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Dear friends:

In this issue of the Wilkes University *Quarterly* we celebrate achievement — achievement that has been fostered by our University.

Here we review the successes of students who have completed a course of study and earned their degrees, who after several years of intellectual challenge have emerged as stronger, deeper thinking individuals. We highlight those who have excelled, graduating with honors and awards. We present Dr. Chris Woolverton '82 and Dr. John Pikulski '63, winners of the Wilkes alumni awards for distinguished efforts in their careers.

We also recognize the recipients of honorary degrees, John Pomerantz, chief executive officer of Leslie Fay and our challenging Commencement speaker, and Dizzy Gillespie, whose illness kept him from appearing. He was ably represented by the great jazz drummer, Max Roach. In honor of Gillespie, the Wilkes Jazz Ensemble played his compositions and arrangements in place of the traditional Commencement music, prompting our Marshall, Dr. Charles Reif, to dance from the stage as the Ensemble offered a sparkling rendition of Dizzy's "Salt Peanuts" for the recessional.

Memories prompted by the 20th anniversary of the flood are also included in this issue. In a way, these memories are also a celebration — a celebration of endurance. Surely no other college or university in this nation has faced devastation of the magnitude inflicted on Wilkes by Agnes's raging waters. Yet the college not only endured but quickly recovered and moved ahead, thriving as it recognized its own strength.

Thank you for all your support as we endeavor in the 1990s to fulfill the promise of excellence that for almost 60 years has been the hallmark of Wilkes.

Sincerely,
Christopher N. Breiseth
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President



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Pride and joy reign supreme as Walter Ogozaly congratulates his wife, Christine Ellen, on her graduation from Wilkes University. Christine earned her degree in electrical engineering cum laude. Photo by Curtis Salonick.

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Pomp and Circumstance and all that Jazz!



Wilkes Commencement plays a musical tribute to Dizzy Gillespie



"Committed individuals can still make a difference," said John Pomerantz, chief executive of the Leslie Fay Companies, as he challenged Wilkes University graduates to be committed and make a difference.

Citing the lone Chinese man who stood in front of a convoy of tanks in Tienamen Square, Boris Yeltsin and Nelson Mandela as examples,
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Commencement moments.

Above, Eva Coates Burrell, who earned a degree in communications, is surrounded by family: Rachel Coates, Mark Duell, Regina Duell, Andrew Coates, Rachel Coates Knowles, Diana Duell and Jerry Burrell.

At right, a hug for Scott Seecherman, who earned his degree in business administration.

At far right, Kurt Hardenburg, who earned a degree in business administration, receives congratulations from his friend, Katie March.





Max Roach
Jazz drummer and composer

Pomerantz told the graduates to give society and the world the push it needs to move forward.

"The concept of individuality in politics, in business, in sports, and one's personal life is the one thing that separates one human being from another and distinguishes them in their endeavors," added Pomerantz in his first major address in the Wilkes-Barre area.

It's a challenge John Pomerantz doesn't take lightly as he reaffirmed his company's commitment to the Wilkes-Barre area.

As the employer of about 2,000 area residents and 5,000 worldwide, Leslie Fay recently authorized development of a multi-million dollar dress manufacturing facility in the area. As a further commitment to the Valley, the company will strengthen its relationship with Wilkes University and other local institutions with the continuation of the Leslie Fay scholarship program for the children of company employees.

From the opening strains of the processional, "Sundance," the ceremony broke tradition, featuring an array of jazz tunes to honor John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie.

Wilkes awarded 410 undergraduate and 58 graduate degrees making the Class of 1992 one of the largest in University history. Pomerantz and Gillespie were awarded Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. Max Roach accepted the degree on behalf of his friend and colleague who was unable to attend due to an illness.

"Dizzy has been a teacher to us all," said Roach. "Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, myself and countless others have him to thank for our success. I am honored to receive this degree on his behalf and send his best wishes to each of the graduates."

The 68-year old Roach has been playing the drums since he was ten and has known Gillespie since the two played together in the 1940s. Roach played and recorded with a number of groups led by Gillespie. Their duet recording, "Max & Dizzy - Paris 1989" was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1990.

Citation for John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie

John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, we honor you in absentia through your long-time friend, collaborator in jazz, master drummer and composer, Max Roach, for your extraordinary career as a professional musician and entertainer. For almost all of your 75 years you have entertained your fellow human beings with your own compositions, arrangements, and incomparable trumpet. Conductor of your own bands and orchestras, you also performed in many other great bands with colleagues who, together with you and Max Roach, constitute most of the great men and women of jazz, the major musical contribution of American culture to the world. Your own innovative approach to improvisation over complex rhythms supplied the father Gene of Bebop, and the music world has never been the same. Your compositions, your individual phrases and musical licks are recognized by lovers of jazz everywhere. Every instrument, every

player in every jazz band has been influenced by your original genius and your unique musical voice. As your nickname "Dizzy" attests, you have laced this powerful and sophisticated musical legacy with great good humor, tickling your listeners even as you attempt to reach their souls. You have, since the 1950s, been an ambassador for jazz and for your native America to people on every inhabited continent. Through your music and now through your United Nation Orchestra, you have brought young musicians from throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, and Cuba together with North Americans to combine traditional American Jazz with Latin rhythms, a synthesis you were one of the first to foster. Not content to be limited to the admittedly great variety of expressive modes in your entertainer's arsenal, you have in your eighth decade turned to film as composer and arranger and also as actor in "Winter in

Lisbon" to portray the crippling effects of racism on human beings. As you began celebrating this special birthday year with a schedule of performances all over this planet that would have been daunting to a performer half your age, your body finally talked back. Obey it and the loving orders of Lorraine, your wife and companion of more than half a century, so that your audiences can hear once more your always fresh tones. We trust that this recognition of your great contributions from your friends at Wilkes University will contribute to that healthful objective. It is with great pleasure and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Wilkes University Board of Trustees and the state of Pennsylvania that I confer upon you, John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, through your long-time friend Max Roach, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

Citation for John Pomerantz

John J. Pomerantz, you are a model of successful leadership, both in the fashion industry and in our broader society where you have demonstrated a high degree of creative philanthropy. You represent an increasingly rare phenomenon, a son who has taken over his father's business and moved it to new heights of national and international success. Your father, Fred P. Pomerantz, brought Leslie Fay from the garment district in New York to the Wyoming Valley in 1946, thereby creating desperately needed jobs for an area facing chronic recession.

Happy with the strong work ethic and loyalty of the Valley's work force, you as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, have recently expanded the manufacturing, distribution, and administrative facilities of Leslie Fay in the Greater Wilkes-Barre area. With more than 2,000 local employees out of 5,000 worldwide, you have kept faith with the people who helped make Leslie Fay a world leader of moderate-priced women's apparel. While your company grew with the rapid expansion of retail outlets in the 1980s, you anticipated the slowdown of the 1990s and the resulting alteration of consumer spending habits by a restructuring of your organization and a sharpening of your strategic plans guided by the ambitious goal to be the best apparel maker in America, creating apparel with

value for every woman in the country at an affordable price no matter what her pocket-book or physical size.

In this restructuring and refocusing of Leslie Fay, you have been the most people-oriented individual in the entire organization. While others ask how each change will affect cost, you ask how it will affect people. Your father, a stern taskmaster, came to recognize the great value to the company of your people-centered approach, seeing that you more than he had the genius to lead Leslie Fay. In a similar way, you have recognized the world, not just the nation, as your theater of operations. As a result, you have kept Leslie Fay competitive internationally and growing, while expanding jobs here at home. There is much for other American companies to learn from you and Leslie Fay.

Again following your father's example, you have been a leading philanthropist, investing your time and resources in the strengthening of your own fashion industry, in educational institutions, in the arts, and in promoting public awareness of the AIDS crisis early on when few public or corporate leaders dared raise their voices. You have inspired others to invest as you have in research to discover a cure for this dread disease. A graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, you chair its undergraduate board. You are Vice



John Pomerantz
Chief Executive
Leslie Fay Companies

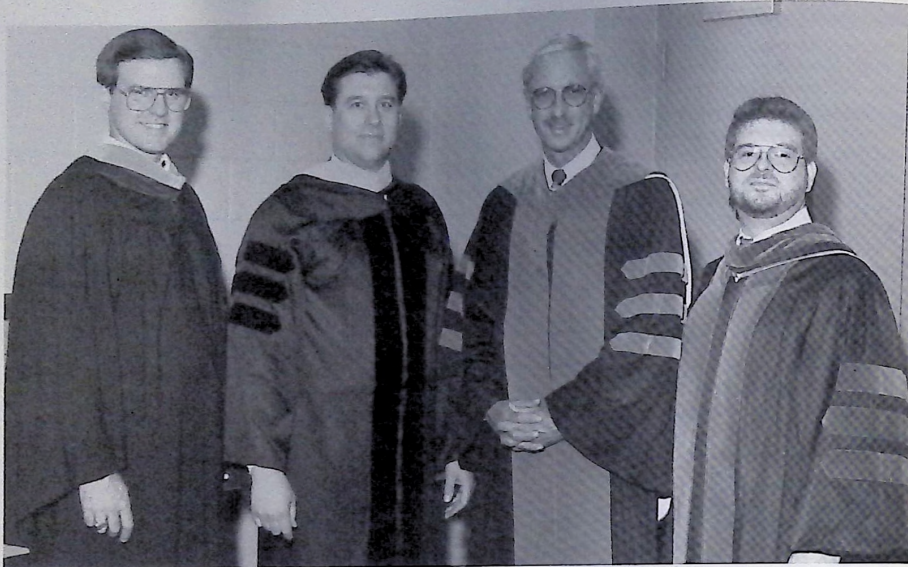
Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Fashion Institute of Technology, which in 1988 bestowed upon you its "One Man Makes a Difference" award. You are a member of the Board of Directors of the American Committee of the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion in Israel. You are a member of the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein Medical School, which conferred its Humanitarian Award upon you in 1984. Yeshiva University also recognized your many contributions when conferring an honorary degree upon you as Wilkes University does today.

Music and the fine arts of New York City have been repeated beneficiaries of your generous support. Father of three daughters, Andrea, Susie, and Marnie, you have shown your commitment to young people by investing your time, talents and resources not only in your girls but in the boys of New York as Chair of the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The International Officers of B'Nai B'Rith gave you their "Champion of Youth Award." You and your wife Laura, Corporate Vice-President of the Leslie Fay Companies, Inc., are the very model of a modern enlightened partnership in marriage and business.

In recognition of your exemplary leadership, and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Wilkes University Board of Trustees and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I confer upon you, John J. Pomerantz, the degree of doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.



Recognition to the top student in each of the University's schools went to Vincent P. Socci (left), Ronald David Rainey and Matthew Eric Reinert. Socci was honored by the School of Science and Engineering, Rainey by the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and Reinert by the School of Business, Society and Public Policy.



From left: Alumni director Anthony J. Shipula Jr. '78, Alumni Association President John Baron '75, Dr. John Pikulski '63 and Dr. Chris Woolverton '82.

Alumni Awards

Farley Award goes to Pikulski '63

John J. Pikulski, Ph.D. of Newark, Delaware, a professor of education at the University of Delaware who specializes in reading, is the recipient of the 1992 Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award.

Currently researching children who learn to read at very early ages and instructional strategies for vocabulary development, Dr. Pikulski has long been recognized as one of the nation's foremost teacher educators.

While directing the Reading Center at the University of Delaware and consulting with numerous school districts nationwide, Dr. Pikulski has also written a monthly column for *The Reading Teacher* and headed the journal's assessment department. He serves on the board of the International Reading

Association. He has co-authored two books, *The Acquisition of Reading and Informal Evaluation Procedures*, and has contributed to several editions of the Houghton Mifflin Reading/Language Arts Programs. He is senior author of Houghton Mifflin's 1991 program, *The Literature Experience*. He has served on the editorial advisory boards for several journals including *The Reading Teacher*, *Reading Research and Instruction*, and the *Journal of Reading Behavior*.

The Farley award is presented annually to an alumnus who epitomizes those characteristics of an educated person celebrated by Wilkes's first president; seeks truth, for without truth there can be no understanding; pos-

sesses vision, for vision precedes all great attainments; is aware of the diversity of ideas and beliefs that exist among people; has faith in the power of ideals to shape the lives of people; knows that progress requires intellectual vigor, moral courage, and physical endurance; cultivates inner resources and spiritual strength, for they enrich our daily living and sustain us in times of crisis; has ethical standards which form the basis for creating and maintaining personal and public relationships; respects the religious convictions of all; participates constructively in the social, economic, cultural, and political life of the community; and communicates ideas in a manner that assures understanding, for understanding unites us all in our search for truth.

Alumni Awards

Woolverton wins young alumnus honors

Dr. Christopher J. Woolverton '82 of Sherman, Texas, a professor at Austin College, is the winner of this year's Distinguished Young Alumnus Award.

The award recognizes an alumnus who was graduated in the last ten years and who best exemplifies the traditions of Wilkes University. Those traditions include: vision, understanding of people, maintenance of convictions and loyalty, respect for differences and adherence to ideals that create unity and good will amidst diversity.

A 1982 magna cum laude graduate of Wilkes, Woolverton is an assistant professor of biology at Austin College, Austin, Texas, where he teaches courses in microbiology, immunology, cell

biology, parasitology, and policy studies in biotechnology and in cancer biology. He is the author of numerous articles and abstracts and has contributed chapters to several texts.

In 1991, Woolverton was chosen to travel to the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia with an infectious disease delegation as part of the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International. As a member of the delegation, he was invited to present a lecture on the consequences of bacterial colonization at the Institute for Immunology in Moscow and at the J.E. Purkyně Czech Medical Society in Prague. Upon his return, Woolverton provided an update on infectious diseases in the

Soviet Union to the Texas chapter of the American Society for Microbiology.

Dr. Woolverton received his Ph.D. from West Virginia University and completed postdoctoral studies in the department of gastrointestinal biology and disease at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Woolverton and his wife, Nancy Jo, have two daughters, Lyssa Nicole and Samantha Jo.

Steele receives Carpenter Award

Dr. Michael A. Steele, assistant professor of biology, was honored with the Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award for the 1991-92 academic year.



A faculty member since 1989, Steele specializes in plant and animal interactions and small mammal communities. He has directed research with colleagues and undergraduate students which include the physical and chemical adaptations of acorns for dispersal by seed predators, the effects of dietary tannin on mammalian gut morphology and the biogeography of small mammals on islands in the Susquehanna River.

"Research programs are an important part of my teaching activities," said Steele. "The search for solutions to the environmental problems we face today can begin by instilling the importance of basic research skills in our students. My contribution to science lies not only in research, but in the development of new scientists."

Steele holds a Ph.D. in biology from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, and is a magna cum laude graduate of Millersville University with a B.S. in biology.

Thomas named inspirational teacher

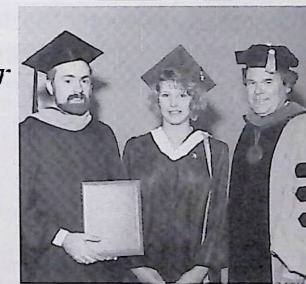
Thomas J. Thomas Jr., a counselor for the Upward Bound program at Wilkes, has been selected as the Wilkes University Inspirational Teaching Award recipient for 1992.

The award recognizes a pre-college teacher with an outstanding record in preparing students for college and for the life of the mind.

Recipients are nominated by graduating seniors.

Nominated by Michele Kondracki, Thomas served as Kondracki's counselor in the Upward Bound program.

Discouraged about college by poor SAT scores and grades, Kondracki was accepted in the Upward Bound program where she met Thomas. "He taught me the importance of believing in myself and not letting hardship bring me down," wrote Kondracki in her nominating letter. "He helped me discover that my poor grades could be changed by improving my study skills." Kondracki was graduated magna cum laude with a



Thomas, Kondracki and Dean Robert Heaman, who presented the award.

bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Supported by a federal grant, Upward Bound assists students with economic and educational difficulties.

"We do what it takes, not only to get the students to college, but to do well with their studies," said Thomas.

With degrees in secondary education and elementary education from East Stroudsburg, Thomas also holds a master's education from Wilkes.

The Upward Bound program at Wilkes University celebrated its 25th anniversary this spring.

Professors Emeriti Class of'

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DeYoung in 1964



Gutin in 1964



Kanner in 1949

Professor Robert DeYoung, Economics

It may be very difficult to find Robert DeYoung these days. Instead of finding him in his Fortinsky Hall office helping a student with economics homework, he may be touring Russia to study its economic condition or in New England photographing church steeples for the book he's hoping to publish. Anticipating retirement after 32 years at Wilkes, DeYoung said, "I plan to spend about three weeks in Russia. I have always had a strong interest in the Soviet economy and I would like to see first-hand how life is now in Russia." During a study tour on health care in 1986, he added, "you could sense a need for change and an attempt for a counter revolution."

DeYoung, a native of Rhode Island, is also fascinated with the church steeples of New England and enjoys studying and photographing them. "The church steeples are all unique and very beautiful. It is a very unique and rare art form that I hope to capture in a book," said DeYoung, who also plans to spend about half the year in his house in Maine.

Dr. Stanley Gutin, English

After 33 years at Wilkes, Dr. Stanley Gutin expects to miss his classes, his committees and his college. He enjoyed serving on the Faculty Tenure and Promotions Committee, teaching Modern British Poetry and Poetry by Women best and has always had a soft spot in his heart for English majors because "they remind me so much of myself when I was their age!"

Gutin also will leave behind a great friend and colleague, Dr. Benjamin Fiestler. "We have shared an office together during our time at Wilkes and we have become very good friends." Gutin joked that every time he and Fiestler settled into a new office they would get orders to move because the building was to be demolished. "We were always moving from one of these exquisite buildings to the next."

Although Gutin has witnessed the University undergo many physical and academic changes, he said the students were always the same — nice. "They were always courteous and kind," Gutin said, remembering the time he walked into class after his child was born and the students applauded him.

Professor Joseph Kanner '49, Psychology

If Wilkes were to give a 'Perfect Attendance' award to a professor, Joe Kanner would be the recipient. During his 43 years at Wilkes, Kanner claims "I have never missed a semester, even in the summer!" And he doesn't plan on missing any more semesters. Kanner, director of testing services, professor of psychology and an integral part of the University's counseling program for pre-med students, retired this May but will return to teach on a part-time basis beginning this summer.

He started at Wilkes as an undergrad in 1946 and received his degree in three years. Shortly before he graduated, President Farley pulled Kanner aside and gave him the opportunity to begin teaching with his bachelor's degree while working toward his graduate degree. Kanner believes this was "the opportunity of a lifetime!"

Wilkes has always been special to Kanner. "The people are congenial, honest and fair. Not only is this a friendly atmosphere, it's a terrific intellectual atmosphere," said Kanner. "Maybe college students are as nice and thoughtful everywhere, but I really don't think so." Kanner recalled a time shortly after his wife passed away when a group of students brought him a present. "These students knew I had trouble with two things after my wife passed away: housework and matching my clothes. So, they gave me two basic blazers, a dark one and a red one. I was just so touched by the gesture. It was a great way of saying 'thank you!'"

Dr. Howard Swain, Chemistry

When Dr. Howard Swain arrived at Wilkes 32 years ago, the new project was the graduate program in chemistry. His years here have been filled with new projects and changes — a situation he values greatly. Not only was the graduate school growing but the chemistry department and Wilkes were also going through growth spurts. "The school and the department grew not only in size but also in reputation."

Over the years the health care programs have grown which has helped the chemistry department, he said. "The pre-med and nursing students need chemistry just as much as the chemistry majors do," said Swain. In the 1980s, the big change was the addition of biochemistry courses.

Another big change was the addition of strict chemical controls. "When studying chemistry, safety is always preached but stricter regulations in the area of waste management meant changes for the department. We hired a laboratory manager in an attempt to be in line with the regulations. When dealing with chemicals there is no margin for error," said Swain.

Most of all, Swain will miss teamwork with colleagues and students. Along with teaching, Swain enjoyed doing research with students. "It was a great way to get to know the students and I think we learned from each other."

Swain plans on spending his retirement doing physical chemistry research and spending more time with his grandchildren.

Professor Thomas Moran '49, Communications

Tom Moran is: a) a Wilkes graduate, b) a past Wilkes public relations director, c) a Wilkes emeritus professor of communications, or d) all of the above.

If you answered 'd' you were right!

Moran came to Wilkes in 1945 as a student. "G.I.'s were coming out of the service and they were a special bunch. They ran the campus and instilled determination in other students. They were in a situation of leadership, being a little older than the other students and a little wiser, and they knew it. They gave a lot to the school and the other students, and they helped Wilkes grow."

Moran also attributed the growth of Wilkes to another man who was very special to Moran, Dr. Eugene S. Farley. "Farley was always a strong man and his strength reflected in his work at Wilkes."

Farley offered Moran his first job at Wilkes in public relations. "It started out that Farley would call in the scores from the sporting events to the local papers and he asked me if I would take over and write sports for Wilkes at a rate of a 25 cents every quarter inch of copy. I couldn't refuse."

This job turned into a full-time public relations job after Moran graduated. Moran kept the job for two years, working all weekend, while gaining his master's degree from Columbia University. He returned to Wilkes again in 1970 as public relations director, staying until 1977, when he left to become president of Luzerne County Community College.

Coming back once again to Wilkes in 1990 to teach communications, he tried again to follow Farley's lead. "Farley once told me that to get the best from students simply tell them what's needed and get out of the way. I tried to do just that."

Professor Rosendo Santos, Music

With scores of scores to his credit, Rosendo Santos can't begin to count his musical compositions. He knows he has written three major symphonies, several concertos, several film scores, dozens of sacred choral works and, in the past year, seven overtures. Santos, who is listed in the *New Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, writes daily for his students, his church and for almost anyone who asks. And with his retirement in May, he expects to write even more.

A native of the Philippines, Santos began his career as a concert band and choir director. Then came the lure of the movies. "I was asked to write the musical scores for films and I thought it sounded new and interesting." His music set the mood for most of the movies made in the Philippines in the post-World War II years.

In 1956, he moved to London to study composing for films and planned on eventually making it to Hollywood. During his time in London he wrote several film scores and was chosen to conduct an orchestra performance for the Queen Mother, which he describes as "an incredible honor."

Although he planned on making it to Hollywood, he stopped for further education along the way — at Catholic University and West Virginia University — and discovered he loved to teach.

After getting married, Santos wanted an appropriate place to raise a family. "Wilkes was just what I was looking for — a good school in a small area." The years have proved him right. Santos still loves the opportunity "to know all my students individually."

Santos and his wife, Harriet, are active members in the Mozart Club and he is the organist and choral director at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, where Harriet is an associate pastor. All three of their sons study music, but Santos said each made his own decision. "Music was a big part of our family life, but my wife and I encouraged the boys to pursue other interests along with music." Erik, the oldest, is working toward a doctorate in music composition at the University of Michigan; Nathan received his degree in music from Wilkes this May and will continue his studies at the University of Miami, while Jason, the youngest, is a junior music major at Wilkes.

Professor Herb Simon, Art

The Wyoming Valley's strong tradition in art and its proximity to the major metropolitan art centers were the main attractions when Prof. Herb Simon came to Wilkes 23 years ago.

Once a public school teacher in New York City, Simon preferred university teaching because the students are more mature and the majority of students are "anxious and serious about education." Finding a university with easy access to New York City, so classes can easily visit there, made all the difference.

Throughout Simon's teaching career he has worked on his own projects and has had many shows and exhibits in and around Northeastern Pennsylvania. Although Simon began as a painter, he concentrates on sculpture now and his work can be seen throughout the Wyoming Valley.

During his years at Wilkes, Simon has seen the university take on a much more professional image although it has remained as warm and friendly as the day he arrived. But there is one change that Simon feels would be a great advantage to the school and the region. "The Collegiate Art Museum (a joint effort between Wilkes and King's College) that has been under tentative plans would be a great boost to the school and give the region another museum. I think such a showcase would attract many more art students to Wilkes University."

Simon, who plans on becoming a full-time artist after his retirement, feels the students at Wilkes were very helpful to him in his own endeavors. "I enjoyed working with the students very much. Many times they gave me new ideas or a different insight on a project."



Swain in 1966



Moran in 1949



Santos in 1969



Simon in 1978

Professors Emeriti
Stories by
Melissa Margis '93

Wandell awards go to Hoffman, Reinert

Charlotte Hoffman of Weatherly and Matthew Eric Reinert of Shavertown were honored during Commencement as the recipients of the 1992 Mable Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell awards.

Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs, presented the awards, which go to the female and male graduates having attained the highest academic average for the four years at Wilkes.

The Mable Scott Wandell Award was presented to Charlotte Hoffman, who received her B.S. in biology with a chemistry minor. Hoffman began work as a research technician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in the area of pediatric infectious diseases just two days after commencement.

Hoffman began conducting research as early as her sophomore year at Wilkes and participated in research at the Center for Molecular Biology at Lehigh University the following summer. Between her junior and senior years she was hired at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville to teach the employees to perform a special DNA transfer technique used in genetic research.

"The research opportunities Wilkes provided taught me something that books can't," Hoffman noted. She served as a teaching assistant in the chemistry department labs at Wilkes and tutored other students in biology and chemistry.

A Presidential Scholar, Hoffman was also awarded the Grace C. Kimball Scholarship in Biology and the Charles



B. Reif Scholarship for the Biological Sciences. She was a member of the Biology and Earth and Environmental Science Clubs and treasurer of the Chemistry Club.

Daughter of Mrs. Julie Hoffman of Weatherly, Charlotte is planning a July wedding with fellow Wilkes graduate Dan Moser of New Columbia. The couple will reside in Bensalem.

Matthew Eric Reinert of Shavertown is the winner of the Sterling Leroy Wandell Award. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration and psychology.

Reinert plans to attend law school after spending a year as a clerk with Reinert and Nocito in Kingston. He is interested in practicing sports or entertainment law.

A Trustee Scholar at Wilkes, Reinert was a member of the wrestling team for three years and was listed on the athletic honor roll. He was also the treasurer of the Psychology Club and Psi Chi, the psychology honor society.

"I feel confident about the education that I received at Wilkes," said Reinert. "Along with the strong sense of community on campus, there was a diversity that provided learning experiences beyond the classroom."

Wittman wins Alumni Leadership Award

Thomas Townsend Wittman Jr. of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, has received the Alumni Leadership Award for 1992. The Alumni Association presents the award annually to the member of the graduating class considered to have made the strongest contribution to student life and the student activities program.

A 1984 graduate of Cinnaminson High School, Wittman worked for his father's business before beginning his studies at Wilkes. He was graduated from Wilkes with a degree in political science.

With political aspirations as part of his long-range plan, Wittman will travel to Washington, D.C. to investigate opportunities on Capitol Hill. He may also return to work for his father.

As president of the Wilkes student government, Wittman has left his mark as an innovative student leader. He developed the Off-Campus Council and was at the forefront of the efforts of both Wilkes and King's College students to

develop healthier relations between off-campus students and the community.

"The development of Tom's leadership skills and his involvement with his campus and community have been extraordinary," said Jane Lampe-Groh, dean of student affairs at Wilkes.

As a student, Wittman was employed by the Wilkes Residence Life office as a resident assistant.

"I'm happy that I chose Wilkes University," noted Wittman. "At Wilkes I've been able to get involved with many people and a lot of different projects. Acting as a liaison between students and faculty has given me a new understanding of the leadership skills needed to accomplish goals."



Commencement stories by STEPHANIE SIMMONS



A Flood of Memories

Former President Francis Michelini looks back across 20 years at the Agnes flood

President Michelini and Dean Jim Toole were in Harrisburg for an engineering conference back in June, 1972, when they first heard about possible flooding on the Susquehanna.

Michelini was nervous because both his campus and his home and family were but a short, grassy dike away from the river.

But it seemed to be a false alarm.

The lower Susquehanna tributaries near Harrisburg were already flooding,

Slide taken by Biology Professor Wilbur Hayes shows former President Michelini in his boat.

but that was not unusual for that area.

And the river in Wilkes-Barre when they left that Wednesday was only four feet deep — you could practically walk across it.

Michelini and Toole decided not to come home early. Pennsylvania was host to the national technology conference they were attending, Michelini as a member of the Governor's

Science Advisory Committee and Toole as a member of the planning committee. Besides it just didn't appear necessary. Anne Marie Michelini assured her husband when he called her Thursday evening,

"I was confident that Wilkes-Barre would be protected," Michelini said as he looked back across 20 years at those memorable days. "When we came to Wilkes in 1955 the dikes were being raised to a level three feet above the 1936 flood level. We were protected to a 500 year flood probability."

Late Thursday evening, Michelini heard radio requests for people with boats to check in with civil defense officials. Still phone calls home elicited no concern, but by seven o'clock Friday morning it was a different story. Anne Marie called to say the river was rising rapidly and evacuation had been called

for at five o'clock that morning.

"Get home as fast as you can," became the first order of business.

The usual route along the river from Harrisburg to Wilkes-Barre was impassable so he and Dean Toole took the tumpike east to the Northeast Extension, coming in to town by the high road. There were no speed limits that day and they raced in to Wilkes by 9:30 Friday morning.

He ungaraged his boat and the college's new environmental science boat and had the maintenance crew check them in with Civil Defense, then began to check out the campus.

Memories

Wagih Taylor

Because my office was on the fourth floor of Parrish Hall, I had no direct work related problems. However, I was not so fortunate from a personal standpoint. On the day of the flood I was in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital with Gina, my three day old baby daughter, who is now a sophomore at Wilkes. As the news of the flood came to us in the hospital I wondered about the whereabouts and condition of the rest of my family, as well as the condition of my newly acquired house in Kingston, in which I had only lived three days before I went to the hospital. The following day I received a phone call from my family in Scranton where they had taken refuge from the flood waters. It was not until a few days later, after the flood water had receded, that I learned the conditions of my (by now) one week old house, viz., that three feet of water in the first floor had destroyed all of the household items on that floor as well as many other items that were still in unpacked containers in the basement. After extending my stay in the hospital as long as possible, with the cooperation of my doctor, baby Gina and I also took refuge in Scranton for a few days until Gina was able to travel with the family to Chicago where we spent the next month. When we returned to Kingston we lived in a trailer in the front yard of our newly acquired, never used, house for several months until the house was made livable again.

In Farley Library, he joined a chain of hands moving books from the rare books vault in the basement to upper levels.

What seemed like moments later, at 11:15 a.m., the sirens sounded, warning residents and workers that the battle on the dikes was lost and to move immediately to higher ground.

With his family moved to safety with former neighbors on Dana Street, Michelini began a last tour of campus to make sure everyone was out.

To his dismay, he learned that Bill Gasbarro was still in the 18-month-old music building. He dashed through the corridors, shouting Gasbarro's name until he found the professor who was searching for the master electrical connection to the building — and for his cat. (The cat, by the way, turned up safe and sound after the flood.)

By the time Michelini and Gasbarro reached the basement of the music building, hydrostatic pressure from the rising ground water was enormous. When they reached the underground electrical room, water was fountaining up through seams in the concrete floor.

Gasbarro cut the electricity. "It was dark as sin."

Making their way back through corridors now black as night, they reached the outdoors and found the river common and dike deserted. The people were gone.

Michelini headed for the firehouse on Ross Street where the boats were waiting and traded in his presidential duties for those of a flood rescue worker.

From its four foot level Wednesday, June 21, the water reached 37 feet on Friday morning, when it went over

Memories

Richard Chapline

There are so many thoughts that "flood" my mind when remembering June of 1972. At that time I was in Holland and I read a Paris Herald-Tribune article about floods in Northeast Pennsylvania. My first thought was "Oh, it's the Plymouth flats again." Arriving Saturday night in Lucerne I had a phone call from a friend in Dublin who had seen on the "telly" a view of young people piling sandbags along the dike in front of the CPA, and then fleeing when the water came over the top!

A former student met me in New York and took me to Clarks Summit where I waited out the night since the curfew allowed one only to enter the city during daylight hours. Tuesday morning we parked up at Hazle Street and walked down to my house in Mallery Place, wearing boots and bearing rudimentary cleaning equipment. It was an extraordinary sight—"flood-mud" everywhere, so that walking was truly treacherous—every structure bearing marks of how high the river had risen.

My old frame house was miraculously intact, if forlorn, with the mark of the flood clearly visible just short six inches of the second floor. Another student and his wife were sitting on my front steps, with shovels, pails, rags and brooms. Together we broke down the wooden front door as it was inoperable and swollen from twenty-four hours under water.

The work of cleaning went on and on. I was always grateful there was cold water to rinse away mud but there was no gas, electricity or phone. I often thought how good it was that I had become a teacher because so many students came by to help with so many things I could never have done alone (such as the most terrible moment of all when my ruined Steinway grand piano was put at the curb for pick-up).

That same spring, the choir at the First Presbyterian Church had staged a performance of Benjamin Britten's "Noyes Fludde" in which George Ralston spoke the voice of God, I sang the part of Noah and Helen Ralston sang Mrs. Noah. Mallery Place was still a mess of mud and discarded junk, when down the street strode Jule Ayers, then minister at First Presbyterian, in boots. When Jule saw George and me out in our front yards working away, he shook his fist at us and dramatically spoke one of my most treasurable remembrances of the flood, "You two and your flood."

the dike, finally cresting at 40.7 feet Saturday night at 7:30.

Turning aside from his story, Michelini said Gen. Townend always reminded him that the dike did not break. Water topped the dike system and then ate away earth support from the less protected back side. The system was breached in three major areas: the Forty Fort Cemetery, Charles Street in Wilkes-Barre and again on the west bank in Edwardsville.

By 1:30 p.m., boats were being launched in the streets.

Memories

Owen Faut

Jim Bohning was chairman of the chemistry department at that time and was in his office when the flood warning came. He immediately went to our basement stockroom to remove dangerous materials from that location, especially hydrides (which would explode with water), acetylides (same problem), cyanides (water soluble to produce a deadly poison), and very reactive metals such as sodium and potassium.

Three or four days after the flood the authorities allowed us back into the valley. The usual roads and bridges were closed and we drove approximately 120 miles through back roads to go from Dallas to the campus.

After waters receded, several emergency generators were placed in the parking lot outside Stark Hall. Cables were run into our laboratories and we resumed summer school classes about one week after the flood with full laboratory experience. We would reach our classes in the morning, laboratories in the early afternoons, and shovel mud the rest of the day. The basement chemistry storeroom was quickly marked off limits to all but trained chemists—bottles and equipment had been thrown around by the flood waters. Corks were stuck to the ceiling, walls, and pipes. Not one bottle of chemicals was broken or had water inside it, but every label had been washed off and we suddenly found ourselves with dozens of unidentified chemicals. These were used as laboratory unknowns for several years.

A few days after the flood several members of the chemistry department walked down to the area where the dike had broken to view the damage. On the way back to campus the police warned everyone to leave the area because a chlorine gas leak had been discovered. Chlorine is a very corrosive gas which was used as a poison gas in World War I. We began to warn local residents to leave and found two elderly women who resisted evacuating their home in spite of this warning. One lady was especially reluctant claiming that chlorine was nothing but natural gas and therefore not particularly dangerous. When we explained the differences between chlorine and natural gas, she finally agreed to leave but not before we recovered a silver candle stand from behind an overturned chest of drawers.

Jim Bohning wrote to Chemical and Engineering News about the losses in our library. The chemical community responded so well that most of our offices were filled with donations of scientific books and journals. Wilkes should never forget the generosity of the scientific community in this crisis.

Harold and Kathryn Cox lived with us for five weeks during which Harold learned to tolerate lentil soup. Contrary to stories I have heard from similar situations, this time did not adversely affect our friendship, in spite of the lentil soup. Summer school continued right on schedule with students and faculty working shoulder to shoulder to clean up the campus. I recall it as a time of cooperation and camaraderie.

At first Michelini and his fireman passenger would simply boat the streets checking on water levels and urging people to leave their homes for higher ground. Many were confident the water would soon go down and refused to listen to warnings.

As they moved about, they judged water depth by landmarks.

As you boat a street, Michelini explained, if you see a fire hydrant, you turn back because the water isn't deep enough. Even where water is street-sign-deep, you have to be careful to stick to the center of the road for fear of

banging the motor on a submerged parked car.

And then came night.

"You have no idea how dark dark is," Michelini says of that first night.

He recalls especially the eerie look of gas lamps burning away in their glass houses and tow-truck flashers circling — all beneath the water.

He spent Friday night and Saturday daytime rescuing the "brave" people who had ignored evacuation orders, and disabled or elderly who had no earlier means of evacuation, often helping them into the boat from second story windows and ferrying them to the boat launch which the South Street bridge had become.

Some areas were beyond them. Charles Street, a short distance from campus, where water had first topped, then crumbled the dike, had such strong current that his 55-horse power engine was no match for its power, and travel in

Memories

Michael Barone

I was teaching both summer sessions. Most vivid is my recollection of the pall of gloom that hung about the city despite the manifest activity to clean up the muck.

Because I walked from home on Wright Avenue in Kingston to Chase Hall, I had many opportunities to witness the devastation that was evident on both sides of Market Street. In the first days after the flood, muck, dirt and dust were abundant. Fortunately, auto traffic was at a minimum. The trees along the dike were pastelled in flood brown. Miraculously, birds sang amidst the flood damage.

When classes resumed, mine were on the third floor of Chase Hall. No electricity, no cooling, damp smells, no water, semi-dark rooms, nothing contributed to an inviting learning experience. Nothing, that is, except we (professors, students, administration) were resolved that Wilkes would not perish.

I remember the long walk home, the many random thoughts about the institution, the future, the perseverance, the work that was required to stay on track, get things done, HOPE!

that area was extremely difficult and dangerous.

The panic when they saw a mannequin floating and thought it was a body; the fear of being called looters when they were tempted by cartons of cigars floating by, all are part of that blurred time when Michelini remembers working virtually without sleep for three days.

Saturday night remains clear. "That's when the fire broke out."

A report to Civil Defense that smoke was in the area led to the wholesale distribution center on Northampton Street, where they saw a red glow just above water level — the sign of a fire inching across the first floor ceiling.

It sounds silly to worry about fire in a flood. Michelini said, but for all the water, there is none of the pressurized water needed to fight fires.

He and his partner carried a portable gasoline powered pump for just such emergencies. Teaming up with another boat with firefighters, they approached the building.

They started the pump. The other team shattered the glass ready to insert the hose, when the pump died, never to recover. And the fire, now energized with a free supply of oxygen, surged up to engulf the building.

At few hours later at daylight, the

firefighters tried a new approach. A hose was attached to a hydrant still above water on the Northampton Street hill, tied to the boat, and towed two blocks to the fire. Two heroic fireman climbed a telephone pole to the roof of an adjoining building, from which they finally controlled the fire and kept it from spreading up into the Main Street area.

By Sunday morning the river had crested at 40.7 feet and begun receding. And by Monday it was down to 19 feet.

Michelini, who had stayed alert for three days with the adrenalin charge of an emergency, fell asleep for hours on a

friend's lawn and awoke to the extended challenge of flood recovery.

Because the campus lay in a backwater behind the major dike break, buildings sustained no structural damage but were layered in thick mud. Charles Street, on the other hand, which took the full force of the water, is a park now.

Weckesser Hall had taken only a few inches of water on the main floor. By habit, Michelini walked to his office and found the mail waiting for him, just as his secretary, Nance Cordy, had set it out days earlier.

Among the letters were two checks, totalling close to \$30,000 — truly, he felt, a gift from a Higher Power.

Memories

Stanley Gutin

My family and I had retreated that first morning from our home in South Wilkes-Barre to our aunt's apartment on the tenth floor of the Provincial Towers. I went down to work on the dike on Riverside Drive, but by 11 a.m. or so we were told to leave because we could not stop the water from coming over it. Walking back to my aunt's apartment, I found Herb Simon, who was looking for a place to go, and I invited him to come along. He stayed with us that first night.

We were awakened at my aunt's apartment at 5:30 the next morning. Fire alarms were ringing all around us, apparently set off by the flood waters that had arisen during the night. Provincial Towers was an island.

My family and I groped our way across a temporary bridge to the Park and Lock and were put in a motor-boat, which made its way out into Washington Street. The sounds of the water and the sirens were strong. The water was high enough that if we had stood up in the boat, we could have touched the traffic lights as we passed. They landed us at the South Street Bridge, from which we eventually made our way to a friend's house in Mountaintop, where we lived for three months.

Classes were started again within a week or so after we were able to return to the Valley. My American Literature class huddled close to the windows to see their texts (the electricity had not yet returned), and I read them a poem by an American poet about the great New England eclipse. A legislator had been making a speech in the legislature at the time that the eclipse arrived, and he said if this was the end of the world he wanted his Maker to find him doing his duty, so he continued to speak about fisheries. I told my students that we should also be found doing our duties, and we continued the normal work of the class.

Not only were the classrooms without electricity, but the floor boards were jugged and upturned. Yet the students turned up in full force for the classes. After my classes I would go home, change clothes, and spray water on my walls, throw furniture into the streets (along with my piano), and generally refurbish and clean my house for the time when we would return to it. My floor-boards at home were in excellent shape, after the mud and water were gotten rid of, because they were made of cheap yellow pine loosely put in, but a trip to the gymnasium at Wilkes showed those tightly constructed floors to have been converted into six- or seven-foot waves of wood.

We look back on those times, which seemed terrible then, with affection and enjoyment, no doubt distorting our memories to make hard times seem better than they were. But I remember many kindnesses from many people that were real then and remain real now.

Memories

Wilbur Hayes

At the time of the flood, Wilbur Hayes was a bachelor living in a first floor apartment near campus. He remembers walking nearby on June 23, watching the water come up and the fish swimming where cars usually ruled.

After the flood, he moved to a third floor apartment and later to a home — all within the floodplain.

"It makes you think about risk," he said. "My father was in the San Francisco earthquake in 1906. I was in this flood and worked as a volunteer after the Johnstown flood of 1975. To my mind there's really no place safe."

At once, Michelini sent a courier to Hazleton, the nearest place where the checks could be converted to cash, and began the recovery process. Cash was critical. No one had money. Banks were closed. Cash advances allowed faculty and staff to live through the crisis and provided funds to purchase generators, pumps, hoses, brooms; hundreds of items necessary to begin the massive clean up.

Because the Stark Learning Center

was under construction, contractors were on campus and ready to work immediately. Access to those top-notch contractors was also critical, for they had built the Wilkes campus and had deep personal interest in its recovery.

Wilkes borrowed only \$500,000 against its endowment to initiate the rebuilding from its \$12 million loss, managing its recovery through gifts, grants and federal disaster funds made available through legislation moved

Memories

Charles Reif

In front of our house on North Franklin Street the muddy current was strong, running about three feet deep. As the water entered our cellar through the back cellar door I could hear items bumping and banging as they were carried hither and yon.

Because the electricity was out I began, that first evening, to write the letters of recommendation to medical schools by candlelight. The flood crested about three in the morning and by eight the next morning our part of town was clear except for a layer of mud. I immediately rigged my garden hose and washed down all the houses I could reach with my hose. That saved a lot of work because once the mud dried it was very hard to get loose. Fortunately, the water supply was uninterrupted and that saved the day. We could drink the water and take baths and use the sanitary facilities.

My Carolyn had been warned at six in the morning the Market Street bridge would be closed at seven so she drove off in our Buick Super and went to her mother's house in Kingston. Her mother was 101 years old and her maid and nurse refused to move out. Shortly before the water broke the levee in Forty Fort the Kingston Police loaded my mother-in-law into the Buick and sent them out to our cottage in the country. There they stayed until November 16 by which time my mother-in-law's house had been repaired so that they could move back in.

On the second day after the water went down I walked down to the college. The Physics Department office was a shambles; however, on the floor, sticking out of the mud, was the corner of a clean piece of paper which looked familiar. I cleaned it off and it was my own catalogue of the plants of Luzerne County which I had spent twenty years assembling. My finding was a piece of good fortune.

I next went to the room in which the film library was kept and, of course, all the film had been under water. So I took the movie projector from the Biology Department up to my house, where electricity had been restored and ran those films through time after time. I directed the hot air exhaust onto the film as it was winding on the take up reel and so was able to dry them. That took a lot of time but I did save several dozen films which were used for years afterwards.

About the third week after the flood, Reed Acheson and I managed to batter in the door to the store room in the cellar of Stark Hall where biology supplies and other equipment was kept. Many cardboard boxes had been lifted by the water and were hanging from the heat pipes from the ceiling. Since no air had entered the room while it was shut, the atmosphere was just right for the growth of some kind of filamentous fungal threads nurtured by the paste in the cardboard boxes. The entire room was festooned in long fungal threads, many seven or eight feet long. It took Reed and me a week to clean that up. It was the hardest work of the entire event.

One of the theories about what caused Hurricane Agnes to move onto the continent and drop so much rain is that it was seeded by the federal government in an effort to decrease its strength. Some people think that the then President of the United States, Richard Nixon, knew about the seeding and that is what prompted him to hurry to Wilkes College with money to recover from the damage done to the college by the flood.

through the Congress by Dan Flood and Sens. Dick Schweiker and Hugh Scott.

For the next six weeks, the city lived under martial law.

Memories

Ruth McHenry

Ruth McHenry had been at Wilkes only nine months. She had yet to teach a class. She had only the grant money needed to start Wilkes's nursing program, which was slated to accept its first students in September.

And then came The Flood.

McHenry and her late husband, John, lived in South Wilkes-Barre, where he had weathered the flood of '36.

He was not inclined to leave home. Knowing there would be problems with looters and regulations about getting back to their home. So he started moving things upstairs and counseled that they sit tight. As a precaution, they tied their boat to the second story porch roof.

She packed up a load of food and carried it upstairs to see them through the ordeal. She laughs in retrospect. The bag contained milk, bread, cereal and cookies — hardly the nutritious meals a good nurse should plan.

The water rose, completely engulfing their staircase. Still they sat tight.

But when McHenry opened the door of a second story closet and water rushed to meet her, she was ready to leave.

They clambered out the window to the waiting boat. He used his paddle to propel and steer them, grabbing at treetops to maintain their course. She used her paddle to push off so they wouldn't smash through second story windows. They were almost defeated by the roaring current on Carey Avenue. But finally, powered by necessity and lighted only by a flashlight, they reached safe harbor at the South Street bridge at 3 in the morning.

Just two weeks later, she was back at work on the new nursing program. All the equipment, purchased with her first grant, was gone. She drafted a new grant, this time for disaster relief funds.

Against all odds, Wilkes did open its nursing program on schedule, she said. That fall, 25 students and four faculty members inaugurated nursing at Wilkes.

Since entry to the city was permissible only before 8 a.m. and exit only after 5 p.m., faculty and students who came to campus for summer classes (which continued in second floor classrooms), worked on clean-up before and after their class sessions. It was not an unusual sight to see students drying out files of papers on the lawns outside.

He remembers help unlooked for. Lines of fire engines from all over the eastern United States showed up to help pump out basements; Mennonite women from their disaster relief group would appear on the doorstep to help families clean up, and especially, the National Guard troops became a critical force in the college recovery.

"It was brute labor, mucking out every basement of all 58 campus buildings. Dan Flood, then among the most powerful men in Congress, rerouted the National Guard's summer campers from

routine training in North Carolina to hard work in Wilkes-Barre. Michelini recalls with gratitude. "We could not have gotten a work force to do what they did, and with never a complaint. They were from the Johnstown area and knew the devastation of floods. One of their sergeants died while on flood duty in Harrisburg and his comrades from Company C of the 103rd Armor, Pennsylvania National Guard from Ligonier and Johnstown, raised funds to replace the pipe organ from the music department as a memorial to him.

"The college moved quickly to established a recovery psychology," Michelini said. He credited Tom Moran in public relations for putting in action "Operation Snapback."

"It was an inspiring element in our recovery plan, not only for the college, but also for the community."

Memories

Eugene Hammer

At the time of the flood Roberta and I were attending the annual State Curriculum Conference at Shippensburg College. We drove down to Shippensburg in rain on Tuesday and were concerned to observe that the rain continued to fall and was quite heavy the next day. Because we had had a problem with rain coming into our basement, I called a colleague in the Education Department to request that he go to our home to shut off the gas. (I had visions of the basement flooding and putting out the furnace pilot light.) He assured us that the storm was not serious enough to produce the result I feared, and we went on with the Conference.

The rain persisted; on Friday, the final day of the Conference, we learned that we were "campused." Shippensburg College is situated on high ground and was surrounded by water which development caused the State Police to decree that no one was to leave campus. The College provided additional lodging and meals for all of us. We were tempted to enjoy this bonus until we gathered around the television to witness the evacuation of Wilkes-Barre. It was at this point that we began to realize that the storm was indeed serious.

With water not only in the basement but four feet deep on the first floor, we moved in with our friend, Herb Morris, in Dallas.

A perplexing problem for me was that I was scheduled to teach a graduate course for Lehigh University at Marywood College beginning Monday morning. I was not able to get out of Dallas until Tuesday when I arrived at the College nearly two hours late for the class. Marywood Graduate Dean, Sister Josephine, welcomed me with opened arms and expressed great relief that I was safe. She explained that she had tried in vain to reach me to find out if I would be able to teach the class. Only later did I learn of the comic aspect of her efforts.

All telephone communication had been cut out in the Valley; the only way for persons to reach each other was via radio, and messages were limited to emergencies. Later that summer more than one person inquired of me if I had a sister. I said I did not but they reported having heard radio messages for "Dr. Hammer in Kingston to call his Sister Josephine in Scranton."

Those days had their depressing and frightening sides.

Depression when Michelini's boat was stolen during the scant 20 minutes he left it unattended by the theatre building on West River Street.

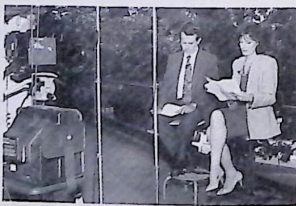
Fright the night the lights came on in Waller Hall next to the President's home on West River Street. All other lights in town were disconnected to prevent electrocution and fire. But somehow that building had remained connected to the main power line.

But there was humor, too. He spied a beer truck at the square one day and loaded up 50 cases to take back to the National Guard troops helping out on campus. Everyone was grateful until they opened the first cans and discovered it was bottled water, sent by breweries from all over the East to help meet the need for potable water. That pain was eased when the Stegmaier and Gibbons breweries took turns donating a keg of beer each afternoon for distribution to the thirsty troops.

Classes opened only two weeks late that year, Michelini marveled.

Other colleges had offered to take students for the fall semester, but Michelini balked at that. Instead the public relations office, the admissions office, student affairs, deans and faculty waged a campaign reminding parents and students that a college isn't bricks and mortar. It's people!

"We'll be back with the same strength and quality of education you came here for," Wilkes announced.



WYOU TV-22 news team Derry Bird and Debbie Dunleavy '74 broadcast from the Dart Center balcony with the Susquehanna in the background to commemorate the flood.



Darlene Jones, Yoshino Kondo and Yoshiko Shoji welcome friends to the Japanese display at the International Festival.

Students, faculty celebrate multi-cultural heritage

Celebrating cultural diversity was the theme of Multicultural Awareness Week, a student sponsored event conducted for the first time during spring term.

Programs ranged from an international festival to readings by poets Amiri Baraka and Rashidah Ismaili. Another highlight was a presentation on the life of Frederick Douglass, the slave who

escaped to freedom and became a leading abolitionist, a diplomat for the United States and a proponent of women's suffrage.

Wilkes senior Ana Guzman organized the week to celebrate cultural diversity on campus. A number of student and community organizations pitched in to sponsor events.

The Chronicle

Mailer to speak Nov. 19

Norman Mailer, one of America's most widely acclaimed novelists, will give a free public reading at Wilkes on Nov. 19.



Norman Mailer

His first novel, *The Naked and the Dead*, established him as a major American writer when it headed the best-seller list for eleven weeks after its publication in 1948. Among his best-known novels are *The Deer Park* (1955), *An American Dream* (1964), *Why Are We in Vietnam?*, which was nominated for a National Book Award, and *The Executioner's Song*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for 1979. His most recent novel is *Harlot's Ghost* (1991).

After founding *The Village Voice* in 1955, Mailer adapted his novelistic skills to journalistic essays and reporting. His mastery of the non-fiction narrative was recognized when *Armies of the Night* (1968) won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

University Council meets

The Board of Governors of the Wilkes University Council recently met with President Breiseth to discuss long-term strategic objectives.

Seated from left: The Honorable Jeffrey H. Gallet '64, New York State Family Court judge; Clayton Karambelas '49, president, CK Coffee Co., second vice chair; Judy S. Arenstein '68, regulatory director, International AT & T, chair; and Sheldon G. Cohen, M.D., H '76, scientific advisor, National Institutes of Health.

Standing from left: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University; Joseph H. Kanner '49, director of Wilkes University Testing Services; Sandy Piccone '77; Sandra A. Beynon '85, executive assistant to the vice president for development; Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president for development; Dr. Philip Baron, Iona College, first vice chair; Paul O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises.



Rosenn lecture

Brazelton outlines child care needs

If the child care needs of this nation are to be met, the impetus must come from the grass roots, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton told a packed house at the 1992 Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities.

The famed Boston pediatrician said that there is no leadership at the top in child related issues — the topic is absent from presidential campaign rhetoric.

To solve the problems, 100,000 parents nationwide must band together and demand change, all the while working in their home communities, Brazelton said.

The biggest problem is that of single parent families, Brazelton said. "Being a single parent family is the quickest way to poverty," he said, adding that every married woman lives in fear that she, too, might become a single parent.

Some 24 per cent of the children of this nation are raised in poverty, he added, describing them as "helpless, hopeless and angry." Across the nation 18 per cent of babies — 38 per cent in Miami — are born addicted. "That comes from hopelessness."

He called for fundamental changes, both in child care and in health care. "In general, our health system isn't working for

anybody." Because nearly half of all children have no insurance, they receive little preventive care.

Brazelton's dream is a community-based child care system that includes routine health care as well as childbirth education, WIC and food stamp programs and a supportive attitude toward parents.

Reminding the audience that rats in scientific experiments often perform exactly as well or poorly as their scientist handlers expect — totally unrelated to their innate abilities — he envisioned a center where parents would bring their children and find supportive help.

"The mother walks in with her baby and somebody says, 'What a beautiful baby. Such a center would be staffed by people who know that every developmental stage in a baby's career is stressful and accompanied by difficult behavior. If parents were assured that "each stress is an opportunity for success," they could be more confident in dealing with their kids.

And he wants those providing help to remember that children have a tremendous power to get the best from their parents.

"Shouldn't we reinforce parents for



doing what they want to do most — to make a success of this?"

Brazelton was introduced by Dr. Daniel Rosenn, son of Judge Max Rosenn and his late wife, Tillie, who credited Brazelton with rescuing his career and keeping him in the practice of medicine. He described the Boston pediatrician as a scientist with enormous research energy hiding beneath a popular veneer.

Rosenn said that Brazelton came into child psychiatry in the 1950s, a very grim period during which parents were blamed for everything wrong about their children, and turned it around into a field that supports parents and helps them to do their best with their children.

Students plan summer research

Diadra Bau chosen for chemistry research

Diadra Bau of Nanticoke, a junior chemistry major, will participate in a 10-week research program at the University of Chicago this summer. She will be doing research on solid state chemistry and attending lectures as part of a research program for undergraduate students. The research is made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Last summer she did research on X-ray crystallography at Bucknell University.

Daughter of Gerald and Mary Bau of Nanticoke, Diadra is a Trustee Scholar and is vice president of the Chemistry Club.

Three other Wilkes students are participating in off-campus research projects. Senior chemistry majors Lisa J. Zimmerman and Melissa M. Summa are enrolled in the Science and Engineering Research Program at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Mathematics major Benito A. Tranguch Jr. of Hazelton is doing research at Oak Ridge Laboratories in Tennessee on a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.



Clark to study French, art history

Camille Clark has been awarded the Peking Chef Scholarship for International Understanding, allowing her to study abroad this summer.

Wilkes-Barre restaurateur Eric Lee established the scholarship with assistance from throughout the community. "The world is much smaller and it has become necessary to explore other countries and cultures," said Lee.

Clark, who is working toward a degree in international studies, will study art history and French at the Institute for American Universities at Aix-en-Provence in southern France for six weeks. An active member of the campus chapter of Amnesty International, she would like to continue her work with the group following graduation. "I'd like to combine art and humanitarianism and go beyond the basics of food and human rights to promote artistic expression and art appreciation," she said.

The daughter of James and Judith Clark of Plymouth Township, she is on the WCLH-FM radio staff and a resident assistant.



Judge Toole challenges prospective law students

"The law is more than the policeman on the corner, the lawyer in his office, or the judge in the courtroom," Judge Patrick J. Toole Jr. told a hundred prospective lawyers this spring. "The law, ladies and gentlemen, is the cement, the fabric which holds our

civilized society together and distinguishes it from the jungle."

Toole, who is president judge of the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, addressed the high school seniors at Wilkes's annual Pre-Law Day conference.

"Every day of our lives we are restrained and guided by the law," Toole said. "Whether we are adults or adolescents, professionals or students, the law offers protection but not without restriction. For every right you enjoy there is, you will find, a corresponding duty or obligation. The real end of the law is not really to abolish or

restrain anything or anyone but rather to preserve, promote, protect and enlarge the freedoms we enjoy."

Identifying himself as "a recruiter" for the legal profession, Toole said, "From Hamilton's defending John Peter Zenger's right to publish pamphlets critical of the government and John Adams' defending the hated British soldiers following the Boston Massacre down to the lawyers . . . the Ralph Naders of today fighting those who would pollute our air and our water, lawyers are and have been our leaders and guardians."

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Wilkes chosen for AAC humanities project

Wilkes University has been selected as a "planning" institution in the Association of American Colleges project, Strengthening Humanities Foundations for Teachers.

The project is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Created in response to a growing concern about the nation's schools, the AAC project will help colleges and universities

reexamine their teacher-education programs. The new emphasis on humanities come from an old truth, said AAC vice president Joseph S. Johnston Jr. "Teachers in any field, if they are to be well educated, must have a broad understanding of history and culture."

Twenty-one planning institutions were selected to participate.

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Alumni News

1935

Edward E. Hartmann, Ph.D., was recently honored with the National Welsh American Foundation Heritage Medal.

1949

Don Honeywell, president of Deemer & Co., Inc., in Wilkes-Barre, has retired after 42 years.

1952

Joseph L. Reynolds III, Esq., has retired from his post as vice president of administration for fuel supply at American Electric Power, Lancaster, Ohio. Before joining American Electric, he practiced law for 33 years in three states.

1957

Seymour Holtzman recently attended the grand opening of his American style retail optical shop, Lunettes Optika, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Seymour is chief executive officer of Gruen Marketing Corporation, Exeter. He and his wife, Evelyn Krohn '60, reside in Kingston.

1958

Dr. Andrew Shaw, who was recently named to the Luzerne County Community College Foundation, lives in Dallas with his wife, Viola. They have three children. Apologies for the incorrect information in the Winter Quarterly.

David E. Vann retired from IBM after 30 years. David was hired as a consultant for Hexmark Corporation. David and his wife, Angela, and daughter, Angie, reside in Lexington, Kentucky.

1959

Alfred F. D'Anca, M.D., was named to the board of directors at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He is an orthopedic surgeon and president of General's medical staff.

Charles A. Sorber was named 1991-92 president elect of the Water Environment Federation. Charles is dean of the School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

1961

Marie Prusakowski Ogin was appointed systems officer at National City Bank in Cleveland, Ohio. Marie and her husband, Charles, reside in North Royalton, Ohio.

William F. Raub, Ph.D., was named special assistant for health affairs in the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in the Executive Office of the President of the United States.

1962

Harry T. Collier is human resources manager at Textron in Danville, PA. He lives in Bloomsburg.

1963

Elaine Adams Collier recently received her M.S.W. degree from Marywood College, Scranton. She works at United Charities in West Hazleton.

Anne Marie Lane was named "Outstanding Woman of the Year" by the American Association of University Women, Hershey Branch. A resident of Hershey, she is on the faculty at Dauphin County Technical School.

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- Oct. 3 Matinee performance of The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber at Radio City Music Hall
- Oct. 9-11 Homecoming Weekend
- Oct. 24 Football at Lackawanna County Stadium, Wilkes v. Upsala
- Nov. 15 New York Jets v. Cincinnati Bengals at the Meadowlands

For further information about any of these events,
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or toll free 1-800-WILKES U (1-800-945-5378)

Alumni News

1964

Regina Antonini was elected treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators. She directs the Institute for Developmental Educational Activities at Luzerne County Community College.

1965

Edward A. Brominski was named to the Luzerne County Community College Foundation's board of trustees.

1966

David W. Greenwald, M.D., was elected to a three-year term as cancer liaison physician for the cancer program at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He is the chief of hematology/oncology at General Hospital and is associated with Medical Oncology Associates in Kingston.

Karuzie '73 hooks a winner

Anthony A. Karuzie '73, of Avoca, broke a Pennsylvania state fishing record when he caught a two-pound, eight-ounce perch Feb. 19. His catch from Hunter Lake, Sullivan County, broke the state record by two ounces.

The ex-Special Forces Green Beret was also one of four anglers nationwide to win *In-Fisherman* magazine's prestigious "Grand Slam" award for catching five trophy fish of different species in the same year. Karuzie has also received recognition for his fishing accomplishments from *Field and Stream* and *Sports Afield* magazines.

Karuzie, a non-traditional student during his college career, became friends with his instructors. He made a deal with Dr. Robert Heaman that if the English professor would teach him about literature, he would teach the professor how to survive outdoors.

Maintaining the friendship with former professors, Karuzie notes that his closest fishing buddies are psychology Prof. Carl Charnetski '70 and Heaman, who was recently appointed dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Richard H. Klick has joined the sales staff at Wilson H. Flock, Inc., Insurance. Richard and his wife, Marilyn Puhl '67, and their two children reside in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

1967

Ann Cardoni was promoted to marketing services supervisor at Millers Mutual Insurance Co. in Wilkes-Barre. Ann and her husband, Dennis, and their son, Douglas, live in Plains.

Helen Kopec was named director of enrollment management at Luzerne County Community College. Helen and her husband, Robert '69, reside in Swoyersville.

Leona Sokash Dufour's course on "Modern Poetry — The First 50 Years" is listed in the Putnam-Northern Westchester Teacher Talent Bank. She teaches English at Carmel High School and has given in-service courses on T.S. Eliot and novelist John Fowles. Leona and her husband, George, and three children live in Carmel, New York.

Tanya V. April-Trzeciak, G '77, was promoted to Navy Petty Officer 1st Class while serving with Naval Reserve Recruiting Command Detachment-6 in Scotia, NY.

Emil Warren has been appointed vice president and trust officer of The Third National Bank and Trust Company of Scranton.

1968

Nancy Noterman Downing earned a B.S. in elementary education at York College of Pennsylvania. A resident of New Oxford, PA, she works in the Migrant Child Development Program at Intermediate Unit #12.

1970

Thomas P. Taddeo was promoted to claims manager for Nationwide Insurance in Harrisburg. He and his wife, Frances, and their three children reside in Mechanicsburg.

1971

William M. Kaye, Ed.D., accepted a new position as the director of the educational services division for the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

1973

Richard Jones and his wife, Brenda, announce the birth of a son, Richard Nathaniel Jones II, on October 14, 1991. He joins two sisters, Sherilyn and Brenae. Richard is employed by the City of Allentown.

Paul A. Provenzano was named physician practice manager at Wilkes-Barre General Health Corp. Paul and his wife, Audrey, and their two children live in Pittston.

1974

Barbara H. Zelnick has completed a two year free-lance writing project with *Highlights for Children*. Her poem, "Observation of Nature," was published in the winter 1990-91 edition of *Poet Magazine*, and their Spring 1992 edition will publish her poems, "Eternal Parallel" and "Summer Rain." Her poem "Loneliness" was published by Wa-

Rex '76 honored by trade groups

If Ken Rex prides himself for creative business management and marketing, it's understandable.

The owner of Rex Plumbing and Heating in Kingston has recently been featured in two widely circulated trade publications, each acknowledging his sharp business acumen and skillful marketing techniques.

Two other nationally-circulated trade magazines plan to publish similar stories this year. The June issue of *Contracting Business* recognized Rex for developing a new business niche — the successful sale of high-tech ductless air conditioning units.

"Ken's success at selling these new air conditioners is unique, but that's not entirely responsible for the success he's seen," said Mike Weil, managing editor of *Contracting Business*. "Ken's achievements come from the way he handles himself and his business — with great pride. His contracting firm has 'excellence' written all over it."

Rex attributes his success to developing promotional programs that have helped differentiate his business from local competitors.

termark Press in the Autumn 1991. "Time of Change" and "Cardinal Meanings" are being published by the National Library of Poetry Anthology this year.

John P. Kelly was named product group director for cardiovascular products. Marion Merrell Dow, Inc. John has a master's degree from Rockhurst College.

1976

Lt. Cmdr. James R. Farley recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy.

Deborah A. Hargraves was elected to represent the 11th Congressional District of Pennsylvania as both a delegate and an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas, in August, 1992. She is giving up the alternate seat in favor of the delegate seat. Deborah is a Pennsylvania-licensed real estate and insurance agent.

David Kasper, M.D., has opened a practice of internal medicine in the Mercy Medical Arts Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

James J. Morgan, M.D. completed the board certification in neurology. James practices neurology at Geisinger Medical Center, Lewistown, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Kim, and their daughter live in Lewistown.

Frank Rollman was named senior director of customer service at Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Frank and his wife, Marlene, and their children live in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Major Lawrence H. Stahlner was named commander of the newly formed 21st Space Operations Squadron. Major Stahlner and his wife, Phyllis, are the parents of a daughter, Lisa Ann.

1978

Susan L. Adams has been chosen for membership in Pi Lambda Theta honor society for educators. She was nominated by the Penn State College of Education, where she is a Ph.D. candidate in education administration and has earned her superintendent's letter of eligibility. She also holds a master's degree from the University of Scranton. Employed by the Williams Valley School District in Tower City since 1980 as a junior-senior high school art teacher, she is now an elementary art teacher. She has served as an adjunct faculty member at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, since 1988.

David A. Jolley married Susan Rae Danton of Plains. David is vice president of public affairs at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Leonard Roberts, Ph.D., was awarded a doctorate in education from Seton Hall University in May, 1992. Dr. Roberts is the assistant director of residence life at Glassboro State College. He and his wife, Donna, reside in Lindenwold, NJ.

1979

Suzanne A. Dubeck was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Suzanne is working toward a master's degree in primary care with emphasis on the young family at the University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Joe, have three children.

Myles Michael Stempin has graduated from the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. Myles is marketing director at Metro Wheeling Network, Wheeling, West Virginia. He and his wife, Diane, reside in Wheeling.

Larry Vojtko was named operations director for WVIA FM Public Radio. Larry was also named to the board of Rural Health

Corporation. He and his wife, Bernardine, and their son, Michael, live in Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

Stephen J. Croghan was promoted to assistant vice president in the Controller's Division at Carteret Savings Bank, Morristown, New Jersey. He resides in High Bridge, NJ.

1981

Elizabeth DeCosmo, G '85, was promoted to assistant vice president of Wilmington Trust Company in Delaware.

Captain Thomas W. Godowsky received a master of science degree in industrial and systems engineering from the University of Florida. Tom is currently assigned to the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center at Kelly AFB, Texas, where he is chief of the radar parametrics branch.

Virginia Martin was appointed to the board of directors at New Directions, a fundraising group of the American Cancer Society.

Peter Steve, director of communications for Morrison's Custom Management in Kingston, is listed in the sixth edition of *Who's Who in Public Relations*.

1982

Mark B. Baretella, M.D., is finishing a three-year fellowship at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in invasive cardiology. Mark has accepted a position at the Miami Heart Institute for special training in interventional cardiology.

Timothy J. Boyek, M.D., was named medical director of the catheterization laboratory at Chester County Hospital in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Maribeth Kofira Fife and her husband, **David Fife '84**, announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on December 17,

1990. They also have a son David Nicholas, 3. Maribeth is an assistant RN Supervisor for Home Health Corp. of America. Dave is a plant supervisor at Kerr McGee Chemical Corp. They live in Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

Denis and Elizabeth Perich Hatch '83 announce the birth of a daughter, Jacqueline, on July 18, 1991. They are living in Swoyersville, Pennsylvania.

Susan Nenstiel was named to the board of directors of Hazleton Healthcare Foundation. Susan is a broker with the West Hazleton insurance firm of Nenstiel & Nenstiel.

John D. Sweeney and his wife, **Ann Burke-Sweeney '84**, announce the birth of a son, John Michael, in August, 1991. They reside in Moosic.

1983

John P. Brady, M.D., announces the opening of the Swoyersville Medical Diagnostic Complex. He and his wife and three sons live in Franklin Township.

Sharon A. Minda was awarded a master of science degree in critical care nursing from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Sharon is a clinical research nurse in the department of nephrology at Duke.

Karen Noss was named the supervisor of Geisinger's Cancer Center Northeast at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Karen and her husband, John, and their infant daughter, Kelsey, reside in Plains.

1984

Michael Brady, Esq., has joined the law firm of Dougherty, Leventhal & Price in Scranton. Michael and his wife, Karen, have two children, Ryan and Morgan.

Jane Johnson Ferro was promoted to assistant vice president at First Eastern Bank in Wilkes-Barre. Jane and her husband, Jeffrey, reside in Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

Lorraine Ungvasky Pribula has joined the Wilkes-Barre Academy staff as a fifth grade teacher. She and her husband, **Thomas '80**, live in Dallas, Pennsylvania.



William Morris '61, William Darling of Naples and George Ralston.

Visiting Alumni in Florida

Alumni Director Anthony J. Shipula II '78 and Dean Emeritus George Ralston visited more than two dozen alumni and friends during a late winter trip to Florida. Roger '66 and Sheila Rolfe hosted an event in Clearwater; Ronald Sampiero '69 hosted alumni in Miami and Susan Findon Nelson '74 and her husband, Lawrence, hosted a group in Lighthouse Point near Boca Raton.

Those involved in the alumni gatherings included: Edward F. Hilinski, Ph.D., '75, who teaches chemistry at Florida State University; Bob '74 and Jessie Adams of Winter Park where Robert is associate vice president for investments at Dean Witter Reynolds; Robert Lustig '71 who is involved with his family business in Orlando; Robert '64 and Susan Bond of Vero Beach, where Bob is head of the lower school at St. Edwards School; Roger '66 and Sheila Rolfe of Clearwater where Roger is vice president for investments at Dean Witter Reynolds; Charles MBA '87 and Nancy Deutsch of Beverly Hills. Charles is an independent representative at Ameri-Life and Health Services of Citrus County, Inc.

Also, Shirley Baroody Myers '58, a media specialist with the Broward County School Board in Holiday, and her daughter, Phyllis; William '61 and Pat Morris of Naples, where Bill owns the Naples Fertilizer and Supply Co., and Ronald D. Sampiero '69 who manages food and beverage at Continental Company.

Also, Lawrence and Susan Findon Nelson '74 of Lighthouse Point, where they are involved in real estate development and other business ventures: Bruce Warshal '58 of Boca Raton, who heads a chain of newspapers in southeastern Florida; Fred and Linda Knorr Millar '80, a nurse, of Ft. Lauderdale; Jack and Carolyn Goeringer Basler '58 of Boca Raton, and Carl Sosnowski Jr. '86 of Coral Springs. Carl is a deputy sheriff in the Broward County Sheriff's Office.



Linda Knorr Millar '80, Fred Millar, Carl Sosnowski Jr. '86 and hostess Susan Findon Nelson '74.

Representing Wilkes at Presidential Inaugurations

Robert J. Heaman, Ph.D., York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA, April 3, 1992.

Carol C. Pawluch '79, Saint Joseph College, West Hartford, CT, April 3, 1992.

Eubank Travis-Bey Jr. '65, Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA, April 4, 1992.

George F. Ralston, Dean Emeritus, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, April 15, 1992.

1985

Mary Jo Golden, D.O., married Jay Thomson of Mine Hill, New Jersey. She is a family practice resident at Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, NJ.

Jane A. Kanyock was named vice president of development at Hazleton General Hospital. Jane is the former dean of admissions and development at MMI Preparatory School in Freeland, Pennsylvania.

Michael Marino Jr. of Leetsdale earned a master's degree in chemistry this spring at West Chester University.

Joan Kalinowski Matthews and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their first child, Stephen, in January, 1992. Joan is an R.N. clinical nurse at Brandywine Hospital and Trauma Center, Calu Township, Pennsylvania. They reside in Honey Brook.

Maureen Pollard Naumann and her husband, Jack, announce the birth of a daughter, Allison Marie, in July, 1991. She joins a sister, Casey Eileen. Maureen and family live in Bloomsburg.



Joel and Sharon Kane

Kane '80 earns Marine honors

Joel P. Kane is a major in the United States Marine Corps currently serving with a Marine Squadron on Okinawa, Japan.

Joel received both the Air Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal for his actions as a pilot and mission planner during Desert Storm.

He and his wife, Sharon, live in Southern California and have a four-year-old son, Daniel.

Alicia Shutack was appointed nurse manager of surgical services at Gnaeden Huetten Hospital in Lehighton, Pennsylvania.

Cindy Weinstein and her husband, Jeffrey Blustein, announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Rose, in February, 1992. Cindy is a sales assistant with Smith Barney and her husband is a CPA. They live in Livingston, New Jersey.

Paul J. Chmil Jr. married Joyce Victor '87. Paul is a business manager in finance and insurance at Ertley Motorworld in Wilkes-Barre. Joyce is an educational coordinator at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

G. Colman Crowther married Pascale Nahas '88 in June, 1989, in Verona, Italy. Colman is pursuing an MBA in finance at Seton Hall University and works as a securities trader for Lynch, Jones and Ryan in New York City. Pascale is a credit analyst for C.M. Offray and Son. They reside in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

Karen M. Dragon, O.D., married Robert Waskiewicz of Wilkes-Barre. She practices optometry in Wilkes-Barre and her husband works for the U.S. Postal Service.

1987

Karen A. Charnecki, D.D.S., married Vincent Rogliano, D.D.S., of Riverton, New Jersey. She is pursuing certification in periodontics at Temple University Dental School. They will reside in Harrisburg.

Fred T. Howe, Esq., was named an associate with the law firm of Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn in Wilkes-Barre.

Jean Marie Hudak married Ronald Tomko Jr. She is a field examiner for Corestates-Philadelphia National Bank in Philadelphia. They will reside in Potsttown.

Joseph A. Kasmark was certified in life insurance planning by the American College, Bryn Mawr. Joseph and his wife, Ronnie, and two sons live in Dallas, PA.

Bonnie M. Pietraccini married Kenneth Greenwood in July, 1991. Bonnie is a consultant for Support Systems International. They will reside in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Stanley Skonieczki III received his medical degree from the Medical College of

Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He will serve an internship at Lancaster General Hospital before entering a three-year emergency medicine residency at York Hospital.

1988

John Mark Bialek, a systems analyst at Pamco in Moosic, married Tammy Lewert. They reside in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. John served with the 402nd military police in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

Stephen Moore married Madeline Marrone '87. Stephen is an attorney with Peters & Wasilefski, Harrisburg. Madeline is a contract specialist at the Navy Ships Control Center in Mechanicsburg.

1989

Jeffrey A. Churba was appointed commercial loan officer for Commonwealth Bank/Central, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Susan E. Ciprich, a psychiatric nurse at First Hospital's children's unit, married Stanley Motyka of Larksville.

Salvatore DiGiovanni and **Stephanie Stine** '88 were married in March, 1992. The DiGiovannis reside in Hellertown, Pennsylvania.

Kim-Chi Pham was named a programmer II at DataVest, Inc., Wilkes-Barre. She lives in Wilkes-Barre.

Edwin F. Renninger has been named assistant vice president, commercial loan officer, at Horizon Financial, Pocono Region, East Stroudsburg office.

Raymond S. Szcuzcki married Donna Marie Stone of Bangor, Pennsylvania. Raymond is a construction engineer with CIGNA Control Services.

Robert E. Wall married Lisa Ann Koval, Wilkes-Barre. Robert is employed by Proctor & Gamble Paper Products in Mehoopany. They will reside in Swoyersville.

1990

Julie H. Jurchak was promoted to assistant vice president at First Eastern Bank in Wilkes-Barre. Julie is an assistant tax exempt municipal bond trader for First Eastern's Capital Markets Group.

1991

Janet Kellar married Daniel Frascella of Nanticoke. Janet is employed at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Brenda Knely passed the Pennsylvania state board exam for registered nurses. She works at Berwick Hospital Center.

Stephen Morris is a sales representative with the *Sunday Dispatch* in Pittston.

Mary E. Opeka married Joseph R. Zaffuto of Pittston. Mary is a medical technologist in the department of laboratory medicine at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Lynda Pluschau has been named assistant head nurse at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey.

Tracy Ann Thomason was married to Thomas E. Atkins Jr. Tracy is a customer service representative for AnalytiKem Division of American NuKem Corp., Cherry Hill, New Jersey. They will reside in Maple Shade, NJ.

Robert Torquato has been appointed staff reviewer in the Commercial Review Office. He received loan review certification from the Bank Administration Institute and is a Robert Morris Associate Member.

Tobino '87 reflects on Wilkes

When I was in college, I used to complain to my mother all the time. Too many term papers, exams on 700 pages of material, and tough teachers were just a few of the injustices I faced. "How could any human being be expected to carry such burdens?" I asked. Her standard answer to me was, "Wait until you get out into the REAL WORLD." ... You know what? She was right. This, of course, should be no surprise to the mother's reading this article.



So begins a new work by Mark Tobino '87 of Manasquan, New Jersey. "From College to Corporation." In a humorous look at his transition from college to the work place, Tobino encourages current college students to appreciate college, take advantage of clubs and organizations and to "study, study, study. You may never use calculus when you graduate but you will use those study habits you develop and without those, this can be a cruel world."

"What we learn about ourselves while we are in school... proves to be the most valuable lesson of all," he concludes.

Tobino is executive producer of Showtime Theatre, a non-profit theatre in Montclair, New Jersey. He has worked in *The Hard Way* with Michael J. Fox and James Woods, *Bonfire of the Vanities* with Bruce Willis, Tom Hanks and Melanie Griffith, and in a Molson Beer commercial which airs in Canada. He also works part-time at WOBN AM1160 doing news, weather and commercials.

nurse at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. They will reside in Aiea, HI.

Joanne Springer was named assistant cashier at First Eastern Bank in Wilkes-Barre.

Kimberly Ann Swoboda passed the Pennsylvania board exam for registered nurses. She is employed in the cardiac care unit at Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg.

Vaughn Shinkus is a community relations assistant at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

1992

Craig Stevens was signed by the Las Vegas Aces of the new professional Spring Football League. He will be attending Pennsylvania College of Chiropractic Medicine.

Master's

1987

Edward P. Michael has been named president of Rural Health Corp. of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He was formerly director of administrative services and chief financial officer. He is a member of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of 1992. Michael and his wife, Jean, and their two sons live in Hanover Township.

Joseph P. Novak, Esq., has been named an associate with the law firm of Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn in Wilkes-Barre.

1988

Mary Grace A. Kudrey has been promoted to assistant vice president at First Eastern Bank. She resides in Duryea.

1989

Carmella Dalmas-Brown has been listed in *Who's Who in American Education*. She is a head teacher at First Hospital Wyoming Valley in Wilkes-Barre. Carmella and her husband, Charles, live in Nanticoke.

1991

David A. Brown was named assistant auditor II at First Eastern Bank in Wilkes-Barre.

In Memoriam

Ralph E. Bolinski '54	Robert H. Moser '47
Margaret Callahan '80	Omar Nejib '92
Cathy Lynn Glatzel '86	Louise Nicholas '52
Elaine A. Izbicki '63	John C. Pietruszewski '53
Stephen Kalinovich, Jr. '52	Lewis E. Reinehimer '57
Ann Kester '83	Marita S. Riley '51
George J. Kozich '59	John J. VanGorder '90

Editor's Note: David Dombek, whose death was announced in the Spring *Quarterly*, earned degrees from Wilkes in 1965 and 1990. His son, David, a 1990 graduate, is alive and well.

Sleep deprivation expert William Price '55 dies

By MACK LUNDSTROM
San Jose Mercury News

It was deep in the night and a drowsy Lt. Cmdr. William Joseph Price and his equally sleepy C-118 crew were flying over the Pacific. Their Navy transport prop plane was on autopilot miles from its destination. Wake Island, which is more than 1,000 miles from anywhere, 2,400 from Hawaii.

When a crew member suddenly said, "The North Star is in the wrong place," Cmdr. Price knew they were in trouble, he later told his son, Scott, an Air Force C-5 pilot.

One or all of the crew had dozed off. They couldn't tell for how long because the gyroscope had broken down and the big McDonnell Douglas plane was flying in circles.

They didn't know exactly where they were, but they did know they were low on fuel. Fortunately, their astronomical skills were good enough to find their way to Wake by the stars.

It wasn't long after that scary episode in 1969 — and another while he was flying a DC-8 on a freight run for United Airlines the same year — that Bill Price became a crusader.

And after he died of cancer at the age of 58 May 1 in a Redwood City, California, hospital, a whole lot of pilots had reason to acknowledge his efforts in their behalf over the last two decades.

Bill Price became an expert in circadian desynchronization, the technical term for jet lag or sleep deprivation and its effects on pilots, shift workers, world-traveling athletes.

He came by it not as an academician or

scientist but as a man who flew seven types of military aircraft, and another seven types of commercial airliners during a four-decade career as a flier.

"He opened up a whole world of neglect, not only in aviation, but sometimes among truckers, train or machinery operators," said Larry Otto, chief test pilot for the MD-11, McDonnell Douglas' successor to the DC-10, and a former colleague at United.

"Bill was a great Don Quixote — righting wrongs without remuneration," said Otto.

Bill Price had gone to college for a couple of years at Wilkes College in Pennsylvania, but then got the chance to learn to fly as a Navy aviator during the Korean War. He remained on active duty for 11 years and then put in another dozen in the reserves.

In 1964, he went to work for United, moving up the ranks to captain of Boeing 727s, 767s and finally DC-10s.

After the two episodes in 1969, Mr. Price began to study and accumulate evidence of the dangers of sleep deprivation in flying. In 1980 he convinced Congress to direct the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to begin a five-year, \$2 million study of pilot fatigue.

He had also begun writing dozens of articles in technical journals and speaking at symposiums about the problem. Then he collaborated on a study of one pilot fatigue incident with Dan Holley, a professor of biology at San Jose State University.

"When Bill realized these things were happening, he got involved at a very high level," Holley said. A 1990 article he co-authored on shift work in the quarterly review *Occupational Medicine: State of Art Re-*

views, was "right up there with the best scientists," he said.

Mr. Price's work with the Air Line Pilots Association, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Aerospace Medical Association, the Air Force Academy and the U.S. Olympic Committee propelled him into status as an international authority on sleep deprivation. He made appearances as an expert on "60 Minutes," "Nova," "20/20," "Donahue," "Today," and "Geraldo."

In 1983, Mr. Price designed and introduced "Human Factors in the Aviation Environment," a required course for airway science and flight operations majors in the aviation department at San Jose State University. Heavy hitters in the airline industry helped him with guest lectures.

"He was unusual to the degree that he was able to bring in such experts, because he was so well thought of in the industry," said Eugene Little, SJS aviation department chairman.

Dr. Paul Wingert, a NASA/Ames Research Center scientist who also worked with Mr. Price, said, "I'm not sure they'll be able to duplicate" that course.

Mr. Price continued to teach the human factors course every year while flying United airliners, but last year he contracted the rare cancer multiple myeloma, which affects the plasma cells in the bone marrow, said his wife, Gene. He was dead in nine months.

Said SJS colleague Holley: "He was the kind of guy who made a difference in your life, and how many of those are there?"

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Wingert named athletic director, Rickrode to head basketball

Soccer coach to head athletic program

Philip L. Wingert, soccer coach at Wilkes since 1982, has been named director of athletics.

Wingert assumed his duties after the retirement of John Reese, who has spent 34 years in the job. Reese will stay on as head wrestling coach and Wingert will continue as head soccer coach.

"Phil Wingert has been an important part of the Wilkes community for many years and has worked hard to help the University grow and prosper," said President Breiseth. "I feel Phil is the person who will be able to uphold the fine tradition of Wilkes athletics established by John Reese and lead us toward the 21st century."

While praising Wingert, Breiseth also noted the fine work that John Reese has done for the past 34 years. "John Reese has done an outstanding job for the University as athletic director and I am glad to know that he will still be here coaching next season."

Wingert has handled many different positions after arriving in the summer of 1982. Since 1987 he has been the associate athletic director and assistant professor and chair of the physical edu-

cation department. From 1982 to 1987, Wingert worked as assistant dean of admissions and sports information director.

A graduate of Cortland (NY) State University with a master's from Virginia Tech University, Wingert has taken the Wilkes soccer team to new heights in his ten years as coach.

With a career record of 100-74-15, Wingert is the winningest soccer coach in Wilkes history. He has led the Colonels to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs each of the past three years, winning the Division III Southern region championship in 1990. He was named the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Northern Division Coach of the Year in 1990 after leading his team to a mark of 15-5. In 1991 his team established a school record for most wins in a season with sixteen.



Jerry N. Rickrode, an assistant coach at Ithaca (NY) College, has been named men's basketball coach at Wilkes.

"We feel that Jerry Rickrode is the man who can move the Wilkes basketball program into the future with pride," said President Breiseth.

"I'm very happy to be selected for the job at Wilkes University," said Rickrode. "The Middle Atlantic Conference is outstanding and I'm looking forward

to helping Wilkes compete with the other programs in the MAC."

An assistant coach at Ithaca College since 1988, Rickrode has coordinated the recruitment of student-athletes and scouting of opponents, has directed and organized preseason and in season strength training and assisted with every phase of the program including floor coaching during games.

In addition to his coaching duties, Rickrode was a full-time instructor in the health and human performance department teaching courses in CPR and standard first aid.

Rickrode earlier served as an assistant at Utica College, a graduate assistant at Ithaca and head freshmen coach at Skidmore (NY) College.

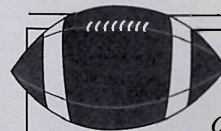
"Jerry knows this area from his recruiting at Ithaca and that will certainly help in getting started here at Wilkes," said athletic director Phil Wingert.

"I feel that I can still bring in some quality student-athletes in time to play for Wilkes University this fall," Rickrode said.

Rickrode is a graduate of Skidmore College with a degree in biology and physical education. He earned a master's in physical education at Ithaca College.



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Come watch the Colonels or join alumni for a pro game

High school bands from Wyoming Area and Lake Lehman will spice up the day when the Wilkes Colonels host the Upsala Vikings Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. in the Lackawanna County Stadium at Moosic. For the third straight year, Wilkes will play a home game in the county stadium, inviting the community to join in the fun. There is no admission charge.

On Nov. 15, the Alumni Association will sponsor a trip to see the New York Jets and the Cincinnati Bengals at the Meadowlands. Bus transportation will be offered from Wilkes-Barre, and other alumni in the Northeast can meet Wilkes friends at the game. Contact the Alumni Office (1-800-WILKES U) for further information about either game.

Fieldhouse gets \$1 million upgrade

A \$1 million renovation and expansion of the athletic complex at Ralston Field began this spring and should be completed in time for the fall athletic season.

The project will include renovation and expansion of the McBride Fieldhouse and the visiting team facilities, as well as construction of a link between the two buildings. Also in the plans are a new weight room, training room, trainer's office, conference room, office space, laundry room and several new locker rooms.

"This project demonstrates the Wilkes University commitment to athletics and will provide our student-athletes with a first class facility at Ralston Field," said President Breiseth.

Ralston Field facilities, most recently upgraded in 1965, are used by the football, men's and women's soccer, baseball, softball, field hockey, and men's and women's tennis teams.

More than \$500,000 in contributions has been raised to date according to Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president for development. "Our trustees are once again leading the way." Former Wilkes student-athletes will be also contacted in the fundraising efforts.

Renovations at Ralston Field will "make our facility one of the best in the



Middle Atlantic Conference," said John Reese, who retired recently from the post of athletic director.

Newly appointed athletic director Phil Wingert believes the new facilities will aid in recruiting student-athletes.

"With one in three students at Wilkes participating in athletics, this project will demonstrate to potential student-athletes a commitment to a well balanced educational experience and a top notch athletic program," said Wingert.

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