

WILKES COLLEGE

Report ...

Summer 1972

\$10 Million in Damage Estimated

'Operation Snapback' Follows Record Flooding

Thursday, June 22, started out just as any other routine day at Wilkes College. People were inconvenienced by having to don rain gear, but offices and other departments continued work as usual.

Even by Thursday evening, when reports indicated that the river level had risen considerably, there was no thought to the possibility that Wilkes would experience the worst disaster in its short history within the next two days.

Then it hit, Friday, June 23, at 11:14 a.m. sirens sounded, ending the effort of hundreds of individuals to hold back the raging waters of the Susquehanna, and driving everyone out of the area.

By Monday, President Francis J. Michelini and other college officials were on campus, surveying the estimated \$10-million in damages and beginning the seemingly endless cleanup procedures.

Then, just 11 days later — on July 5 — Wilkes opened its doors for the resumption of summer school classes, proving to the skeptics and area residents that Wilkes was capable of "snapping back" into action again.

Overall damages remain at the estimated \$10-million, according to Dr. Michelini, with the hardest hit areas being

the library, the Stark Science Hall and the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The music building and the CPA experienced \$1.5-million in damages to instruments, equipment, lighting and furnishing.

Perhaps the hardest hit area on the campus was the library with over \$500,000 in book losses. Among the rubble of periodicals and deteriorated ceiling tiles are Xerox machines and electric and manual typewriters in the basement of the Eugene S. Farley Library. The total damage there was \$1.5-million.

Stark Hall was also hard hit, with close to \$2-million in spare electronics parts and other equipment lost.

The Institute of Regional Affairs, started by the late Dr. Hugo V. Mailey, was almost totally wiped out. Most of the records lost represented a life-time of work.

But despite the vast amount of effort supplied by students, faculty, administrators, volunteers, and alumni, there still remains a large need for some old-fashion elbow grease and funds to place Wilkes back into its normally high standard of education.

New Board Members Named

The appointment of five new members to the Wilkes College Board of Trustees has been announced jointly by Attorney Louis Shaffer, chairman of the board, and President Francis J. Michelini.

New Members are: Norman E. Weiss, Kingston; Mrs. Edward Darling, Kingston; Robert D. Royer, Summit, N.J.; Judge Edwin M. Kosik, Moscow; and Robert Jones, Kingston.

Six trustees whose terms expired last month have been reelected to three year terms to expire in 1975. They are: Donald Carpenter, William Conyngham, Richard Pearsall, Frank Pinola, Aaron Weiss and Joseph A. Wienkl.

Weiss, a graduate of West Point and the University of Los Angeles, served in the Army from 1943-53.

Royer, president of Pfizer International, Inc., is an alumnus of Bucknell Junior College (1939) and received his B.S. Degree from Bucknell in 1941.

Judge Kosik, of the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas, is a 1949 graduate of Wilkes with a B.A. in Political Science. Judge Kosik attained his LL.B. from Dickinson Law School in 1951 and has served as U.S. attorney from 1953-58.

Mrs. Darling is a graduate of Vassar College, the University of Chicago, and Temple University. She served in the Naval Reserve during World War II.

Jones, president of the United Penn Bank in Wilkes-Barre, has been a close associate of Wilkes College and has served on numerous committees which assisted in the college's development.



"Operation Snapback" — the name given to the restoration of Wilkes College and its campus by volunteer students, faculty and administrators — remains in full operation, along with the assistance of many out-of-town students, alumni and friends who came into town to see if they "could help out."

This front end pay loader, driven by Fred Sislo, Moosic, who is with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways out of Clarks Summit, gets into the swing of "Operation Snapback" clearing the street in front of Weckesser Hall.

Dr. Tappa New Dean

The appointment of Dr. Donald W. Tappa to the administrative position of dean of academic affairs at Wilkes has been announced by President Francis J. Michelini.

The position became vacant almost two years ago when Dr. Michelini was elevated from that post to the presidency of the college.

In making the announcement, Dr. Michelini said the move was in keeping with the continuing of academic progress on all levels at the college.

Dr. Tappa assumed his new duties officially on July 1. He previously held the faculty rank of associate professor.

He received his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, his master's degree from Williams, and his Ph.D. from Yale University where he was a teaching and research assistant.

Dr. Tappa, a native of New York City, came to Wilkes in 1965 as an assistant professor of biology. He also has been adjunct professor of biology at Temple University for the past five years in addition to his full time duties at Wilkes.

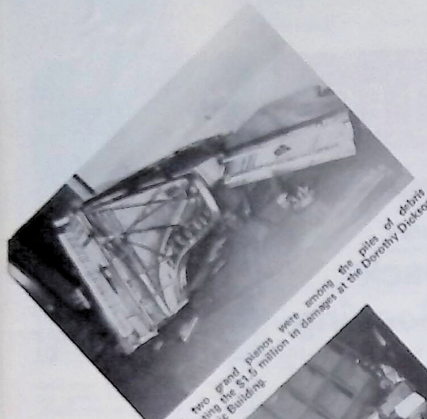


Dr. D. W. Tappa

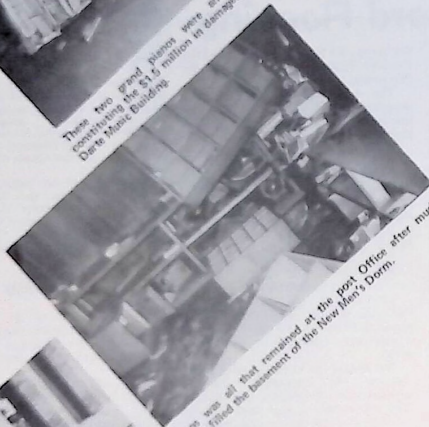


The Eugene Shedd Farley Library suffered severe damage, but most of it was confined to the basement and a portion of the first floor levels. Valuable research papers, historical data and single file copies of many publications over the college's 36-year history were destroyed. A large portion of the 100,000 volumes still remain.

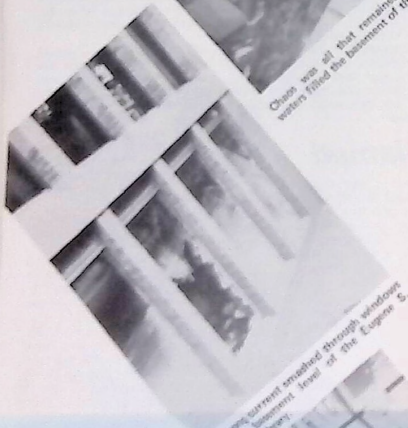
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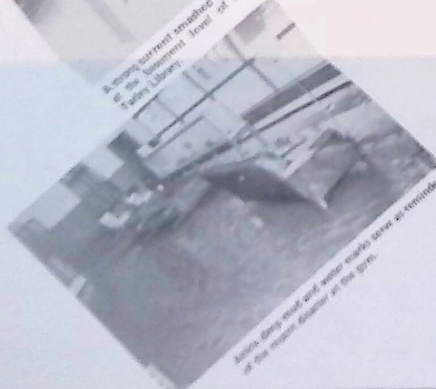
These two grand pilasters were among the pile of debris destroying the \$1.5 million in damages at the Dorothy Dickson Dare Music Building.



Chairs were all that remained at the post Office after muddy waters filled the basement of the New Men's Dorm.



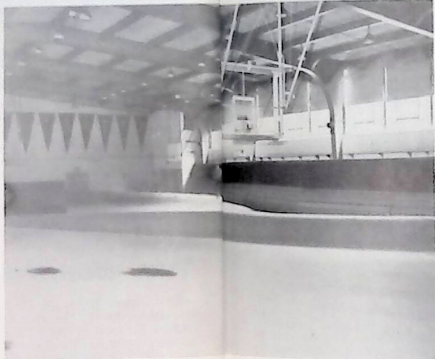
A strong current smashed through windows of the basement level of the Eugene S. Ferry Library.



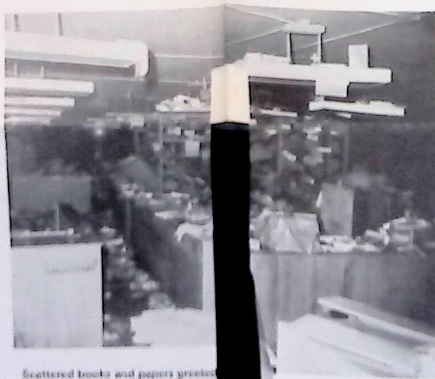
Water, along mud and water marks cover an underside of the main floor of the gym.



Pulp and debris are all that remain of the library which housed countless periodicals and rare books.



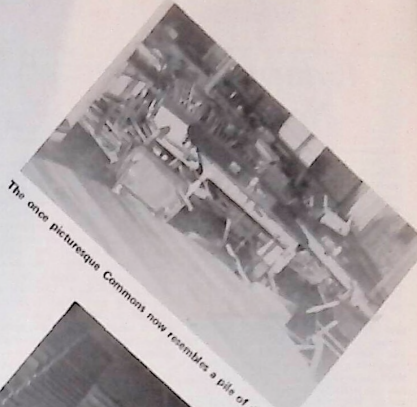
The gymnasium floor resembled a septic waves after waters receded.



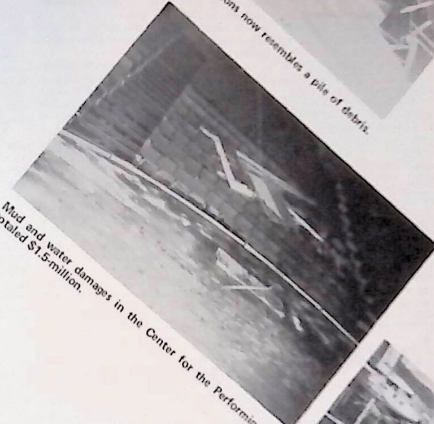
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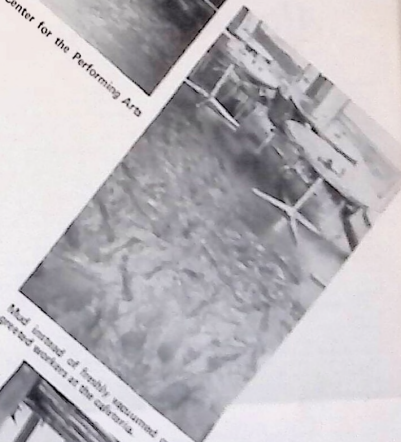
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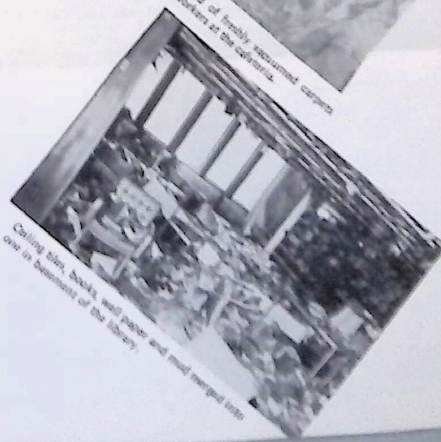
The once picturesque Commons now resembles a pile of debris.



Mud and water damages in the Center for the Performing Arts totaled \$1.5 million.



Mud instead of freshly vacuumed carpets greeted workers at the cafeteria.



Ceiling tiles, book's wall paper and mud merged into one in basement of the library.

Campus Notes

Amidst the concern over an estimated \$10-million in flood damages, Wilkes College received some good news with the announcement by Congressman Daniel J. Flood that a \$500,000 federal grant had been received by the college to implement the cost of the new medical program beginning in September. The grant will help cover the cost of the first year of a cooperative program with Hahnemann Medical College. The program will enable students interested in medical careers to earn both a bachelor's and a medical degree in six years.

National recognition was accorded two members of the Wilkes faculty with the announcement that they had been selected to join others throughout the country as "Outstanding Educators of America for 1972." Word was received by Dr. Francis J. Michelini, who was accorded the same honor last year, that the tribute had been awarded to Professor George F. Elliot of the Economics Department and Dr. James M. Toole, chairman of the Physics Department.

A testimonial dinner was held recently for Dr. Samuel A. Rosenberg, retiring chairman of the Wilkes College Commerce and Finance Department, by a large group of associates and their guests at the Irem Temple Country Club. Dr. Rosenberg, a resident of Shavertown, will continue as a member of the faculty and devote additional time to problems of labor and management in Northeastern Pennsylvania - a field in which he has built an excellent reputation as a business consultant.

Headquarters are currently being established for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Department, which was recently

implemented on the Wilkes Campus. First announcement that Wilkes had been among 10 colleges and universities selected for this program came early this year from Congressman Daniel J. Flood in Washington. Mr. Flood's office reported that the selection was made on the basis of male enrollment, faculty, administration, student interest, and facilities.

Dr. Harold E. Cox, professor of history at the college, has been appointed director of the Graduate Studies. Cox, a member of the Wilkes faculty since 1963, succeeds Dr. Ralph Rozella, who will continue to serve as a full-time member of the Chemistry Department.

A London Holiday, sponsored by the Wilkes Alumni Association, is scheduled for Thanksgiving 1972, November 22-26. Approximate cost will be \$199 per person plus tax and service charge. An Hawaiian Holiday is also set for April 14-22, 1973. Approximate cost will be \$379 per person plus tax and service charge. Further information on these trips is available from Art Hoover at the Alumni Relations Office.

A new program involving the establishment of a Department of Nursing beginning in September will enable Wilkes to award Bachelor of Science Degrees with a major in Nursing. The new degree program which recently received approval by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nurse Examiners, will be under the direction of Ruth W. McHenry, R.N., chairman of the Department.

A special survey conducted by Michael Worth, administrative assistant to the president and a member of the Wilkes economics faculty showed Wilkes students contributed approximately \$2,000,000 to the regional economy in an average nine-month academic period. None of the figures included in this survey take into account millions more in payments to Wilkes, money spent by the parents on the students' behalf, part-time and graduate students, expenditures made by the college or faculty salaries and expenditures.

Alumni Notes

John '69 and Virginia Hahn Zikor '70 - master's degrees, Wilkes College ... Robert T. Bond '64 master's degree, University of Scranton ... Mrs. Victor Oliveira (Catherine Chandler '72) gave birth to Caitlin Alice, February 1 ... John '72 and Ann Kucek Litz '68 gave birth to a daughter, Regan, February 3 ... Sarah Leonard Richardson '66 - Ph.D. degree, William and Mary College ... Dr. Ambrose Saricks '55 promoted to Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Kansas ... Nancy Ziobor '72 married George Yurek ... Beverly Carey '68, Barbara Mazalski '66 and Mary Ann Germaine Waskie '70 - master's degrees, Rutgers University ... Dr. Martin Tansy, Jr. '60 - professor at Temple University ... Louis Bartolini '69 - married Sharon Garippa.

Dr. Theodore Piczak '50 married Irene Bolesta ... Mary Ann Baron '70 - master's degree, Wilkes ... Mrs. Ron Caserta (Jean Diane, August 26, 1971) ... Phillip Constantine '68 - master's degree, William Paterson College ... Robert Ericson '66 married Marilyn Carol Way ... Leon '54 and Marilyn Levin gave birth to daughter, Tracy Michele, February 12.

Philip Cheliez, assistant professor at Massachusetts Community College, recently elected to "The Dictionary of International Biography," and was appointed mathematics editor for Mathematical Alternatives, Inc. ... Peter Beck - president of Beck and Sterling, Inc., Md., resides with his wife (Mollie Marie '56), and their three children in New Carrollton.

Joseph Kropiwnicki '53 - master's degree, Wilkes ... Mary Alice Battista (Mary Alice Nasalecki '71) - 6th grade teacher, Madison District Schools ... A son, Michael George, born February 20, to Michael '67 and Barbara Curilla. Curilla is teaching in the Willingboro School District ... A daughter, Karen Rachel, born May 9 to Joseph '63 and Elaine Wishart teacher, Hartford High School, Conn.

Richard Mark '71 - Pastor, United Methodist Church, Matous Hook, Pa. ... Richard Rowlands '63 - principal, Hanover Green School, Wilkes-Barre ... John Anderson '72 received graduate teaching assistantship from Wilkes ... James Mark '57 - chemistry professor, University of Michigan. Appointed visiting professor, University of Manchester, England, for summer ... Ira Krotzick '71 and Stephanie Dreher '71 - recently married.

Frederick Brown '68 - sixth grade teacher, Jefferson Elementary School, Pottstown ... John J. Liskey '66 - master's degree, Penn State ... Roy Shubert '69 married to Lydia McCloskey '65. Shubert promoted to senior accountant, Price Waterhouse & Co., Philadelphia ... Twins, John Garrett and Jenny Vanessa, born February 23 to Wayne '67 and Carolyn Oberzut Yetter '69.

A son, Steven, born January 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brooks '71 ... Lonnie Coombs '70 and Janet Thimm '71 recently married. Coombs is CPA at Haskins and Sells, Wilkes-Barre ... Evelyn Matelski, (Evelyn Moreno '67) - recently initiated into Rutgers University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society of Education.

The following alumni received their master's degrees in elementary education at June graduation ceremonies: Ann Kucek Litz '68, Linda Seymour Rockwell '68, Frances Kaminski '68, Darla Coombs '68, William Roberts '70, Marguerite Klinger Woodeshick '69, Lynn Johnson '69, Mary Jezierski Pormeza '69, Jane Westawski Muzyka '69, and Diane Stahl '69.

Ellen Ramsey '69 - master's degree, University of New Hampshire ... Hiroko Ito '67 - research scientist in biology department at NYU ... Robert Brown '68 - received M.D., Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Intern at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence ... A son, Stephan Joseph, born April 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Dorothy Kedda '67.

A son, Joel Scott, born January 25, to Mark '67 and Sandra Woolf Bauman '66 ... Atty. Frank Rioski '61 admitted to Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Assoc. ... John Mahon '68 - M.D. degree, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Will serve internship at Allentown Hospital ... David S. Peters '62 - interning in clinical psychology at Napa State Hospital, Imola, Calif. His wife, former Joan Pitney '64, working as psychiatric social worker.

Barbara Williams '70 - tenant relations director, Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority ... A son, Keith Robert, born May 3, to Mr. and Mrs. William Spanarelli. Mrs. Spanarelli is the former Jean Marie Cook '67 ... Claire Ann Klepadto '71 married John H. Reilly ... Stanley Urbanowicz, Jr. '68 earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ... Dr. Robert Sallavanti '63 - associate professor of chemistry, University of Scranton.

John Wodarska '70 married Cynthia Jackson '70. Wodarska is employed by Central & Southern Florida Food Control District ... A son, Lee Joseph, born February 8 to Michael

Dr. Robert E. Werner has been named chairman of the Commerce and Finance Department at the college. A veteran of 17 years in the department, Dr. Werner succeeds Dr. Samuel A. Rosenberg who recently relinquished the chairmanship after having served for a quarter of a century.

Dr. Francis J. Donahoe, professor of physics at the college, is attending the Gordon Research Conference held in Tilton, New Hampshire this summer on the Chemistry and Physics of Space. The Gordon Conferences were established to stimulate research in universities, research foundations, and industrial laboratories. This purpose is established by an informal type of meeting consisting of scheduled speakers and discussion groups.

Introduced in the current Annual Alumni Fund Appeal was membership in the Gene Farley Club. Alumni contributing \$100 or more annually to the Fund are eligible for membership and they receive an appropriate plaque featuring a bust of Dr. Farley as it appears on the official college medallion. In addition, all alumni contributions are still critically needed. If you haven't as yet responded to the appeal from campaign chairman Bob Melson '35 or your respective class agent, please mail your pledge to the Alumni Relations Office today.

A full Executive Committee of the Wilkes Alumni Association will meet Saturday, August 26, at Alumni House. A complete report of this meeting and the meetings of various subcommittees will be available at Homecoming, scheduled for October 20-22.

Two honorary degrees were awarded, Dr. Eugene S. Farley received the title of President Emeritus and 77 students were singled out for special recognition at the Silver Anniversary Commencement this June. The key speaker, William L. Wearly, chairman of Ingersoll-Rand received an honorary Doctor of Science Degree while special guest Congressman Daniel J. Flood was accorded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

'64 and Mary Lou Searles Raykovicz '65 ... A son, Sean Christopher, born January 20, to Dr. and Mrs. John Rokita '66. Dr. Rokita is opening an office for the practice of periodontics in Wilkes-Barre.

Dale Resue '70 received D.M.D., University of Pennsylvania. Will serve as dentist for two years at U.S. Naval Clinic in Philadelphia. His wife is the former Bonita Rensa '69 ... Patricia Cieplak '69 married Arthur Granito ... Virginia Valentine (Virginia Steckel '68) - nursing instructor at St. Mary's Junior College ... A son, Creighton Wade, born March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawrence Gubanich '65.

Frank Cognetti '64 - music teacher, North Plainfield High School, N.J. ... Mark Cohen '66 - cited in Newsweek as one of East's top photographers. His studio is located at 32 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre ... Donna Edford '70 - member of technical staff, Bell Telephone Laboratories ... A daughter, Christina Charlotte, born December 6, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huber. Mrs. Huber is former Sylvia Carstensen '67.

Richard Mitarnowski '70 married Jean Klukosovsky. Mitarnowski is employed by Lackawanna County Board of Assistance ... Peter Ricci '66 - manager with Leslie Fay, Inc., Throop, Pa. ... Robert Holliday '69 - social studies teacher, East Islip High School. He married Sharon Going '69 ... A daughter, Elaine Bari, born August 7, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Silverstein. Mrs. Silverstein is former Claire Handler '63 ... Edward Roke '70 psychology instructor at College Misericordia. He married the former Jeanette Melick '72 ... William Kwochko '69 married Linda Longacre ... Joseph Putrush '70 completed two years pharmacy school at Temple. Will enter Temple University School of Medicine in fall ... A daughter, Kimberly, born February 3 to James '68 and Patricia Zawoiski Kozemchak '69.

Daniel Alters '71 married Shirley Ann Knautz '72 ... Michael Philo '68 received his V.M.D. from University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine ... A son, Shaws Patrick, born January 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nihen, III '69. Nihen is social studies and science teacher at St. Ann Parish School, Lansford, Pa. ... A son, Bruce Jr., born Aug. 2, to Bruce '69 and Carol Womelsdorf '69. Brugel is claims representative, American Mutual Insurance, Flushing.

Marianne Baker '70 married Debra Peterson ... Marietta Burridge '71 married Vincent Schiavo. Mrs. Schiavo is employed at Wilkes-Barre Area School District.



WILKES Report

Nixon Visits Wilkes With \$4-Million Check

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Last night's Homecoming graduates.

Highly anticipated Homecoming Quinceanera.

Miss Koch, Cardias, Long Pittston, and Homecoming - the same old time, the Homecoming continued to grow activities for graduates.

This year was that it marked College's record damages result.

At halftime game, Dr. Francis J. Michelini, Wilkes College that four months sitting under 28.

At the State Dinner, the Colgate to the silver Featured speaker, Michelini on "Will Post-Flood."

An Ecumenical Center for the

Wilkes

Out of the tons deposited on the Wilkes campus, a ray of hope—as the Learning Center on

Last June, Wilkes



President Richard M. Nixon (left) presents a check for \$4-million to Wilkes College President Francis J. Michelini with a warm handshake as presidential aide Frank Carlucci (center) looks on.

"Operation Snapback" efforts reaped success with the arrival of President Richard M. Nixon on the Wilkes College campus and the presentation of a check in the amount of \$4-million.

President Nixon presented the check directly to President Francis J. Michelini, saying, "this is one check that won't bounce. Dr. Mike."

The check was only a first installment, with \$6-million more to arrive in the near future, covering the estimated loss of \$10-million caused in June by the record flooding of the Susquehanna River.

"Operation Snapback" represents an all-out effort on the part of students and college personnel who responded to a plea for "manpower and elbow grease" from Dr. Michelini in an effort to overcome what had at first appeared to be an almost fatal blow to the liberal arts institution.

The future growth of the college and the efforts to keep the institution at its present high level of operation depends on financial grants from the federal agencies, alumni contributions, and other sources.

"Operation Snapback" was termed a major success when, on July 5, some 10 days after the flood, summer day and evening classes resumed. The early return was a result of the cleanup and the fact that facilities above the first floors were unharmed.

Phase II of "Operation Snapback" began in August when paint buckets and brushes replaced shovels and payloaders. The dormitories and classroom buildings were all

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