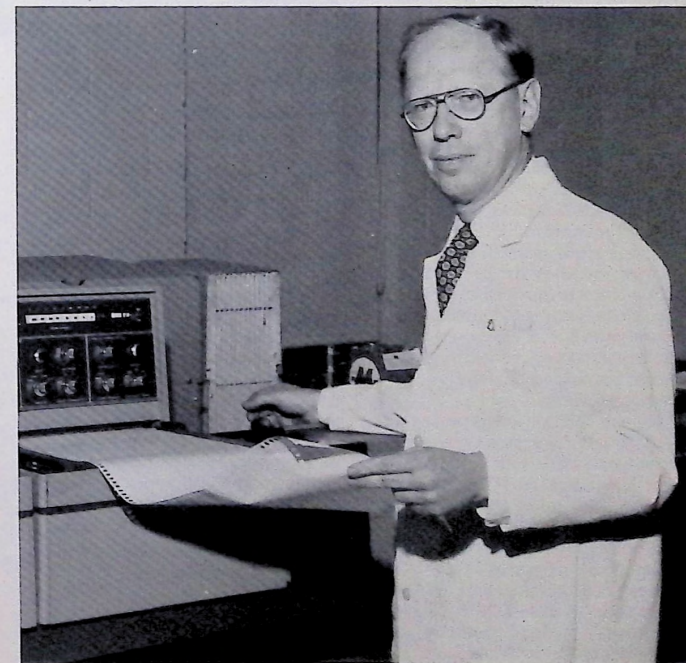
During his year at Lewis, Faut's research on TCP earned him professional and scientific acclaim. One of his papers, "On The Mechanism of Lubrication by TCP — The Coefficient of Friction," was presented at the National meeting of the Society of Lubrication Engineers, October, 1982, and was published in the society's journal, *Transactions*. A second paper, "The Adsorption and

"Faculty sabbaticals provide learning experiences valuable to both professors and students."

Thermal Decomposition of TCP on Iron and Gold" was published in *Applications of Surface Science* in 1984. This work, co-authored by Donald R. Wheeler, a Lewis Research Center physicist, was nominated by the tribology branch at Lewis for its prestigious paper of the year competition. Faut also co-authored a paper with Donald H. Buckley, an internationally recognized tribology expert, which is slated for publication by NASA.

Although Faut's sabbatical ended in August, 1982, he was invited back to the Lewis Research Center in the summers of 1983 and 1984. At the conclusion of this fellowship, he was asked to continue his work at Lewis, but returned to Wilkes College for personal and professional reasons.

Faut feels that his experience at the Lewis Research Center was valuable to himself and to Wilkes College students. He is still conducting TCP studies here, and has made valuable contacts for several Wilkes students. Two Wilkes College graduates have already begun graduate research in tribology, and an undergraduate student has received an internship at the Goddard Space Center to conduct lubrication studies. Faut is also excited at the implications of his own research, saying, "If we understand the mechanism by which TCP works, there are other additives whose mysteries can be unlocked — we can attack them more knowledgeably. TCP is almost the foundation to this research, and we are on the way to solving the mystery."



FOCUS ON FACULTY

Dr. Robert Ogren

When Dr. Robert Ogren, professor of biology, was granted a sabbatical leave, he did not apply for a fellowship at a large university or travel to a foreign country. Instead, he chose to spend his sabbatical at the institution best suited to his own research purposes — Wilkes College. Ogren, a parasitologist of international reputation, conducted his research using resources available at the Farley Library and the Wilkes biology laboratories.

Ogren is known to Wilkes students as an instructor of cytology, the study of the structure and function of cells. But he is best known in the science world as an expert on the land planarian. Planarians are minute, flattened soft-bodied worms.

Although they usually exist in aquatic environments, land planarians, as the name suggests, are terrestrial organisms. Native species are found living above the ground during warm seasons. Exotic species, often originating in soils in greenhouses and hothouses, may also make their way into the environment if climatic conditions are favorable. Ogren has been instrumental in locating and identifying many of the land planarian species in the United States, and has aided research in other areas of the globe. During his sabbatical, he collaborated with colleagues in India and Japan on manuscripts he hopes to publish on the land planarians of India.

Although Wilkes College served as the home base for Ogren's research, he managed to find time to travel to pursue his studies. He visited the American Museum of Natural History in New York on two occasions, consulting key references and examining specimens in the museum's collection. In fact, because he is considered one of the foremost researchers of the land planarian, the museum loaned him several



specimens, which he brought back to Wilkes for more intensive analysis. Later in his sabbatical, he traveled to England, Scotland, and Wales, where he formed contacts with scientists at the University of Manchester and the Natural History Museum in London. During his final week abroad, he was a guest at the Third International Congress on Systematic and Evolutionary Biology at Sussex University Campus in Brighton, England.

When asked to name the most rewarding aspects of his sabbatical, Ogren mentions a variety of topics, from presenting his research at the spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, to reading and programming his new personal computer. But undoubtedly the most exciting work he accomplished was the identification of a new species of land planarian, now designated as *Bipalium n.sp. #1*. Ogren discovered the species in Pennsylvania, and began to compare it to similar organisms in the United States and Japan. When the new *Bipalium* did

not fit any existing descriptions, he and other specialists became convinced that his was a species that had not been previously identified. An article describing the organism in detail has now been submitted for publication in a scientific journal. If the article is published and no one comes forward to dispute it, Ogren's land planarian will be confirmed as a new species.

It would seem to some that Ogren accomplished a great deal during his leave, considering the fact that he decided to remain at Wilkes. But he does not see his decision as anything less than a profitable one. As he puts it, "Everything I needed was here — the library, the equipment, the facilities. The real value of such a sabbatical was that the college provided me with the time to do my work. The bonus was that they also provided the resources." Of course, it is only fitting that the resources available at Wilkes should benefit a man who is, himself, one of our most valuable scientific resources. □

Graduate Division: Responding to a Changing World

Enrollment in the graduate classes at Wilkes College is higher this year, Spring of 1986, than it has been since the inception of the program in 1959. This announcement was made recently by Mahmoud H. Fahmy, Dean of the Graduate Division. "We are pleased and proud of course, but we are not surprised. The expansion of the graduate level curriculum has been carefully designed to meet the needs of a changing society." Curriculum for the graduate division, according to Dr. Fahmy, is based on a close monitoring of societal change, which will affect the needs of the community at large. These needs have been manifested recently in the areas of health, education, business, industry, and governmental agencies dealing with the environment. Accordingly, Fahmy initiated new plans to meet the needs indicated. To its already broad degree granting program, three new degrees have been added to the list: The Masters in Health Administration (M.H.A.), the Masters in Electrical Engineering, and soon to be offered is the Masters in Engineering and Applied Sciences. In addition, it has extended its Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) to Allentown where the response was immediate and overwhelming.

In discussing the Masters in Health Administration, he said, "The M.H.A. was established to provide effective and skillful managers in the field of health care delivery. Our program is the only one providing access and opportunity to professionals in the field, which allows them to pursue graduate study. We have a current enrollment of well over one hundred candidates whose membership include doctors, dentists, and health care executives.

The M.B.A. program has maintained high enrollment on the

campus and its excellent reputation caught the interest of administrators at St. Francis de Sales College in Allentown. Its President, Father Daniel G. Gambet, contacted Dean Fahmy to ask if Wilkes would consider making the degree available to Lehigh Valley residents by offering it at the Allentown campus. Fahmy said, "Of course, we were delighted to investigate the possibility. Now, several months into the program, we have formed a close affiliation with St. Francis de Sales and the degree is sought by nearly three hundred people." In addition to all of this, Wilkes graduate division is serving teachers and educators throughout the state of Pennsylvania by assisting them to develop, through workshops and seminars, more effective methods of teaching and administration skills. These courses are offered in affiliation with Performance Learning Systems (PLS).

One of the most important new offerings is the Masters in Electrical Engineering. Fahmy said, "In this highly technological society, this degree is so very significant and necessary. It has been said that 'Engineers invent everything and we use everything they invent,' and this degree has double impact. In addition to serving the needs dictated by the region, it will also assist the region of Northeastern Pennsylvania in attracting industry."

Approval is pending for the M.S. in Engineering and Applied Sciences. The engineering degrees firmly establish Wilkes College as the center for engineering and applied sciences in the northeast Pennsylvania area.

Asked about the future plans for the division, Dean Fahmy said he sees the need for the graduate programs developing in the areas of computer science, nursing, and environmental

education. Under Fahmy's direction, it is safe to conclude that the Wilkes College graduate division will indeed meet the needs of Northeastern Pennsylvania in education at the graduate level and will become a resource for a nation in need of highly qualified professionals. □



Graduate Degrees now offered at Wilkes College are:

Master of Business Administration,
Master of Health Administration,
Master of Science in Mathematics,
Master of Science in Physics,
Master of Science in Biology,
Master of Science in Chemistry,
Master of Science in Electrical
Engineering
Master of Science in Education
with concentrations in
Biology
Chemistry
Education (General)
Education (Elem.)
English
History
Mathematics
Physics

To offer in Spring Semester —
Master of Science in Engineering
and Applied Science.

The M.B.A. offers
concentrations in
Marketing
Managerial Finance
Labor Relations
Accounting
Finance
Health Care

Wilkes College Music From Baroque to Jazz



A Chamber Ensemble

There's an old New England anecdote that says, "If you don't like the weather, just wait — it'll change." That line can easily be adapted to the musical performances at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. In a given week, the Wilkes College Percussion Ensemble may open its season, but if jazz is more to your tastes, wait until the next week when the Wilkes Jazz Band performs. Of course, the week after that, the Cap and Bell Singers will treat you to vocal music, and the Wind Ensemble will present contemporary music or selections adapted for concert bands. Over the next few months, you can hear chamber music, a full orchestra, and even music theater — all presented by the Wilkes College Department of Music.

The list of performance organizations within the department covers the musical spectrum from baroque to jazz. Included are the chorus, orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Music Theater, Wind Quintet, Brass Quintet, Vocal and Instrumental Chamber Ensembles, Contemporary Music Ensemble,

Chamber Players, Percussion Ensemble, and Cap and Bell Singers. All groups offer concert performances free of charge, providing the opportunity for audiences to hear, and students to perform, a wide variety of music.

Such diversity on stage has its roots in an equally diverse curriculum that provides an immense range of opportunities for all music majors. When the music program switched from the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sciences degrees to the Bachelor of Music degree, the music requirement jumped from 50 credits to 80 credits. Those extra 30 credits can be used to pursue individual interests in applied performance studies, theory, historical analysis, literature, methods, and large and small ensembles. Students are also offered exposure to internationally famous musicians through guest concert performances and workshops. The result of such a broad educational experience is a musician who is prepared for many options upon graduation, from symphonic playing to teaching to music publishing.

According to Jerome Campbell, Chairman of the Department of Music, "Our strength lies in the fact that we offer exposure to a range of musical opportunities and styles that is unique for a small institution. At the same time, we maintain a very personal attitude toward our musicians, as our seven to one student/faculty ratio allows for individual attention to all students. In an age of mass-produced mediocrity, we still believe in hand-crafted quality, and we try to produce that quality in our music program."

The records of the department's graduates support this belief, as the department boasts success stories in as many areas of music as they pursue. Some of the brightest stars who credit their early training to Wilkes music are:

Ed Yadzinski '62, clarinetist and saxophonist, performs with the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of the music faculty at the State University of New York.

Thomas Hrynkiw '63, is a concert pianist and solo recording artist. He accompanies many of the world's great instrumentalists on recordings

for the Musical Heritage Society label.

Richard Probert '64, is now Dean of The School of the Arts, State University of New York at Plattsburg.

Marty Hurley '68, a renowned percussionist, teaches, performs, and serves as a clinician for the Ludwig Drum Company.

Christine Donahue '74, soprano, was a finalist in the Pavarotti contest and a winner of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions. She sings with the opera companies of Houston, Wilmington, and Annapolis.

In addition to outstanding individuals already established in the field, there are rising musical stars who hold undergraduate degrees from the Wilkes Music Department.

Among last year's graduating class are musicians engaged in areas from graduate study to studio teaching. In all, one hundred percent of the class of 1985 is now placed in the field. The variety of careers being pursued



Jazz Great — Milt Henton and student

"It's the training beyond the education that made my time at Wilkes worth the effort."



The Brass Ensemble

by the graduates is consistent with the versatility of the department and is evident from the achievements of just a handful of these students:

Mary Beth Zuvich, a soprano attending the University of North Carolina, and Pamela Bricker, a clarinetist at the University of Ohio, are currently teaching assistants.

Maureen McDermott, flutist, and Michael Pryor, saxophonist, are pursuing performance studies at Syracuse University and the Peabody Conservatory, respectively. And Roy Clark, organist, majors in early music and baroque instruments at the New England Conservatory.

When speaking on the value of the Wilkes music program, these students invariably mention the broad experience they enjoyed in their musical training and education. According to Clark, "The diverse musical foundation that Wilkes offered me enabled me to be accepted at one of the best conservatories in the country. I've found the training to be invaluable in developing my instrumental work, but just as important to me were the extensive music history courses. I can't say enough about how they gave me both the knowledge and direction to

pursue a somewhat unusual major — baroque instruments."

Michael Pryor also notes the significance of a diverse musical foundation to his graduate studies. "It's the training beyond the education that made my time at Wilkes worth the effort. Not only can I play my instrument with confidence, I can go beyond that. The range of experience I had at Wilkes has made me capable of appreciating the talents, needs, and situations of others. That kind of insight is a definite asset in my position as manager of The Wind Ensemble at Peabody."

Obviously, it is the versatility and depth of a Wilkes music education that distinguishes it in the minds of graduate students, outstanding performers, and eminent educators. But this point comes as no surprise to the thousands of aficionados who attend Wilkes concerts each year. They have come to count on Wilkes as a center for all kinds of music. So, if you're looking for a change, just wait — Wilkes music will provide one. But don't expect one thing to change — the quality of a Wilkes College music education. W

Jasper Francis Cropsey, *Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania*, c. 1846, oil on canvas, 15x24



Vale of Wyoming

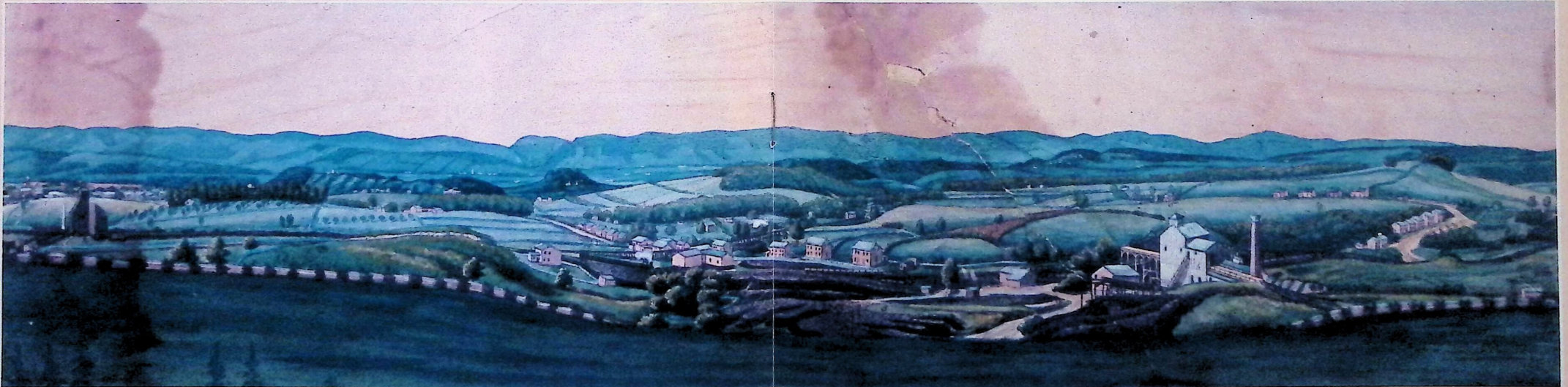
A recent exhibition in the Sordoni Art Gallery, entitled *Vale of Wyoming: Nineteenth Century Images from Campbell's Ledge To Nanticoke*, generated so much interest that hours were extended to accommodate guests.

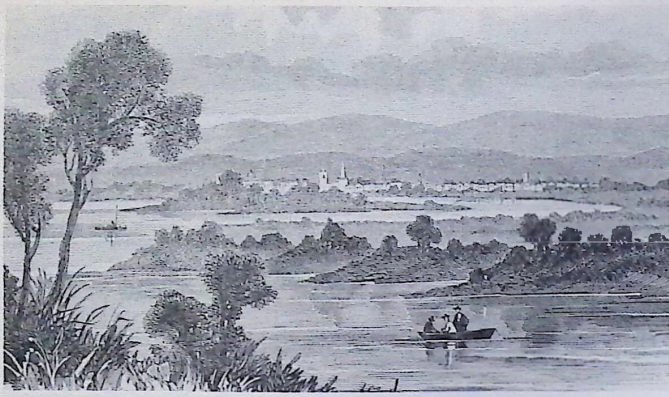
The exhibit, supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, included paintings, prints, illustrations and ceramics, which gave visitors a visual perspective of what Wyoming Valley was during the early part of the 19th century. The following excerpt is by Judith O'Toole, Director of the Sordoni Gallery.



Thomas Hill, *The Honey Pot (near Nanticoke)*, n.d., oil on canvas, 36x48

Artist Unknown, *Wyoming Valley in 1850*, watercolor, 6x23 1/4





Edmund Lovell Dana. *View of Wyoming Valley and Wilkes-Barre from the West End of Ross Hill*, c. 1866, wood engraving. 3x6x6

Since the seventeenth century, the Wyoming Valley of Northeastern Pennsylvania (roughly encompassing the area from Nanticoke in the Southwest to Pittston in the Northeast) has been cited as an area of extraordinary natural beauty. Poets, writers, and artists have drawn inspiration from this scenic green valley and its colorful Indian history.

The last glacier age formed the picturesque bluffs and narrows that now mark the Wyoming Valley. Ironically, the great ice masses were also responsible for shearing off the mountain heights, which, in the middle of the nineteenth century, would make anthracite more accessible to mine. During the course of the nineteenth century, industry changed the primeval paradise that was the Wyoming Valley to reflect the modern, technological industry which took advantage of its natural resources.

Artists and writers were not the only ones inspired by the grandeur of the Wyoming Valley. The journals of soldiers, scientists, and travellers tell of their reactions to its beauty. In the 1790s, Issac Weld, Jr. (historian and author) noted that the mountains almost always face wide plains across the Susquehanna River but "during the course of one mile, you will perceive more than a dozen different changes from one side to the other," mountains switching with plains to create a variety of picturesque views. Weld continued, saying "At every bend the prospect varies . . . [with] scarcely a spot . . . where the painter would not find a subject worthy of his pencil."

Jacob Cist's views showing the falls of Solomon's Creek were reproduced in *The Port Folio* in 1809. These show the pristine, unspoiled beauty of the area. Cist was a scientist and inventor as well as an artist and, as early as 1813, he and

two painters leased the Lehigh Coal Mine property near Mauch Chunk where he was responsible for the first river shipment of anthracite. Therefore, while he had recorded the early beauty of Northeastern Pennsylvania in his drawings, his scientific researches demonstrated the variety of uses for anthracite — leading to the industry which gradually changed the area's topography.

Baldwin Brower's view of the bridge at Wilkes-Barre in 1823 shows the charm of this bustling community set in the picturesque Wyoming Valley. The bridge, horse-drawn carriage, and workmen indicate the prosperity of commerce in the area. The people walking in the foreground lend an air of gentility and civilization to the scene while the view into the mountains reminds us that the surrounding land was still largely unsettled.

William H. Bartlett's views, *The Descent into the Valley of Wyoming* (as seen from Campbell's Ledge), and *Wilkes-Barre, Vale of Wyoming*, both published in N. P. Willis' *American Scenery* (London, 1840), were copied innumerable times for a variety of publications. Both show the splendor of the mountains and the charm of the valley city and river.

By the time that Jasper Francis Cropsey visited the area in 1865 and completed studies for his mural-sized view, *Valley of Wyoming*, the valley was dotted with the smoke stacks of industry even though, overall, it retained its bucolic look. Cropsey shows a coal breaker, the canal, and other symbols of industrialization, but also shows a farm and the dramatic cliffs of Campbell's Ledge. On the gilded frame are inscribed verses from Campbell's poem, "Gertrude of

Wyoming," which emphasize the pastoral beauty and goodness of the valley.

By the twentieth century, the industrial developments of the nineteenth century showed visibly on the landscape of the Wyoming Valley. No longer were its people able to maintain the balance between natural paradise and industrial center.

Artist's renderings show this development more clearly than any written accounts. The exhibition shows nineteenth century images within the geographic boundaries of Campbell's Ledge and the city of Nanticoke. The works were drawn from public and private collections, including the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. Paintings and prints from the Gilbert S. McClintock Collection of the Eugene Shedden Farley Library at Wilkes College will be exhibited, many for the first time outside the library.

More than any other exhibition, this one has been the effort of many people. *Vale of Wyoming: Nineteenth Century Images from Campbell's Ledge to Nanticoke* was the vision of Annie Bohlin and Charles Petrillo, who suggested the idea a year ago and agreed to locate and select the works. Their perseverance and love of the subject is reflected in the exhibition and in this catalog. I would like to thank them more specifically for their individual roles: Charlie for his essay which gives a historical perspective to the objects, and Annie for her catalog design. Together, we would like to thank Roger Stein for coming through with an enlightening essay with just a few months' notice. We are also indebted to Kathleen Luhrs of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for information on J. F. Cropsey and to David McCarthy of the University of Delaware for helpful insights on Paul Weber. Much of what we have done could not have been possible without the groundwork laid by Gilbert S. McClintock in his *Valley Views of Northeastern Pennsylvania* (The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre, 1948) and George G. Raddin, Jr. in his "Painting in Wyoming Valley 1808-1957" (a series of articles for the *Sunday Independent*, Wilkes-Barre, reproduced in the *Catalog of the Edward Welles, Jr. Collection*, compiled by Mary Barrett and published by King's College, 1974). As always, we are deeply grateful for the loans made available to us. We particularly thank Burt Logan, Executive Director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, and P. Robert Paustian, Director of the E.S. Farley Library, Wilkes College.

Speech, Communications, and Theater Arts — Wilkes Introduces a New Discipline

David Tucker is the new chairman of a new department (Speech, Communications, and Theater Arts) but he hasn't acted like "the new professor on the block," since arriving on campus in September, 1985.

He had definite plans for his fledgling department and all the experience necessary to implement the plans. Tucker recognized the challenge he accepted when he made the decision to come to Wilkes as chairman of the new discipline. He said in an October interview, "There is much to be done, but I'm looking forward to it. We have great facilities, an enthusiastic faculty with good credentials, and we are all looking forward to the challenge."

Tucker set his priorities early with plans for a complete revision of curriculum. "We've spent the entire fall semester revising our course offerings. Consultants are now reviewing the changes and the Faculty Curriculum Committee will examine it after that." One thing that becomes obvious in conversation is that Tucker will build into that curriculum a combination of classroom and hands-on experience for

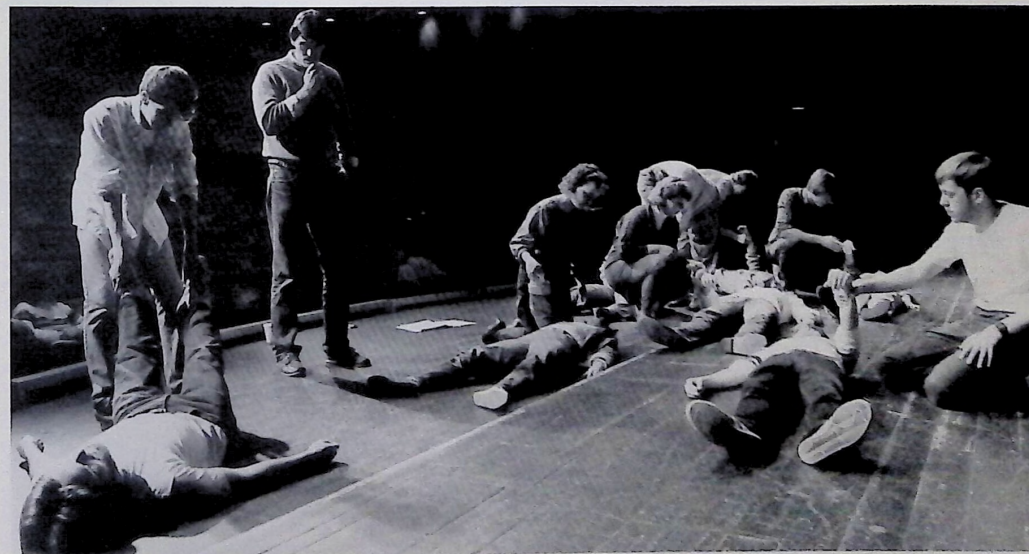


Dr. David Tucker

students, he said, "Our students will benefit enormously from the sophisticated equipment and labs Wilkes offers its communications majors. They will be able to translate classroom theory into practical experience in the theater, in radio, and in television."

The facilities to which Tucker refers are a fully equipped 500-seat professional theater with complete design and lighting capacities (The Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts), a 2,000 watt FCC approved radio station WCLH, and television labs which provide state-of-the-art equipment. "This is unusual in undergraduate institutions," Tucker said, "Students rarely have this available until their senior year. Our students will be working in the second semester of their freshman year in these professional environments."

Tucker, who holds both the M.A. and Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University, has a broad background in all aspects of communications including on-air performance, college teaching, and industrial research experience. His writings in this field range from commercials, to journal articles, to



Dr. Michael O'Neill — (standing center stage), directs students for play

"Wilkes College communications majors will have a definite edge in a highly competitive market."



Carl Brigido instructs student in TV labs

large-scale financial project reports. It was his interest in research that led him out of the classroom at James Madison University in Virginia (where he taught 13 different courses ranging from broadcast history, to audience analysis, to audio production) to serve as senior research project manager at Arbitron Ratings Company in Laurel, Maryland. There he was responsible for improving survey procedures, testing and analysis, and recommending changes based on test results. The job also entailed "a large amount of writing."

It was a challenging and rewarding career, yet Tucker found he missed "the college atmosphere and the students, and he wanted a different challenge." He decided to return to the atmosphere he missed.

With the experience he's acquired both in academe and in industry, it's obvious that the new professor on the block knows his way around the block. Through the strong leadership he provides and the strong faculty he leads, Wilkes College communications majors will have a definite edge in a highly competitive market. Welcome, Dr. Tucker.



The Control Room at radio station WCLH



Allan Price Kirby Elected to the Board of Trustees

Allan P. Kirby, Jr., President of Liberty Square Inc., New Jersey, Director of the Allegheny Corporation, New York, and Director of the F. M. Kirby Foundation, Inc., has been elected to membership on the Wilkes College Board of Trustees. The announcement was made by Board Chairperson Patricia S. Davies. Davies said, "We are pleased that Allan Kirby will now be with us on a regular basis, and look forward to the benefit of his council and broad executive experience."

Kirby, a private investor, is a native of Wilkes-Barre, the son of Allan Price Kirby and Marian Sutherland Kirby. Kirby moved from Pennsylvania to New Jersey in 1940, but has maintained close and consistent ties with his native Wyoming Valley. The family name is well-known and Mr. Kirby currently serves on the Board of The Angeline Kirby Memorial Health Center, the Fred M. and Jessie A. Kirby Episcopal House, and the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library.

Wilkes was an early beneficiary of the generosity of the Kirby family, who donated the Kirby residence at South and South River Streets to the College in 1941. It served for several years as the College Library and currently houses the Department of Language and Literature.

President Breiseth said, "We are honored by Allan Kirby's acceptance to serve on our Board of Trustees and value the insight that a man of his stature will bring to this very important post."

A graduate of Lafayette College, Kirby's interests include affiliations with a variety of business and charitable organizations. He is the owner of River Ridge Farm, Sussex County, New Jersey, and maintains offices in Mendham, New Jersey.

CHRONICLE



Language Lab Is Renamed to Honor Professor Elwood Disque

Elwood Disque, Professor Emeritus in English, began his career as one of the 14 original members of the faculty at Wilkes College (then Bucknell Junior College) in 1935. Except for one summer sabbatical and time spent in the United States Army during World War II, Disque taught at Wilkes for 40 years, until his retirement in 1975. In an expression of appreciation for his many years of service to Wilkes College and an acknowledgement of the positive influence his teaching had on thousands of students, the Department of Language and Literature recently renamed the Language Laboratory in Kirby Hall in Disque's honor. Herr Disque, as he was affectionately known by his students, taught English and Latin as well as his specialty in German and served as the Chairman of the English Department for 20 years.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Disque earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dickinson College and did postgraduate work at prestigious German universities

and at the Alliance Francaise in Paris. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1939.

Shown at the rededication ceremonies are from left: Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairman of the Department; Dr. Gerald Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs; Dr. Disque, George Ralston, Dean of Student Affairs; (seated) Dr. Hilda Marban and Dr. Walter Karpinich, professors of Language and Literature.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MAX ROSENEN LECTURE SERIES IN LAW AND HUMANITIES will be presented on April 10, 1986, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Featured speaker for the event will be Dr. Henry Steele Commager. Friends and alumni of the College are invited to attend.



Tom Bigler Joins The Faculty

Tom Bigler, columnist for the *Times-Leader* and former Vice-President of News at WBRE-TV, has accepted an appointment to the faculty as a holder of the first College-endowed chair.

President Breiseth said, "In an age in which the field of communications is changing so dramatically, it is a wonderful opportunity for Wilkes College to have the talents of Tom Bigler, whose career includes radio, television, and print journalism. In all of these media, he has shown concern for the English language and for supporting vigorous debate of public issues. He provides a model for our students as they prepare for careers in an industry that is crucial for the quality of our self government."

Dr. Breiseth described an endowed chair as a specific capital fund that is part of the College endowment, the cost of which may range from three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand dollars, depending on the academic discipline it will serve. The annual income generated is then devoted to a specific purpose, in this case it will fund "The Tom Bigler Chair in Communications."

Funding for the chair was made possible by gifts from friends and colleagues of the veteran newsmen. Dr. Breiseth said, "Everyone with whom I discussed the project has been very enthusiastic, and the response from the community has been gratifying. Funding is now at a basic level and we hope that additional gifts from Tom's friends and associates will allow us to fully fund the chair."

Bigler began his broadcasting career at Hazleton Radio Station WAZL and later worked at various stations both in this market and outside the area. In 1953, he was appointed news director and program director at WILK's radio station. Bigler in 1962 accepted the Homer Peabody Award for "outstanding public service to the community," and that same year he joined WNEP-TV as director of news and public affairs.

Bigler has earned the respect and admiration of the community and professionals in the field of journalism. He has been the recipient of several awards, including the Jacob Silverblatt Memorial Award for "outstanding service in the field of human relations," and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from King's College.

Dr. David Tucker, chairman of the Department of Communications, welcomed Bigler. "Tom's expertise in mass communications, coupled with his experience of over forty years, will bring many benefits to the department and to our students at Wilkes. I am pleased to welcome him as a member of our faculty."

Bigler will begin teaching in the fall of 1986.

\$1.1 Million Program Funded By Ben Franklin Partnership

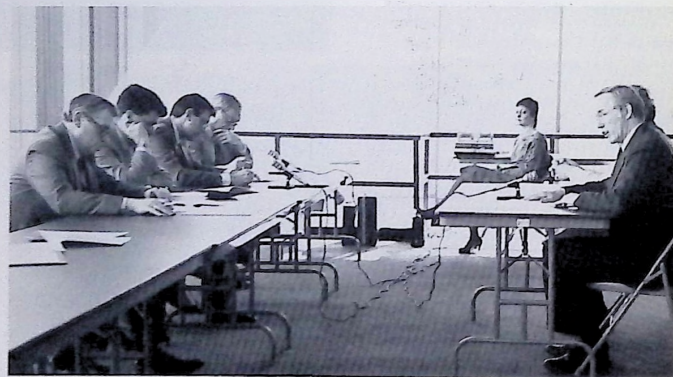
Wilkes College has received approval from the Northeast Tier Advanced Technology Center at Lehigh University of a \$1.1 million program. This program will foster cooperative activities between private-sector firms and the College to create and preserve jobs in Pennsylvania. President Breiseth said, "Wilkes will serve as the catalyst for the program, which is sponsored by the Ben Franklin Partnership and encompasses five projects in northeastern Pennsylvania during 1985-86."

The human and technical resources of the College will be used in partnership with private firms and local economic development agencies to achieve the project goals. The projects to be undertaken include:

Thermal Construction Model for Transistor Package with RCA Corporation.

Materials Testing Consortium in cooperation with the Committee for Economic Growth (CEG), Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Drexel University, and Allied Chemical.

President Testifies On Higher Education



Because of his well-known commitment to quality in higher education, President Christopher N. Breiseth was invited to testify before the State House Sub-Committee on Higher Education. The hearing convened at the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts.

The topic of discussion for the hearing was the percentage of Pennsylvanians who do not go on to post-secondary education. In presenting his views, Dr. Breiseth emphasized, "It is crucial to our

future that we find ways to succeed educationally with our entire population of young people. This will require a renaissance of teaching and a close working relationship between college and high school faculties."

The suggestions offered by Dr. Breiseth and other educational leaders at the hearing will be considered by the House Sub-Committee in its efforts to raise consciousness and inspire participation in higher education among Pennsylvania residents.

Small Business Development Center will provide entrepreneurial support and technical training to new and existing advanced technology firms throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

Luzerne County Business Incubator will help establish a business incubator in Luzerne County. Partners in the project are a consortium of area economic development agencies under the leadership of the Business Incubator Advisory Board. The board is chaired by Fred Lohman.

Polymer Technology Transfer with St. Jude Polymer Corporation of Frackville.

Wilkes College had been a major participant in the Ben Franklin Partnership since its inception in 1982 and has received funding from the ATC at Lehigh University from the onset of the program.

The Ben Franklin Partnership, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, supports the development and application of advanced technologies to new and improved products and processes targeted to both new and existing firms with manufacturing facilities in the Commonwealth.



Wilkes Alumni Association Names New President

The ballots have been counted and Beverly B. Hiscox '58 is the new president of the National Executive Committee of the Wilkes College Alumni Association. The election was conducted over a six-week period and returns were received from about 10 percent of alumni surveyed.

Director of Alumni Relations Anthony J. Shipula '78, in making the

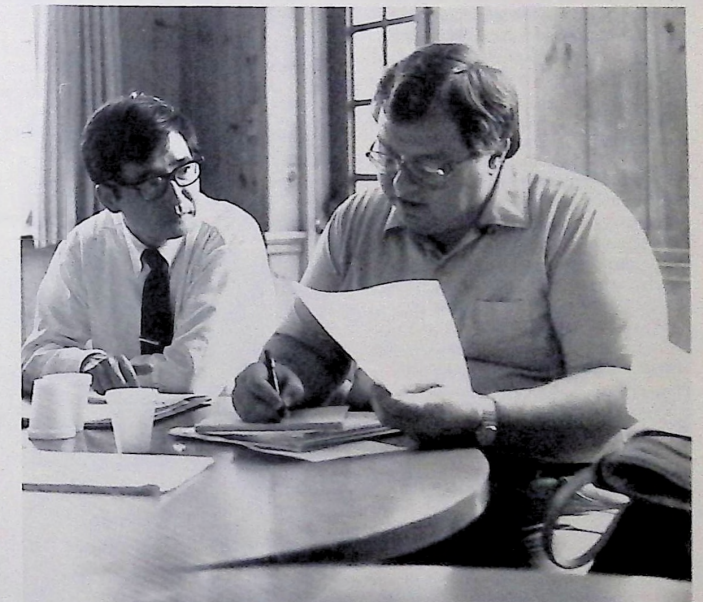
announcement, said, "Beverly is an important addition to the alumni team. She has demonstrated through her consistent volunteerism that she has the enthusiasm, the devotion, the energy level, and most important, the skill to lead in the new direction Wilkes has undertaken in its effort to fuse alumni across the nation into a cohesive unit."

Beverly, a "list-maker" by nature, admits to having a number of plans for reaching all alumni. "This first year, I'd like very much to concentrate on structure and organization. We want each of our alumni to feel the personal interest we have in them, and it is not enough to

just say we're interested, we must demonstrate that interest. For example, forming alumni chapters, frequent trips to meet our alumni, staying in touch by mail and through publications are some of the ways we will say 'we are sincerely interested in you.' We will be in touch, I promise."

Bev is married to Harry R. Hiscox, Esquire '51, and they are the parents of five: David, an attorney, Wilkes-Barre; Richard, a physician, Dallas, Texas; Steven, a student at the University of Pennsylvania; Susan, a student at Lehigh University; and Carol, a junior at Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes College Receives National Recognition



While most people used last Labor Day weekend for a final visit to vacation spots as an end to summer, Wilkes College's entire faculty packed toothbrushes and alarm clocks to travel 40 miles north — to Keystone Junior College campus in La Plume, Pennsylvania, where the members spent the next two days at a retreat for faculty. The retreat would focus on the new faculty development plan, on tenure policy, on a peer-evaluation plan, and on the new mission of Wilkes College.

The faculty development plan attracted the attention of the Chronicle of Higher Education in Washington, D.C. It, in the September 18 issue of the paper,

headlined the retreat "a moment of truth and elevation" for Wilkes College. The Chronicle, considered one of the foremost publications in higher education, sent reporter Scott Heller to cover the retreat and do the story carried in the September 18th issue.

The retreat was also a beginning of new feelings at Wilkes, feelings of collegiality and cohesiveness. There is a new vitality at Wilkes College and a new mission. There is also a commitment by Breiseth. "It is time," he said, "for us to invest in our central resource, our faculty."

Shown are: Dr. K. K. Shao (left) and Dr. Lester Rurocci.

Wilkes Receives \$300,000 PEW Grant

The College has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the J. N. Pew Trust of Philadelphia to fund a comprehensive program of professional development for the College's entire faculty. The grant will fund the initial three years of a planned five-year program. The Pew Trust is administered by the Glenmede Trust Company.

Describing the project, President Breiseth stated, "This important grant from the Pew Trust will enable each member of the faculty to grow professionally by enriching professional capabilities and at the same time improving the quality of Wilkes' overall educational mission.

"While a certain amount of scholarly and professional work has always been a routine part of a Wilkes faculty career, this grant will, within a relatively short span of time, accelerate the process to include one hundred percent participation by our faculty."

Through an ongoing series of professional seminars both on and off campus, and through the introduction of new team-teaching techniques, the faculty will be given the opportunity to contribute to redesigning a curriculum to reflect the newly defined mission of Wilkes College. Various other methods, such as sabbatical study, scholarly colloquia, and pedagogical research, will also be used in the faculty development program.

Dr. Gerald E. Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs, said that the faculty is very supportive of the five-year plan. "We are confident that this will lead to an institution which pursues professional development as an integral part of its mission while assuring that each graduate has a strong basic core of liberal learning. Wilkes will soon become a College of even greater value to its students and the communities it serves."

President Breiseth Named to P.H.C.

President Breiseth was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council at its fall meeting in Philadelphia.

The council is a private, non-profit organization that supports public programs throughout the state. P.H.C. fosters the public's understanding of the humanities by granting funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities (N.E.H.) and through its own programs funded by the private sector.

Wilkes College Alumni Association National Executive Committee 1986-1987

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Mary Dale Evans Shores '75
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Technology, Culture Discussed



Wilkes College and the Committee for Spiritual and Human Values recently hosted a lecture by Professor John J. Karakash, emeritus dean of engineering at Lehigh University and former Wilkes College trustee. Karakash's presentation was entitled, "Beyond Technology: Challenge to the Values of Our Culture."

Shown are, from left, seated: June Blum, former president of the congregation of Temple Israel; The Rev. Jo Claire Hartsig, director of Ministry for the Homeless, Bethlehem; Marc Bromfield, Wilkes student; Harry Hiscox, Esq., standing: President Breiseth and Karakash.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Wilkes Alumni,

As you read through this edition of the *Quarterly*, you will see only a sampling of the many things happening here at Wilkes. We were faced with space limitations, forcing us to select among the many newsworthy happenings to share with you.

I call your attention to the dramatic growth of graduate studies (page 9). Wilkes now offers master's degrees in health administration and electrical engineering, and the response of students has been most positive. Student/Faculty research, always a feature of the Wilkes education, continues (page 4). The spirit of professional development among faculty, as reported in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, is crucial to the College's institutional vitality (page 6). I hope these examples suggest the vibrancy on campus.

What we can do today to improve the quality of teaching and learning at Wilkes will help assure the College's long-term success in the highly competitive environment of American higher education. One of the most important issues challenging us at present is a five-year effort to revise the core curriculum in response to the changing needs of students preparing for the twenty-first century. We are drawing on the best from our excellent faculty to complete this task because nothing will have greater impact on the future of Wilkes College than the quality of its liberal arts and sciences core curriculum, complementing the strong professional and pre-professional degree programs which attract many of our students.

I have heard from many of you with sound suggestions and insights for our future development. Such communication is not only gratifying, it is exhilarating as a sign of how much you value the education you received at Wilkes and how much you want the College to go from strength to strength. Please continue to stay in touch.

In our continuing effort to make your relationship with the College mutually beneficial, we have decided, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Wilkes College Alumni Association, to give children of alumni a 10% discount on tuition at the undergraduate level. To be eligible, students must meet Wilkes' academic requirements for admission, whether as incoming freshmen or as students transferring from other institutions. Dependents now at Wilkes are also included. To be considered dependents, your son or daughter must meet the standards defined by the Internal Revenue Service. You will soon receive a letter from Beverly Hiscox, the new President of the Wilkes College Alumni Association, giving you more details about how your children may apply for the discount. Call our Admissions Office right away if you are interested for this coming academic year.

In the weeks ahead, I will be on the road to visit as many of you in the various chapters as possible. The dates confirmed for March are: March 5 in New York, March 17 in San Diego, March 19 in Los Angeles, March 20 in San Francisco. There will be other meetings in our own Northeast and East Central Pennsylvania area. Tony Shipula, the Director of Alumni Relations, will alert alumni in advance of my visits of the details for our meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you.

Your demonstration of interest in Wilkes and your readiness to be identified with your alma mater will help those of us charged with maintaining and strengthening this fine college to do our jobs.

Sincerely,
Christopher Breiseth
President



of Glen Foerd on the Delaware, a historic riverfront mansion for private parties, meetings and social affairs.

1971

DR. DONALD J. REESE recently opened his office for Podiatric Medicine and Foot Surgery in Nanticoke.

1972

CATHERINE CANNON recently completed the doctor of philosophy degree in organizational leadership, curriculum and instruction from the Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania. She is employed by the Wyoming Valley School District and lives in Kingston.

D. KEITH FERRELL, M.A. was recently promoted to the position of clinical director of the court advocate program at Catholic Social Services, Wilkes-Barre. He received a master of arts degree from Marywood College and maintains a private general practice in Wilkes-Barre with specialization in the areas of substance abuse and substance abuse co-dependency. He and his wife, the former Mary Lee Brennan, live in Wilkes-Barre.

ALBERT FORLENZA, JR., accepted a promotion at Blue Cross and will be responsible for directing the audit staff in ensuring that health care providers within the plan's service area receive proper reimbursement for services rendered to Blue Cross subscribers and Medicare beneficiaries. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in West Pittston and are the parents of three children, Colleen, Albert III and Paul.

DOROTHY HARKINS and her husband, Brian Banner, are living in Tennyson, Australia where Dorothy is teaching. The couple has one daughter.

1974

LES ADAMS is a partner with B W Color Prints, Inc. He and his wife, the former Patricia A. Gibbons, live in Maryland.

MARK BEANEY presented a talk entitled, "Can't Walk? Try Swimming," at the Plymouth Kiwanis Club meeting. Her certifications include YMCA aquatic director, adapted aquatics instructor (handicapped swim program) and American Red Cross CPR instructor.

1977

MAUREEN CAREY is engaged to Mark R. Albrecht. She is employed as a technical services representative at Penox Technologies.

1940

GRACE F. MATTHEWS and JOHN W. VANLOON were recently married. The couple resides in Plymouth.

1953

SANDOR YELEN was named to the 1985-86 annual giving challenge program at the Dickinson School of Law.

1956

MADGE KLEIN BENOVIKZ was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of the State Board of Education. She will also serve as Northeast Area Director. Madge and her husband, Dr. Burton S. Benovitz, live in Kingston.

1959

DAVID J. SCHOENFELD, an agent for New York Life Insurance Agency, was named the first recipient of the Life Underwriter Training Council's (LUTC) Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Rena, live in Kingston; they have three children.

1966

NORMAN STROJNY recently accepted the position of Senior Scientist in Analytical Chemistry Research with Danbury Pharmacal, Inc., in Danbury, CT.

1967

DAVID E. FOGLIETTA received a masters in neuropsychology and is currently teaching at Marywood College in Scranton. He is also pursuing a bachelors at New School for Social Research in New York.

1970

DR. MARY A. KAISER has been elected chairman of the Division of Analytical Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, the third largest division with more than 20,000 members. Mary is a research supervisor in the Polymer Products Department at the DuPont Company and is also a visiting professor at the University of Delaware.

THOMAS M. SELECKY recently announced his new position as Director

1978

JOHN O. LYCHOS, JR., recently married Kimberly Christine Loretto. He is division controller for Waste Management, Inc., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The couple reside in Canton, Ohio.

1979

ANN TIMKO HUGHES received her masters degree in education. Her husband, the Reverend Edward Hughes is Pastor of St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Wilkes-Barre. They have a daughter, Sarah.

1980

DR. EDWARD A. COONEY recently announced his association with John J. Bobeck, M.D., in the practice of family medicine in Nanticoke. He is on active staff at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre; Nanticoke State Hospital; Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

ATTORNEY FRED A. PIERANTONI was moderator at a seminar entitled "Juvenile Law: Procedures Problems" which was sponsored by the Criminal Justice Program of Marywood College Public Administration Department. He is chief juvenile prosecutor in Luzerne County and the county's juvenile probation department solicitor.

1981

JEROME PAUL ANTOSH recently married Ellen O'Brien. He is an agency representative with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company. The couple lives in Wilkes-Barre.

ANN MARIE SUSAN KUCZMA recently married **JOHN JAMES SUPINSKI**. Ann is store manager for Brooks Fashions in Lancaster. John is district exploring executive for Boy Scouts of America, Lancaster. The couple lives in Lancaster.

SUSAN M. LIBERSKI was awarded a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She will begin her residency in internal medicine at Lehigh Hospital, Philadelphia, in July.

JOSEPH RUBBICO recently married Catherine Knoch. He is manager of the California Flower Shop in West Pittston. The couple lives in Nanticoke.

NORM WITKO has a new position as Marketing Coordinator for Eberhard Faber, Inc., Mountaintop.

1982

DR. TIMOTHY BOYEK recently completed his training in internal medicine at Abington Memorial Hospital where he was chief resident during his third year. He is a cardiology fellow at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

MAURITA ELIZABETH GRIES recently married Robert Elias. She is employed by First Eastern Bank, N.A., Wilkes-Barre, in the marketing department. The couple lives in Wilkes-Barre.

MARTHA N. KOVACS recently completed degree requirements for an MBA from the University of Scranton.

1984

MARK J. ANTONIO recently moved back to this area from Philadelphia. He is a student of anesthesia at Mercy Hospital in Scranton.

DAVID TAYLOR of North Plainfield, NJ, was the first recipient of the Wilkes College master of health sciences degree. He is currently the director of environmental services at the Frances E. Parker Memorial Homes and will be applying to Columbia University to pursue a doctorate in health care administration.

1985

JULIANNE DRUST recently married Michael Sikorsky. She is employed as a registered nurse at Lehigh Valley Medical Center in Allentown. The couple lives in Allentown.

KATHRYN KRAKOSKY was recently notified that she has passed her state board examination for registered nurses in Pennsylvania. She has accepted a position at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, in the neuro-surgery/medical/surgery department and resides in Drexel Hill.

NANCY NOVITSKI has been notified by the State Board of Examiners that she successfully passed the examination for Registered Nurse Licensure in Pennsylvania. She is employed in Philadelphia at the Hospital of the Medical College of Pennsylvania in the Intensive Care Unit.

Five Wilkes College Air Force ROTC cadets received commissions as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force during a recent ceremony. They are: **MICHAEL BERNSTEIN, DAVID FOETER**, who was named a distinguished graduate, **CHRISTOPHER PEARSON, BRIAN SPING** and **WILLIAM WERTLEY**.

BIRTHS

1967

KELLEHER, Deborah and Eugene; a daughter, December 14.

1969

DRAHUS, Mary and Daniel; a son, November 28.

1972

WILLIS, Karen Poli and George; a daughter, November 10.

1974

GODLEWSKI, Terri and James; twin boys, Michael and Matthew, January 1; the first set of twins born in the United States in 1986.

1976

SUPPON, Pamela Marie and Charles Robert; a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, December 30.

1978

SPEZIALE, Pamela and Michael; a daughter, December 22.

1979

CONRAD, Kathy and DANIEL; a daughter, Rebecca Lee, December 8.
ELLIS, Sharon Zawatski and Leo; a daughter, November 20.

1980

SANDO, Patricia Davis and Lawrence; a son, November 12.

1981

PACCHIONI, Maria Nilson and Victor; a son, November 9.

IN MEMORIAM

1935

KENNETH M. MILLER

1940

SELJNA E. REED

1942

DANIEL R. ORMANOWSKI

Dr. Dale R. Corson, Commencement '85 Speaker

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly."



Although the season has passed and snow covers Ralston Field, it is hard for us to forget the 38th Annual Commencement of 1985. One of the people who made this occasion so memorable was Dale R. Corson, eminent physicist and President Emeritus of Cornell University, who delivered the address to the graduating class. At commencement ceremonies, Corson received the Doctor of Science honorary degree from Wilkes College.

Dr. Corson, a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of California, is a recipient of an Air Force Commendation and the Presidential Certificate of Merit, and is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *American Men and Women of Science*, *Leaders in Education*, and *The International Who's Who*.

The following is an excerpt from his charge to the Class of 1985:

"In Antoine de St. Exupery's story, *The Little Prince*, the fox says to the Little Prince: 'One must observe the proper rite.' The Little Prince, who comes from another planet, asks: 'What is a rite?'

'Those are actions too often neglected,' replies the fox. 'They are what makes one day different from other days, one hour from other hours.'

'And so it is with Commencement. Today is a punctuation in our lives. It is a day that sets apart a portion of our lives now ended from a portion about to begin. So let us celebrate this rite, this Commencement, and enjoy it.'

'Wilkes College was founded during the great depression as a two-year Junior College to serve the needs of this valley. It has now evolved into a true Community College with its four-year undergraduate and its graduate programs serving the needs of the valley in a way, and on a scale, far greater than the founders probably ever imagined. And it now serves a world that extends far beyond the Wyoming Valley.'

'Those of you who graduate today have lived your lives to this point during turbulent times. . . . You graduate into a world that is taking stock of itself, that is seeking better ways to shape its economy and to fulfill its national aspirations.

'We must learn how to deal with our problems — and this is where you graduates enter the picture. You may think that you leave these halls, and leave these classrooms, to earn a living and to satisfy your own needs. You must do that, and you have earned the right to do it, but you have a higher responsibility. You must deal with the world you have inherited.'

'As you leave here you enter a world of freedom, a freedom not known everywhere in the world, where you will need values, morality, civility and honesty. These are qualities not taught directly in the college's curriculum, but they are the most important qualities of all.'

To quote T.S. Elliot: 'The world turns and the world changes, but one thing does not change,' and that is the 'perpetual struggle' between good and evil. I hope your Wilkes education will sustain you in that struggle.

'And now, to close, let me return to St. Exupery and the Little Prince. The fox asks the Little Prince to name him. What does that mean, 'to name?' asks the Prince. 'It means to establish ties,' says the fox. 'If you name me, we shall need each other. . . . please name me.' The Prince replies: 'I want to, very much, but I have not much time. I have friends to discover, and a great many things to understand.' 'One only understands the things that one names,' replies the fox. 'Men have no more time to understand anything. They buy things all ready made at the shops. But there is no shop anywhere where one can buy friendship, and so men have no friends any more.'

'Finally the Prince and the fox part, and the fox says: 'Here is my secret, a very simple secret: it is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.'

'And so, as you leave this place which is so important to you, and as you face your world with all its problems and all its opportunities, remember that you must name it. You must learn to understand it, and cherish it. And remember also, that 'it is only with the heart that one can see rightly.'"

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"Summer '86 Cruise"

Who: Alumni, Families, Friends, Guests

When: July 26, 1986 to August 2, 1986

Where: July 26: Depart Wilkes-Barre area* between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Depart New York City at 4:00 p.m. on Home Lines brand new 35,000 ton ship, Homeric. Arrive in Bermuda the morning of July 28. Depart Bermuda the afternoon of July 31, arrive back in New York City the morning of August 2.

Cost of Cruise: Total cost is \$965 per person, double occupancy.

What is Included: Roundtrip bus transportation from departure city to New York (see below list of departure cities where bus transportation will be provided from). Charge includes port taxes and cocktail party. All meals are included.

Reservations: Deposit of \$150.00 per person is required. Commitments needed on or by April 18, 1986. Contact Office of Alumni Relations at Wilkes College, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Call (717) 824-4651, ext. 325, for further details.

*Bus transportation to the New York Passenger Ship Terminal can be arranged from the following cities: Albany, NY; Allentown, PA; Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Bridgeport, CT; Cherry Hill, NJ; Harrisburg, PA; Hartford, CT; Kingston, NY; New Haven, CT; New London, CT; Philadelphia, PA; Providence, RI; Riverside, MA; Schenectady, NY; Scranton, PA; Springfield, MA; Stamford, CT; Washington, DC; Wilmington, DE; Worcester, MA.

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