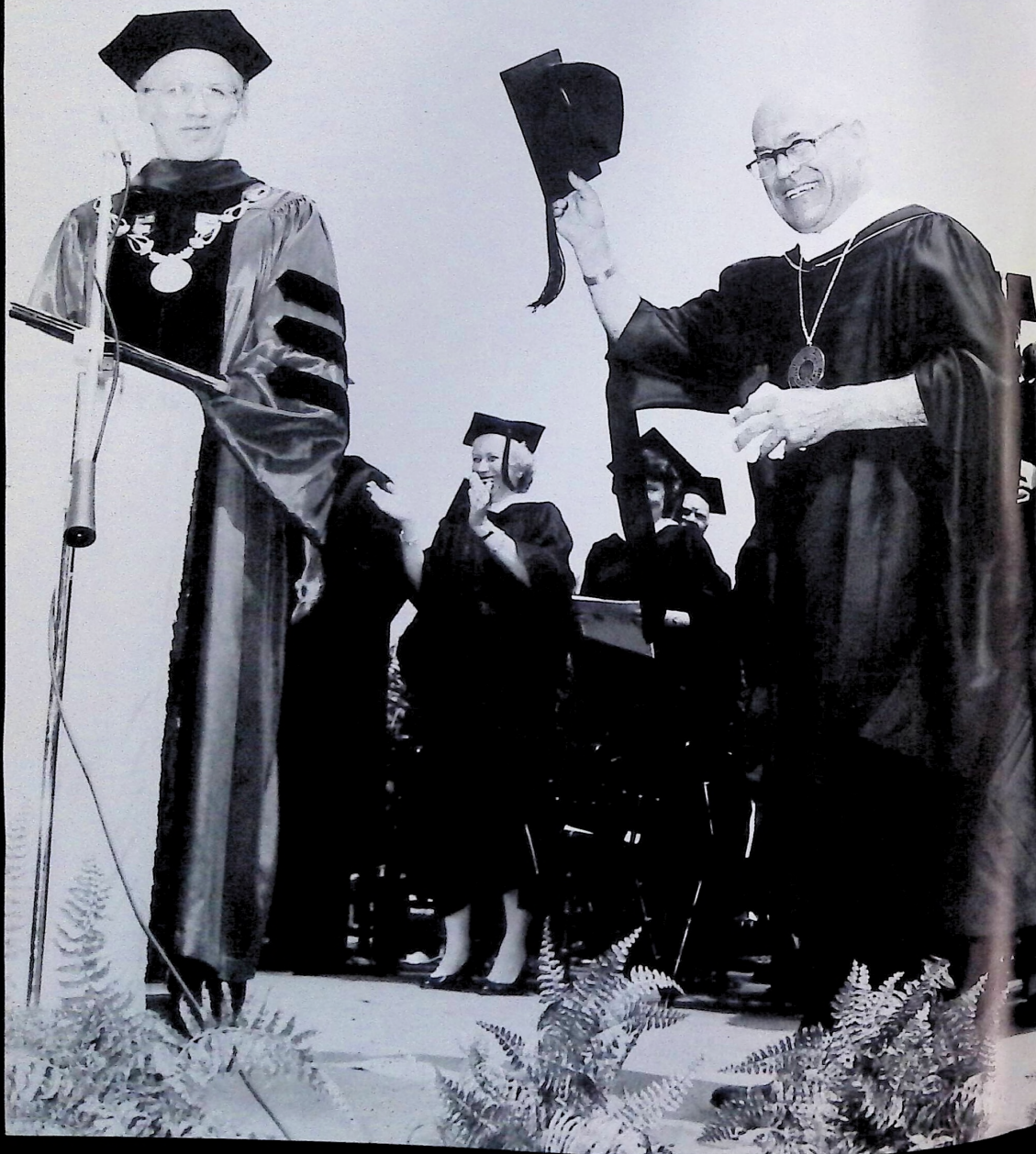


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# CATHERINE DeANGELIS

## Physician & Teacher

By Jane Manganella

Introducing Dr. Catherine DeAngelis isn't easy. She is a physician and teacher – a professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and one of only four women to receive that pediatric professorship in the 97-year history of the institution; she is the deputy chairman and chief of the Division of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine there; she is an author (several publications and a book on pediatric primary care), and was recently named one of the top seven women pediatricians in the country. She is the wife of Dr. James C. Harris, a professor in Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy DeAngelis, Old Forge, PA. Of course, when we at Wilkes get the opportunity to introduce her, we preface that whole impressive list by saying that Dr. DeAngelis is an alumna of Wilkes College, class of 1965.

Her accomplishments suggest that this was a carefully chartered course plotted by someone with definite career goals, starting with a diploma in nursing from Scranton State Hospital and working steadily toward her prestigious position in

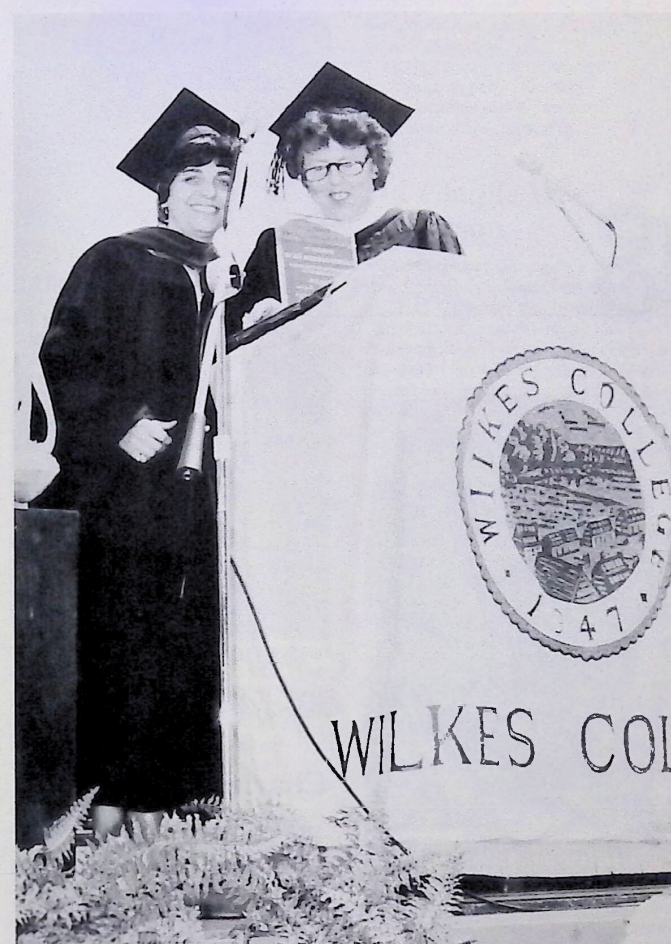
lifestyle of a Maryknoll. She didn't tell me what I could do; she told me what I would not be allowed to do. Well, this was what I was facing now in nursing. The course I'd need to follow as a novitiate was too restricted and lengthy. It would take years more before she would be out among the sick and the poor.

Cathy did, however, know that she couldn't stay in nursing. "My level of frustration was extremely high. I wanted to do more. I wanted to be a doctor, but how?" On the train ride back to New York, Cathy decided to try. "I had a chemistry teacher at Old Forge High School, a wonderful man by the name of Ed Claus, who had always encouraged me to pursue medicine as a profession. I decided to see him and ask his advice; and when I walked into his office to tell him that I wanted to go back to school, that I wanted to look into becoming a doctor, he was not surprised. He picked up the phone and called John Whitby, who was then Dean of Admissions at Wilkes College. Mr. Whitby said he'd wait for us (it was a Saturday morning) to come down to campus to see him." As she told Whitby about her experiences at Columbia, about how she asked to work intensive care because she felt more needed there, about how she looked for volunteer duty at the healthcare clinics during her off-hours, and about her driving need to become a doctor, Whitby made the decision to accept her as a student. "And it was then that I began to ask about the cost and tuition. Whitby was wonderful, he assured me that we would investigate every possibility for financial aid that would allow me to pursue my dream."

The one thing that Cathy remembers clearly is walking around campus that day. "For such a long time I'd had the feeling that I was looking for something, and walking through Stark Learning Center that Saturday morning I thought, this is it, this is the beginning." She was right. Her career in medicine, she is proud to say, was launched at Wilkes College and nurtured by two people she met there, Dr. Charles Reif, professor emeritus in Biology and then a member of the faculty of the Bio Department, and Dr. Sheldon Cohen, director of the Immunology, Allergic, and Immunologic Disease Program at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. "They were amazing teachers and they expected amazing accomplishments from their students," Cathy said. Cathy remembers nearly freezing to death at Harvey's Lake on one of Dr. Reif's famous (or infamous) field trips. She laughingly tells you that

Johns Hopkins today. Cathy answered the goals question quickly, "No, what I really wanted to be in high school was a doctor, and mostly a medical missionary for the Maryknolls who would work with the underprivileged in third world countries. But my father saw things a bit differently and refused to sign the necessary papers. I didn't completely give up the idea of becoming a Maryknoll, I just kind of shelved it for a while. What I did pursue was medicine. Sure, I wanted to be a doctor but at that time it would have been an impossible financial burden for my family. So I went to nursing as an alternative."

When she graduated from the Scranton State Hospital School of Nursing, Cathy decided to go on staff at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, "Because it was a good hospital," she said, "and because it was only a one and one-half hour train ride to the Maryknoll headquarters in upstate New York." She took that train ride to the Maryknoll novitiate and had a lengthy interview with a woman who proved that her father was absolutely right all along. "It was incredible. In an hour, this woman focused on all the restrictions of the



you not only collected and analyzed samples, you took photos of the thing and catalogued it. "He pushed you to your limits, and beyond to show you what you could and should accomplish." "Dr. Cohen," she continued, "forced you to think with him in research. He also taught you how to do everything you had to do from cleaning the lab cages to doing basic research in sophisticated projects." According to Cathy, there perhaps were other schools that had more diversified curriculum but none, and she emphasizes none, who could have given more one-to-one research interaction between professor and student than at Wilkes.

She graduated from Wilkes in 1965 and chose the University of Pittsburgh for pre-med, where she received her M.D. in 1969. Cathy never let go of the

missionary idea and in the next three years, after receiving her M.D., would serve in Nicaragua, in Africa, and in Peru. "There was such need and the doctors had to be resourceful. We had to use our hands, minds, eyes, intuition to help those people. There was little else to use in those countries."

When she was in Peru, Cathy spent three and one-half days a week teaching. She would then drive into the hills to work with the uneducated poor who needed immunization shots for everything. Even measles was still a killer there. She remembered an incident that occurred while she was in the Peruvian mountains. "I met another woman who was doing the same thing, immunizing and teaching these people. She was a nurse and guess what else, a

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Maryknoll missionary." They are still close friends and now colleagues.

Cathy's amazing career has so many highlights that it is difficult to list them in sequence. But one of the things of which she is proud is the nurse practitioner program that she developed and implemented first in Peru, and then back in the United States in the ghettos of Roxbury and Harlem.

Another highlight happened when she returned from Peru. She renewed a friendship with a colleague, Dr. James C. Harris. "We'd worked together as interns at Johns Hopkins, and we were good friends." Then the friendship deepened and when he proposed, he suggested to Cathy that she could still take vows in the Maryknoll chapel; they'd just be a different kind. They were married.

A proud Wilkes College bestowed another honor on Cathy at Commencement Ceremonies in May. She was selected as the recipient of the Eugene S. Farley Memorial Award for Alumni.

In her address to graduates she called attention to the "excellence in humanistic and academic education" that she received at Wilkes, which she said would, "enable you as graduates to pursue with pride and assurance any field of endeavor you choose."

She concluded her talk with a special thank you to her parents. "who were my inspiration and support and who served as role models for my life."

The following is a quotation from the dedication in one of her books. "This book is dedicated to the butterfly, who escapes the ugly cocoon to become a thing of beauty in flight; and to the bee who also flies despite science which proves that she cannot; but especially to my parents who have taught me the importance of such things and to my husband, who reminds me of them daily."



# FOCUS

## Paul J. Domowitch '76 — Distinguished Young Alumnus 1986

Paul J. Domowitch, Class of 1976, received the "Distinguished Young Alumnus Award" at the 1986 Commencement. Domowitch is currently a sports writer for the award-winning *Philadelphia Daily News* and has, since 1983, served as its professional football writer covering the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. He also writes for *Sporting News* magazine and is a regular contributor to *Sports Illustrated* and *U.S.A. Today*. The following text was presented by Paul at the Ceremonies.

— Editor's Note

With the possible exception of my old English professors, nobody was more surprised to find out that I was receiving this award than I. I guess I've always considered myself more lucky than successful. Lucky to have a job that I enjoy and that gives me tremendous fulfillment. Lucky to have a loving and understanding wife who has been willing to cope with the demands of my job. And lucky to have two precious, healthy daughters that give me so much joy.

When I graduated from Wilkes 10 years ago, I, like probably a good many of you here today, was really scared. It finally dawned on me then that I was on my own. That what I made of the rest of my life was entirely up to me. That there was no more hiding behind dreams.

Now, I had to go chase them. That fear wasn't lessened any in the next few months by the 80 resumes I sent out and the 80 don't-call-us-we'll-call-you letters I quickly got back. It was about then that I began to wonder if I had made a major tactical mistake four years earlier in deciding to go to Wilkes. I wondered, at the time, how much easier it might've been to land a job if I had gone to a school



Paul J. Domowitch

with a little clout in the journalism profession — like Missouri or Northwestern or Columbia — rather than Wilkes.

But I didn't wonder long. I knew I wouldn't have traded my four years at Wilkes for anything in the world. I learned a lot more here than just when to use a semicolon instead of a comma. I learned about life and I learned about people. And ultimately, I learned that the solid, liberal arts education I got here proved far more valuable to me in the long run than a journalism degree from some more prestigious university. In my opinion, Wilkes and its graduates don't have to take a back seat to anyone.

I've been very fortunate in the last 10 years. I've gotten a lot of breaks and I've had a lot of people who believed in me and who went the extra yard for me when they didn't have to. That included some very kind people here, including Tom Kaska, the former head of the English Department; Tom Moran, the former

head of the journalism program; and Doris Barker, the Registrar. Without their help and kindness, I don't know what I would have done.

There are two other people I owe so very much to. And that's my mother and father. God gave me the ability to string together words into fairly coherent sentences. But the desire and the determination and the courage to take that ability and run with it as far as I could, I got from them. My Mom passed away two years ago, but my Dad is here today. And I'd like to tell him something that I should've told him a long, long time ago. And that is thank you. And thank you.

## Charles V. McCoy '86

The Alumni Award for Leadership is given annually by the Wilkes College Alumni Association to "the member of the graduating class considered by a special committee to have made the strongest contribution to student life and the student activities program at Wilkes College." This year's recipient, Charles V. McCoy, illustrates the ideals of campus and community service through his contributions and achievements.

McCoy, a native of Pittsford, New York, attended Wilkes College as a resident student. He served as treasurer for the Dormitory Council of Priapus Hall his sophomore year, as resident assistant of Diaz Hall his junior year, and as resident assistant of Denison Hall his senior year, proving his commitment to the quality of residence life at Wilkes.

The finest illustration of McCoy's dedication to student life, however, is his record as a member of the college's First Aid Squad. McCoy joined the squad as a freshman, and within a year was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1984, he became captain of the squad, and retained the position through the 1985-86



C. V. McCoy

academic year. As squad captain, McCoy was an instrumental force in securing a new vehicle for the college, used to transport students to local hospitals.

McCoy's involvement in the community is no less impressive than his work on the Wilkes campus. He has been an ambulance dispatcher in Pittsford, a driver for the Back Mountain, Pennsylvania, Mobile Intensive Care Unit, and a driver for the West Side Paramedic Unit of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Pennsylvania. He has also served the American Red Cross as a member of the Disaster Emergency Response Team, a C.P.R. instructor, and an Advanced First Aid Instructor.

Dean George Ralston, Special Assistant to Alumni Relations, served on the committee that selected McCoy. In his words, "Charles is a young man who personifies genuine service. He is concerned with helping others, without thought of personal reward or gain. He is an unsung hero who doesn't look for credit, and a very deserving choice for this award." Ralston's comments also reinforce McCoy's selection as the winner of the Teres Jordan and Frank Melm Prize earlier this year, as the award is given to "that undergraduate who . . . most nearly represents the ideal reflecting moral courage, unselfishness, and noteworthy extracurricular

participation advancing the College on and off campus."

McCoy received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration at this year's Commencement ceremonies.

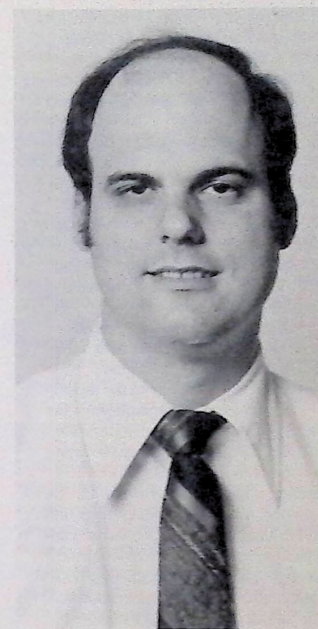
## Dr. Claude W. Anderson

The Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award, established in recognition of the B. G. Carpenter family and their contributions to the Wyoming Valley, is presented each year to a deserving member of the Wilkes College faculty, elected by a faculty committee. This year, the award was presented to Dr. Claude W. Anderson, III, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at the college.

Although Anderson has only been a member of the Wilkes family for five years, he has distinguished himself as an outstanding educator in the minds of both students and faculty. According to Dr. James Rodechko, chairman of the selection committee and a past recipient of the Carpenter Award, "Dr. Anderson won out this year over some very stiff competition. In the selection process, we rely heavily on student evaluations, and these were probably the biggest single factor in Dr. Anderson's case. Student opinion reflected the highest regard for him — in fact, we received several unsolicited letters from students who cited his ability to communicate, his thorough explanations of academic material, and his approachability."

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Perhaps Anderson is able to communicate so well with his students because of his personal philosophy on teaching. "Students today," he says, "have a desire to be challenged, and to achieve more than they think they can. Bringing out the potential in a student requires a creative approach, so that the student will strive to do more without reaching the point where he or she gives up. Motivating in the right context — achieving the right balance — is far more important than flashy lectures or gimmicks."



Dr. Claude W. Anderson, III, Ph.D.

The success of this philosophy is reflected in the attitudes of his students. Mark Dushenko '85, a former student of Anderson and a B.S. in Computer Science, recalls, "Dr. Anderson always had a knack for knowing just what you were capable of, and then pushing you to achieve it. But he wasn't at all abrasive or aloof — his classes were hard work tempered with humor, so that learning was actually fun, and problems became a challenge instead of a chore."

In addition to holding the respect of his students and colleagues, Anderson holds a list of impressive academic credentials. At Wilkes, he has served on the Faculty Admissions Committee for three years, and chaired the committee in 1983-84. In the summer of 1983, he was named interim director of Academic Computing, and held the assistant directorship through 1984. He is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, and the Association for Computing Machinery.

Anderson holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from California Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Illinois. He has also begun work on a Master's degree in Computer Science at Indiana State University, and will continue his studies there through the 1986-87 academic year.



Headquarters for the Wilkes College Earth and Environmental Sciences (E&ES) Department are located on the fourth floor of Stark Learning Center. There is no mistaking this department for any other on campus — its corridors are filled with geology display cases, hanging plants, maps, and even a weather station. And there's no mistaking the purpose of the E&ES Department — it's a place where students and faculty work together to make a difference, whether they are in the classroom, the laboratory, or the field. Wilkes E&ES is a department where things happen!

1985-86 has been a busy year for the department. In the minds of many students and faculty, it will be remembered as the year of the radon project, conducted by members of the E&ES senior seminar in cooperation with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Council (NEPEC). Working under the direction of Dr. Brian Redmond, Chairman of the Department, and Ed Dructor, executive director of NEPEC, seniors examined levels of radon gas, a naturally-occurring decay product of uranium found in soils and rock formations. Radon gas in the atmosphere is not considered a dangerous outdoor pollutant, but it can concentrate in significant levels indoors, and has been implicated in the formation of lung cancer. For this reason, radon is an important environmental concern, and the sort of issue that draws the attention of the E&ES Department.

The Wilkes/NEPEC radon study placed detectors for the substance in buildings throughout northeastern Pennsylvania, and in parts of Central and Southern Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. Several months later, detector levels were analyzed and placed in a computer database developed by the class for this study. Results were then compared to questionnaires completed by participants in the study, in an effort to determine factors that might affect indoor radon levels.

The radon project proved to be an enormous success, both for the students and the affected community. Months of study culminated in a series of meetings and press events, as public demand for information on the issue grew. The completed preliminary radon study has evolved into a continuous monitoring program for NEPEC, and will serve as the model for a similar study to be conducted at West Chester University, Philadelphia.

Another facet of departmental research where students maintain an active role is the Wilkes Microbiological Water Testing Laboratory.

# The Earth & Environmental Sciences Department:

## Joining Science With Service

by Melissa Meyers



**WELCOME** — The hallway leading to the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department offices provides visitors with a visual introduction to the discipline.

Facility, now familiar across the state as the Wilkes Giardia Lab. The laboratory was established as a result of the 1984-85 giardiasis crisis in Pennsylvania (see *Quarterly*, Winter 1985), and has been increasing its operations ever since. As it enters its second year of operation, the facility is capable of testing for a variety of contaminants in addition to *giardia*, and has become a consulting and educational resource for the community. According to Dr. Mike Case, assistant professor of E&ES and director of the Giardia Lab, students play a vital role as

skilled technicians, working under the close supervision of appropriate faculty, in all water quality and air quality facilities in the E&ES department. "In the face of rapid expansion," he says, "we are still faithful to the philosophy that student involvement is necessary for the success of our work. Students here are thought of as 'junior associates,' occupied with very real scientific work that may have far-reaching consequences. They are educating themselves while helping others, and in the process they are receiving invaluable experience."



Aileen Case, right, Senior Technician for the Microbiological Water Testing Laboratory, trains student Bill Tarutis in water quality testing techniques.

The wealth of opportunities available to E&ES students is also evident when Redmond speaks of the nature of E&ES education. "Our students have developed a reputation for environmental ethics, scientific knowledge, and a positive attitude that makes them sought after as interns and employees. As undergraduates, E&ES majors have an incredible number of opportunities to gain experience in the field, through independent studies, topics courses, senior seminars, field studies, laboratory work, and internships. An E&ES major would be hard-pressed to earn a degree without having participated in at least one, and usually more, of these activities," Case agrees. "We supply the opportunities — it's up to the students to take them."

And take them they do. E&ES graduates can be found in some of the nation's top graduate programs, and are employed as geologists, meteorologists, water quality and hazardous waste specialists, technical writers, teachers, and more. Eric Johnson received his B.S. in E&ES from Wilkes in 1983, and in three short years, has completed his M.S. in Geology at SUNY-Binghamton and begun work on a Ph.D. in igneous and metamorphic petrology. In completing the requirements for his

Master's, Johnson conducted research in southwestern Montana, and worked for the New York Geological Survey mapping in the Adirondacks. During the 1986-87 academic year, Johnson will serve on the full-time faculty of SUNY-Binghamton, teaching Optical Crystallography and Mineralogy. To Johnson, the strength of his Wilkes experience lies in "the breadth of the scientific background I was given by the department. Although my specialization is geology, I can talk about meteorology, water quality, and any other environmental science — a definite advantage in a classroom situation. Now that I am teaching, I can really appreciate the quality to which I was exposed at Wilkes."

E&ES majors are not the only students who credit the department with providing career experience. Yvette Simmons received her B.A. in English from Wilkes this year, and is already employed as a technical writer. As she puts it, "The nine months I spent as an intern with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources was a valuable supplement to my academic training. I learned of the complexity of environmental problems facing our generation, and feel that I am now able to make a significant contribution to public

awareness of these problems. Without the help supplied by Dr. Redmond and the department, I might have missed an incredible opportunity." Proof of the success of Simmons' experience is the upcoming publication of her article, "Acid Mine Drainage in Northeast Pennsylvania Waterways," in the fall edition of *Water Pollution Control Association of Pennsylvania Magazine*.

The success enjoyed by E&ES students, both during their college years and in various fields upon graduation, owes much to the academic training and professional experience this program offers. But Bill Toothill, executive director of the Susquehanna River Tri-State Association (SRTSA) and a new member of the E&ES faculty, sees another dimension to the educational program. "There is a certain attitude in this department that you can sense almost immediately," he says, "and in the year that I've been here, I've discovered the reason behind it. E&ES faculty are dedicated to motivating each student, and when that motivation takes hold, the energy becomes infectious. This is a close-knit group, supportive of all its members, and its result is a level of scientific creativity and productivity that is amazing."

The standards that exist in the department have also proven beneficial to Toothill at the SRTSA, where E&ES students are employed as interns on a regular basis. "They bring both scientific knowledge and professionalism to the job — how can you lose with that arrangement?"

In all, E&ES projects have been conducted this year in alliance with institutions such as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, NEPEC, the Environmental Protection Agency, Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, the Susquehanna River Tri-State Association, the Pennsylvania State University, and others. Many of these also involved the Wilkes College departments of Biology, Physics, Engineering, Chemistry, English, and Communications. A stranger to the college might view such a record as ample reason for a vacation. But not for this department. Plans are already underway for next year, which promises to be just as busy as the last. Obviously, it takes a special kind of department to keep up a schedule, and a reputation, like that of Earth and Environmental Sciences. As one E&ES graduate remembers, "They never promised you that the work would be easy; they did promise it would be interesting. And it was always worthwhile."



# Vinovrski Named New Dean of Admissions at Wilkes College

By Jane Manganella

WILKES-BARRE — Bernard J. Vinovrski, former Wilkes College admissions officer, has returned to head the College's student recruiting program.

Vinovrski's selection was the final step in a six-month national search by Wilkes officials. He was formerly serving as Director of Admissions at Bloomsburg University where he has been a member of the administrative staff for eight years. His extensive background includes experience at every level of the admissions process. During his tenure at Bloomsburg, he advanced from assistant to associate to director of Admissions. He also served as interim assistant to the President and was a member of the President's Cabinet.

Vinovrski, a 1969 graduate of Wilkes College with a degree in Business Administration, also earned the M.S. in Education in 1976, and the M.B.A. in Marketing in 1978 from Wilkes. He is familiar with the admissions process at Wilkes and has worked closely with the high schools in Northeast Pennsylvania for 15 years, having served as assistant director of admissions at Wilkes from 1971 through 1974 and as associate director during the period 1976-78.

His duties at both Wilkes and Bloomsburg included planning institutional strategy for recruitment, coordinating the recruitment effort between the Financial Aid office and the Admissions office, and serving as a liaison between the Public Relations office and Admissions for publications.



## The following questions and answers are excerpts from a recent interview with Dean Vinovrski.

**Q.** *Wilkes, like most other private independent colleges, relies more on tuition-generated income than colleges in the public sector. This has to represent a greater challenge to you here than at Bloomsburg. What are some of the reasons you decided to come back to Wilkes?*

**A.** Let me say first that I didn't make the decision quickly. I've been in admissions for a number of years, certainly long enough to know the enormous amount of accountability the position entails. I spent a lot of time evaluating the move. I first talked to high school counselors and found they were very positive about the direction Wilkes College is taking. They feel we are projecting, planning, and meeting the needs of students who are moving into a highly sophisticated, technically-oriented society.

Second, I do agree there is a challenge here, but anyone in admissions, whether private or public, faces a challenge. It is a highly competitive field. But, for me, it is a different kind of challenge, and one that I'm looking forward to because we have so much to offer students at Wilkes. It is a family school. It is great for us (admissions staff) to know that a student will come here and be happy because there is an atmosphere at a small school that you can't talk about in recruiting for the big universities. Even at Bloomsburg, where enrollment is 5,000 — not really too big — students cannot get that feeling they derive from the one-to-one interaction with faculty. At Wilkes, professors know students by name and look on them as individuals. That is unusual and it creates an atmosphere conducive to learning.

**Q.** *You have indicated that you will work closely with alumni in recruitment. What are your plans for doing so?*

**A.** We are fortunate to have outstanding alumni throughout the country. I would like to ask their help as we move toward a more comprehensive, more structured admissions program. However, we must first identify alumni who are willing to be involved as admissions representatives, especially those who live in New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Washington, D.C. When we do identify them, we would begin to conduct training workshops so that they

could be reintroduced to Wilkes College and what is happening here. I believe that these workshops are necessary. It is awkward for alumni who are asked questions to which they cannot respond. For example, they need to know enrollment figures, tuition and residence costs, faculty-to-student ratios; they even need to know who the coaches are. It is our responsibility to give them that and any other information they may need.

**Q.** *Many colleges have elaborate networking systems between admissions, faculty, and administration as well as alumni. Do you plan to enlist the help of faculty and administration?*

**A.** Yes, and thanks to Tony Shipula (our alumni director), President Breiseth and Jack Meyers (acting dean of admissions for the last academic year, 1985-86) much of the basic work has been done. President Breiseth and Tony have been visiting alumni throughout the country and have developed an agenda for 1986-87. This is an important outreach approach. (look for this agenda in the next issue of the *Quarterly*) and I hope alumni will come out and visit with us. In reference to faculty, Jack Meyers has developed a good rapport with them and individual departments have offered to help with or sponsor college nights and visitation days on campus. This is a vital part of the admissions process.

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**Q.** *Wilkes has just gone to a new academic structure . . . the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Business and Economics. Will this reorganization help in your recruitment efforts?*

**A.** There is no doubt that it will help. It will answer the ever-increasing need to prepare students for the job market without losing the ability to give them the broad-based, liberal arts background they need to articulate whatever field of study they choose. This new structure and the curriculum it produces will give Wilkes College students the best education they can get anywhere. It will help us achieve the excellence in education to which we at Wilkes have dedicated ourselves.

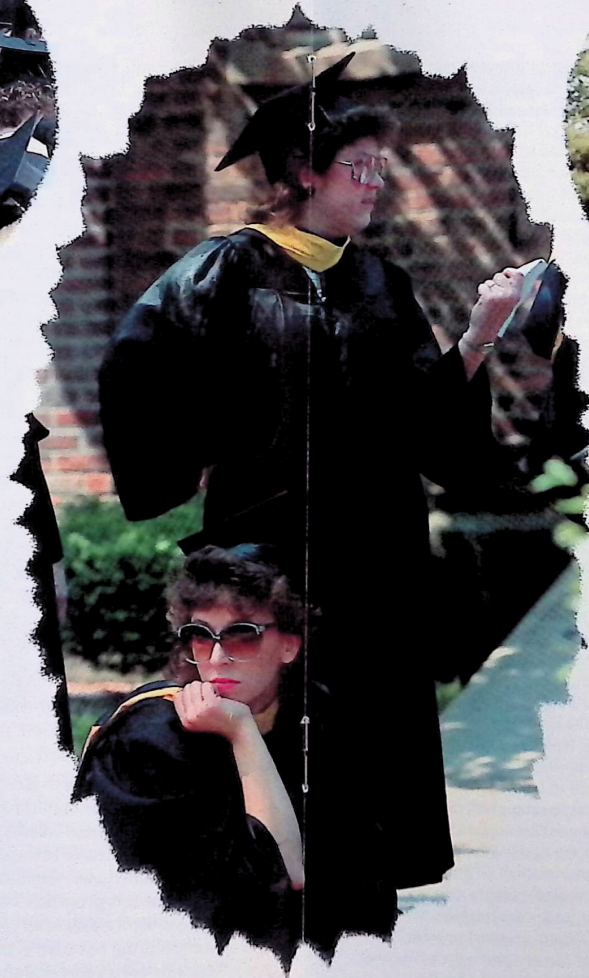
**Q.** *I know you have extensive plans for admissions but briefly, what is your immediate plan of action for 1986-87?*

**A.** We will coordinate and intensify our program. We will identify our market and then reach it. Wilkes has, as I said, excellent faculty, facilities, and programs, and we now have to let people know we're here. Fortunately I have a staff who are equipped and eager to tell that story.



# Commencement — 1986

*The End  
of all the yesterdays . . .*



*. . . The Beginning  
of all the tomorrows*



# NURSING DEPARTMENT . . .

## A Decade has Passed

by Jane Manganello

A decade has passed since Wilkes College conferred its first Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Degree. In that comparatively short span of time the profession of nursing has grown up, and the department at Wilkes College has kept pace and can take pride in a faculty, curriculum, and educational facility that can be looked upon as a model in higher education for nursing students.

The concept of the profession of nursing was, in the not too distant past, one of limited vision and held not only by doctors and patients but by nurses themselves. Nursing was generally considered a career but not a profession; a service organization whose membership was dependent on others for leadership and decision making. Wilkes College sought to change that when in 1972 it admitted its first class of students who would pursue the B.S.N. instead of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education (B.S.N.E.) that it had offered since 1954.

In the ensuing 10 years the concept has changed. In a self-study by the Department of Nursing in January of 1985, it is stated precisely that, "Within the legal and ethical parameters of the profession, the nurse assumes the role of practitioner, client-advocate, teacher, researcher, and leader . . ." a far different perception than previously held by nurses and their publics.

The brief but distinguished history of the department had its beginning in 1971 when Ruth McHenry, then associate professor and chairman of Continuing Education at Syracuse University, decided she wanted to "come home" and establish a baccalaureate program at Wilkes College. She scheduled a meeting with then president, Dr. Francis J. Michellini. "I smile thinking about how really forward I was. I told Dr. Michellini that changes were coming in healthcare; that Wilkes should make this degree available to students, and then I elaborated on my ideas and plans. Well, he was enthusiastic but concerned

about many things, one of which was the financial burden that initiating the program might entail. I said, 'Do you want to seek monies in the form of grants to support the program?' He looked rather surprised and said, 'Are there monies?' When I said that there were government funds available but proposals would have to be written and I volunteered to do that, he said, 'When can you start?'" Start she did in June of 1971, and she didn't stop until she retired in 1981.

During those years Mrs. McHenry not only wrote successful grants, bringing almost one million dollars from various sources to help fund and establish the department, she also designed a curriculum in 1971 for the nurse of the 1980's. This curriculum, written long before the changes in healthcare were obvious, fits perfectly into the contemporary healthcare needs of society today. Many of her contemporaries have called Ruth's designing of that curriculum almost visionary. There are so many specialties within the curriculum that apply to the needs of the general public in healthcare. She also put great emphasis on faculty development and the excellent credentials held by Wilkes nursing faculty today reflect that emphasis.

It became critical then, in 1971, to get approval for the curriculum from the myriad of accreditation boards necessary before the plan could be carried further. "I presented and defended the curriculum before the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners in June. It was fully approved and I knew we were on our way." The department is also accredited by the National League of Nursing.

A major part of Mrs. McHenry's plan was to provide students a self-learning center at Wilkes where they could develop hands-on skills they would need as practitioners. "I wanted students to have available to them a facility where they could go to practice classroom

theory. There they would work independently to develop clinical skills that would assure self-confidence in the professional arena." This center was designed by her and is now housed on the third floor of Stark Learning Center. It has been a model for other institutions, many of which send representatives to see the mini-hospital setting on the campus at Wilkes College.

Mrs. McHenry's diverse career in nursing included a diploma from Wyoming Valley Hospital, followed by 15 years of private duty nursing; a B.S. from Teachers College at Columbia University; and the M.A. in Nursing Education Administration. Her goal was to use her knowledge accumulated over the years to help build a sound baccalaureate program at Wilkes College. She retired in 1981.

A search was conducted to find her successor, and in July of that year Virginia Nehring was appointed chairman of the department. Dr. Nehring holds the B.S.N. from University of Bridgeport and her M.S.N. from Yale University School of Nursing. Sixty-four credits of her doctoral work were done at Boston University School of Nursing, and she completed her Ph.D. in Nursing Research at Walden University.

Dr. Nehring believed in preparing nurses to be "politically astute, aware of ethical issues in nursing," and her overriding goal she stated succinctly, "Our ultimate goal is excellence. We will direct our energies to the preparation of excellent practitioners — nurses well-trained clinically and in nursing theory." It was under her tutelage that faculty development reached new highs. Credentials for faculty also achieved excellence during her tenure for the next five years until she decided, in June of 1986, to step down from the chairmanship and "get back to teaching, which I miss very much."

Picking up the challenge to maintain the excellence that has become an



Nursing: Row 1: Kathy Anselmi, Joyce Hamlin, Suzanne Fischer, Ann Kolanowski, Suzanne Druffner, Susan Hunt, Nancy Nally, Marylouanna Portanova. Row 2: Judy Schreiber, Jean Steelman, Linda Desmond, Annette Gauderman, Theresa Grabe, Carol Zick, Ann Russell, Theresa Jezewski, Mary Ann Saueraker, Mildred Krzywicki, Sharon Telban, Adelaide Godek, Betty Zaran, Alene Harrison, Dr. Virginia Nehring.

intrinsic part of the department is Ann Marie Kolanowski, who will be acting chairman until a permanent successor is appointed.

Ann Marie received her B.S.N. from College Misericordia, her M.S. from the Pennsylvania State University, and is currently a doctoral candidate at New York University.

She has been teaching at Wilkes for eight years, and is especially enthusiastic

about the impressive academic credentials achieved by faculty and what that means to students. "Students find more than just classroom expertise in this faculty; they have role models and mentors. They (faculty) are so very active not only as teachers but in professional organizations, in research, in writing for publications, in their pursuit of Master's and Doctoral degrees." And, she continues, "They are dedicated to the

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preparation of students as professionals who will be leaders with a great deal of interest in health promotion. I'm proud to note that there is a distinct parallel between the growth of the Department of Nursing at Wilkes and the growth and dignity of nursing in the community. We're quite a team!"



# CHRONICLE



## Honorary Degrees Awarded To Donley, Winsor

At Wilkes 39th Annual Commencement ceremony, honorary doctorates were conferred upon Edward Donley, chairman and chief executive officer of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., and Eleanor W. Winsor, (below) founder and vice-chairman of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. Donley (above) received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, and Winsor received the honorary Doctor of Science degree.

In presenting the degrees, President Christopher N. Breiseth delivered the following citations:



upon research in all fields carried out in our institutions of higher education.

"You have been as determined as a corporate leader to support effective education in your neighboring local schools, recognizing that an educated citizenry and work force begins in elementary school.

"You have also focused on the quality and cost of health care.

"Having just assumed the chairmanship of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the first Pennsylvanian to serve in this leadership position in the 75-year history of the Chamber, you become a spokesman for American business not only within our country but throughout the world.

"Quiet but thorough, balanced yet determined, you bring a finely tempered sensitivity to your many responsibilities.

"A son and grandson of teachers, you have carried the role of educator into the world of business.

"At a time when American higher education faces crippling financial problems, we in the academy celebrate the presence in national and international business circles of such a leader who is bending his efforts to increase the investment by businesses in our educational institutions.

"Eleanor W. Winsor, you have provided leadership to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the effort to protect our environment. Through the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, which you helped found and have led for the past sixteen years, you have sought to educate the public, to prod our government and to stimulate industry to find ways to clean up our water and our air. Rather than searching for scapegoats for the many abuses of the environment to which we have all contributed, you have brought together people from the public and private sectors to discover the extent of the damage and to develop techniques and incentives to reverse it. Rational, clear, persistent, articulate, you have been in the lead in focusing our attention on what we all must do.

"From your efforts, the public regulations have taken shape and been adopted, and our behavior as corporate and individual citizens has improved. What you did over the last decade and a half to mobilize our understanding and our energies to improve our air and water, you have been doing more recently to help the Commonwealth address the problems of hazardous and solid waste, which you regard as urgent for the economic and ecological health of this state.

"You have brought research and action together through the effective organization of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Pennsylvania Environmental Research Foundation. While you now leave these institutions to a new generation of leaders and seek other avenues of service to protect the quality of our environment, Wilkes today recognizes your continuing contributions.

"From our own efforts at the College to help vouchsafe the environment of Northeastern Pennsylvania to future generations in better shape than we found it, we recognize in you a colleague and a leader."

## GRANTS: Wilkes Procures Two New Grants

A \$44,500 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and a grant from the Surdna Foundation will benefit Wilkes College over the next year, according to Sandra Beynon, Director of Foundations and Grants Management.

The educational grant, received under the Title II Education for Economic Security Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, will be used to develop an in-service teacher training program in mathematics and computer science. Two hundred elementary, middle schools, and junior high schools are included in the service area of the program.

The second grant, received from the Surdna Foundation of New York, will aid alumni annual giving. Under the terms of the grant, Surdna will donate one dollar for each dollar received that exceeds last year's level of giving at the college. All funds received from Surdna under the terms of this "Challenge Grant" will be used for student aid. (See President's Letter, page 19)

## Wilkes College Receives Bequest From Marian Schaeffer Estate

Wilkes College has received a bequest in the amount of \$680,000 from the estate of the late Marian R. Schaeffer.

Ms. Schaeffer, who died on April 8, 1985, was throughout her lifetime a consistent benefactor to Wilkes College, giving both moral and financial support.

Both Ms. Schaeffer and her father, the late William B. Schaeffer, for whom the Lounge in Stark Learning Center is named, demonstrated a dedicated interest in the College from its earliest days.



## Arthur J. Hoover Appointed New Dean of Student Affairs

Arthur J. Hoover, a member of the Wilkes College community since 1955, has been appointed Dean of Student Affairs by President Christopher N. Breiseth.

Hoover, in his tenure at Wilkes, has served the College in various posts, including Director of Financial Aid, Director of Student Activities, Director of Housing, Director of Alumni Relations, and most recently as Associate Dean of Student Affairs. He is well known to both students and alumni. Congratulations Dean Hoover.

## TRUSTEES: Update

WELCOME . . . Wilkes College welcomes Beverly B. Hiscox '58 to the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Hiscox, who was recently elected President of the National Executive Committee of the Wilkes College Alumni Association, is an active member of the community as well as the college family. She is a past president of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Board of Directors, and is currently a member of its board and its Executive Committee. She also serves in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary, and is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian church.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Charles H. Miner, Jr., as he enters his 50th year of service to the College. Mr. Miner first served as a member of the Advisory Council of Bucknell Junior College in 1937, joining the Board of Trustees in 1938, and was named Trustee Emeritus in 1982. He is a member of the

Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. In the community, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Osterhout Free Library, the Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley, and the Children's Home of Wilkes-Barre. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Hospice St. John. Miner holds an A.B. from Princeton University and an LL.B. from Harvard Law School.

FAREWELL . . . The Board of Trustees bids a reluctant farewell and best wishes to three members who are leaving their posts.

Ben Badman joined the board in 1970 and served as its chairman from 1978 until 1981. During his tenure as a member of the board, he also served as chairman of the Executive Committee, as chairman of the Goals of the College Committee from 1976 until 1978, on the Academic Program Committee, and on the Physical Facilities Committee.

Constance Mayock has been a member of the Board since 1980. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Mayock and her husband, Robert '36, live in Wynnwood, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mayock served on the College Development Executive Nominations Committee and on the Physical Facilities Committee.

James F. Ferris '56 joined the Board of Trustees with his election to the position of President of the Alumni Association in 1982. Ferris served on the Presidential Search Committee in 1983 and 1984. At Wilkes, Ferris is a member of the college's chapter of Phi Kappa Delta. Ferris earned his B.S. in Secondary Education from Wilkes, and his Masters in Education from Bucknell University. Ferris is currently principal of Wyoming Valley West High School, Plymouth, PA, and resides in Kingston with his wife, Ellen.

## George Ralston

Wilkes College dean of student affairs George Ralston resigned his position as of June 1 to serve as special liaison between the college and its 15,000 alumni.

In June 1946, he was hired by Wilkes as a teacher and counselor for veterans. He has since then served as dean of men, dean of students, counselor, athletic coach and administrator.

In his tribute to Ralston, President Christopher N. Breiseth said, "He has been a positive influence on students for over 40 years. He will surely bring the same dedication to his new role as Special Assistant for Alumni Relations."



## Student Awards

Thomas Allardyce of Avoca, Pennsylvania, received the 1986 Natural Sciences and Mathematics Award, presented annually to the graduate who has "the highest academic achievements in the pursuit of knowledge across the discipline." Allardyce graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, and attended Wilkes on the Walter S. Carpenter Scholarship in Engineering. During his college career, Allardyce



ALLARDYCE

served as Chairman of the Wilkes Judicial Council, and was an active member of the Engineering Club. A Dean's List student and outstanding athlete, Allardyce was named to the 1986 GTE/CoSIDA Second Team Academic All-American Squad, College Division, in recognition of his scholarship and his performance as a guard on the Colonels basketball team.

Allardyce has been accepted into Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University, where he will pursue his medical degree in the fall. He is the son of Helen and Gerald Allardyce, Avoca.

Walter Martin Schonfeld of Parsippany, New Jersey, received the Mable Scott and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award, as the male graduate with the highest academic average. In addition, Schonfeld was the recipient of the Hugo Mailey Award in the Social Sciences, given each year to the graduate in the discipline who has "best demonstrated overall ability in scholarship, intellectual curiosity, and community service."

Schonfeld earned a B.S. in Computer Science and a B.S. in Finance, and was commissioned into the United States Air Force following Commencement. As a

member of the Wilkes Air Force ROTC Program, he served as Cadet Corps Commander, making him the highest ranking Air Force cadet in northeastern Pennsylvania. Schonfeld also won 42 national and international awards as a member of the Wilkes Speech and Debate Union, and was selected to serve on the International Debate and Discussion Team. He belongs to the ROTC Military Order of the World Wars and Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary speech fraternity.



SCHONFELD

Schonfeld plans to enter active duty in the Air Force with his wife, Darlene, a 1983 Wilkes College graduate. He is the son of Rudolf and Sonia Schonfeld, Parsippany.

Joni Ann Torsella of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, also received the Mable Scott and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award for the highest academic achievements among women in the graduating class. Torsella, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, also minored in Spanish, attaining Dean's List status every semester for four years. This year, Torsella was also the recipient of the Mathematics Award, given annually by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Now that she has earned her undergraduate degree, Torsella plans to continue in the study of Mathematics, and eventually earn a Ph.D. in the field. According to Dr. Richard Sours, Chairman of the Department, "Joni's capabilities would make her excellent in a research or educational environment. The faculty within the department are very pleased that she will be representing Wilkes in mathematics at the graduate level."



TORSELLA

She is the daughter of John and Theresa Torsella, Hazleton.

Sandra Long of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is this year's winner of the Humanities Award, given to the graduate who best demonstrates "outstanding scholarship in the humanities and participation in cultural activities." Long, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Commencement, served as staff member and editor of the *Manuscript* literary magazine, and was a member of the Wilkes Speech and Debate



LONG

Union. While at Wilkes, she was named recipient of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club Scholarship, the Robert Marc Schub Scholarship, and the Taft Achilles Rosenberg Naparstek Scholarship.

In the community, Long is a pianist in the Firwood Piano Quartet, and directs the Sky Lake Summer Camp for the Physically Handicapped. In the future, Long hopes to pursue a graduate degree in English. She is the daughter of Ormond and Dorothy Long, Wilkes-Barre.

Georges Aboutanos, a Kingston, Pennsylvania, resident originally from Beirut, Lebanon, was named as the recipient of the Nada Vujica Memorial Award, presented annually to a deserving international student. Aboutanos received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at Commencement, and was also given the 1986 Engineering Achievement Award from the Department of Engineering.

At Wilkes, Aboutanos served as a mathematics and engineering tutor for the Academic Support Center, and worked for four years on the college's Engineering Technical Services team. He counts among his finest accomplishments



ABOUTANOS

his presidency of the Wilkes International Organization, which he helped to reorganize in 1984. Barbara King, Foreign Student Advisor, says of Aboutanos, "Georges was a unanimous choice for the International Student Award, based on his strong commitment to family, fellow international students, his studies, and his native and adopted countries." This commitment also extends to the community, as Aboutanos conducts classes in Arabic through the Maronite Catholic Church.

Aboutanos will attend Virginia Polytech in the fall, on a full tuition scholarship and stipend. He is the son of Badih and Jamile Aboutanos, Kingston.

## SPORTS

### Top Recruits, Basketball Coach Join Wilkes Team

Three standout high school athletes plan to attend Wilkes College this fall.

Steve Schannauer, Wilson Area High School, PA, and Scott Babun, Glastonbury High School, CT, will join John Reese's Division I wrestling team.

Schannauer, regarded as one of the top heavyweights in the nation, posted a 73-8-1 career record including a 2nd place finish in the Pennsylvania Class AAA State Championships. He also participated in the Pennsylvania Press Wrestling Classic where he clinched a PA All-Stars victory.

Babun, a 154 lb. state champion, had a 73-14 record throughout his scholastic career. The High School All-American honorable mention selection recorded 45 pins in his career, including Connecticut's fastest pin (:07).

Joining the men's basketball team is Jim Nolan, a 6'0" guard from South Williamsport Area High School, PA. Nolan finished a brilliant high school career as Pennsylvania's 26th all-time scorer with 2,106 points.

A fourth exciting addition to Wilkes College's athletic program is Jodi B. Kest, new head coach of women's basketball. Kest is a former Division II All-American who comes to Wilkes from a graduate assistantship at Northwest State University. She took her baccalaureate degree from Slippery Rock University, where she was a four-year letter winner in basketball, and captain of the squad for three seasons. Kest held the college's records as all-time leading scorer and rebounder, and was the recipient of various all-conference and all-regional honors. At Missouri State, she was involved in all aspects of the women's basketball program.

## From the President

To the Alumni of Wilkes College and of Bucknell University Junior College

By the time you read this, the Breiseths will have reached their second anniversary in Wilkes-Barre. It has been an eventful beginning. My letter to you is something of a progress report on these first two years, as well as an appeal.

Before I arrived on campus, Wilkes College had achieved a remarkable half-century of growth, with a reputation for providing its students with a quality liberal arts experience. Increasingly, and in line with other colleges and universities, Wilkes had been attracting a greater proportion of its students to professional and pre-professional degree programs. When I arrived in 1984, more than 75% of the students were majoring in such programs.

In addition, full-time enrollments had dropped since 1980 in line with the changing demography of the Northeastern United States, while part-time and graduate enrollment increased. Financially, these changes stimulated a long-range effort to deal with difficult staffing and budgeting issues. Fortunately, under Robert Capin's leadership the College remained in the black, an essential condition for private colleges and universities with small endowments if they are to survive the rigorous challenges of the 1980s.

Wilkes, in 1983-84, conducted a serious marketing study which presented me with a valuable starting point to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the College. I agreed with the study that Wilkes College needed to sharpen its definition of mission since it has become a more diverse and ambitious institution. While still a relatively small liberal arts college, with a full-time undergraduate enrollment of about 1,750, Wilkes has also become a graduate school offering programs not only on the Wilkes campus but throughout Pennsylvania. If one adds all the part-time undergraduate and graduate students working for degrees, the enrollment shoots up to nearly 3,000. If one adds the continuing education and special program students, that number nearly doubles.

In the past two years, we together have redefined the mission of Wilkes. We have made important progress in strengthening the quality, accountability, and energy of the faculty through an imaginative program of peer evaluation and professional development. This plan,



Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth

designed by the faculty themselves, was greatly aided by a three-year, \$300,000 grant from the Pew Memorial Trust. The recognition of these efforts in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* brought us some valuable national attention and alerted us to our potential for providing leadership in these sensitive areas to others in higher education, while increasing the national reputation of the College.

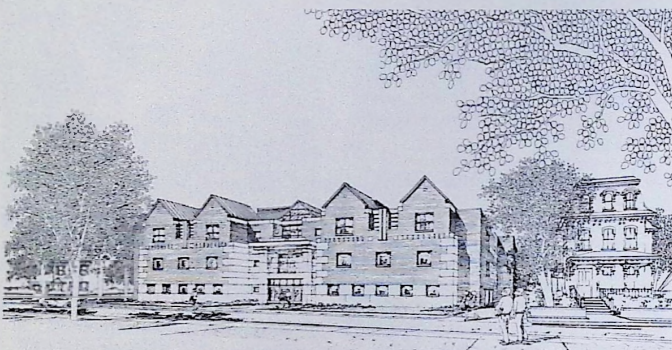
Organizationally, we needed both to be more cohesive and to give greater definition to some of our professional programs which account for a substantial part of our enrollment. The result is that we have announced the formation of the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences, combining engineering, physics, and earth and environmental sciences and the formation of the School of Business and Economics, formed from the Commerce and Finance Department. At the same time, and to provide leadership for other departments and for the critical revision of the core curriculum now underway, we have created a College of Arts and Sciences. These changes will facilitate our recruitment efforts for the broad and specialized publics we must reach. (The next issue of the *Quarterly* will focus on these changes.)



Our service to Northeast Pennsylvania continues to grow. One critical concern is that of environmental quality. We are blessed with abundant water and other natural resources necessary for economic growth, but we do have problems of environmental abuse that need to be corrected. With our research and testing facilities at Wilkes, we are working with government and industry to monitor the quality of air and water and help discover new ways of dealing with industrial waste and other pollution. The honorary degrees given at Commencement to Edward Donley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., and to Eleanor Winsor, founder and executive of the

very hard and was frequently discouraged, but the faculty, while demanding, really cared and believed I could succeed. I did."

While I hear from you how vital Wilkes College has been in the lives of its students, many of you tend to murmur, when asked where you went to college, "I went to a little college in Pennsylvania." We need you to lift up your chin and say loud and clear, "I went to *Wilkes College*." We need you to include Wilkes College in your resumes and in public relations releases about your triumphs. In short, we need your help in increasing the national recognition of this fine college. You need us, too, the Wilkes College of today.



An architectural rendering of the proposed Recreation-Conference-Sports Center. (RCSC)

Pennsylvania Environmental Council, reflect our commitment to bring College, government, and industry together in the great tasks of improving our economic and physical environment.

While these and many other efforts have been absorbing energies on campus, I have been meeting alumni around the country. Several impressions have struck me about you. Over and over, I have heard the following:

- "I did not realize when I left Wilkes how well I had been educated. In graduate school, I was as well, if not better, prepared than students from the top colleges and universities."
- "Wilkes faculty taught me to write and to think."
- "Being at Wilkes was like being part of a family. It was the most intimate, supportive environment I have ever been in."
- "If I had not had the opportunity to attend Wilkes, I would not be where I am now. I owe Wilkes a great deal."
- "Wilkes showed me what today is called 'tough love.' I had to work

In all the efforts to build Wilkes, and to rebuild it after the flood of 1972, there has not been the opportunity for staying in touch with our 15,000 alumni. Wilkes needs, and we hope you want, this kind of communication. With alumnus Bernie Vinovski '69 taking over as Dean of Admissions, we think you will be hearing more from Wilkes, encouraging you to learn enough about the College today so that you can feel confident in recommending it to your children and grandchildren and to friends and acquaintances. I hope we will be enrolling increasing numbers of alumni dependents using the 10% reduction in tuition. Through the efforts of alumnus Tony Shipula '78, Director of Alumni Relations, working with the Wilkes Alumni Association and President Beverly Blakeslee Hiscox '58, you will have the opportunity to relate directly with other Wilkes alumni in your area. This opportunity should be enjoyable for you and serve to strengthen the College as only active alumni can.

Joining these individuals in building relations with our alumni is Dean of

Student Affairs Emeritus George Ralston. Drawing upon his unparalleled knowledge of the College and his friendships with students from the last forty years, he is going to help mobilize our efforts to construct a new Recreation/Conference/Sports Center on the site of the present gymnasium. Every comprehensive report on the College, written by visiting accrediting teams and by College committees, has identified the urgent need to improve the recreational and sports facilities at Wilkes. This effort to build the new Center will be one part of a capital campaign to be announced this fall, which will also focus on the need to increase faculty salaries and student aid through an ever-larger endowment. The endowment is presently valued at \$8,000,000. If you want to help in the early stage of this critical campaign, please get in touch with Tony Shipula or George Ralston.

To help us with the raising of funds, the Surdna Foundation has just awarded us a \$50,000 challenge grant to increase both the percentage of giving and the amount raised by the alumni in the 1986 annual campaign over the result in 1985. The annual campaign must continue and grow even when we are going through a three-to-five-year capital campaign. If you have not given to Wilkes in recent years, I urge you to give this fall when you are approached, whether in person, by phone, or by mail, in order to help us increase the percentage of alumni giving. If you have given, I urge you to increase the amount to help us exceed last year's total by at least \$50,000. The Surdna grant will be used for student financial assistance. In the first two phases of the 1986 annual campaign (the community and corporate phases) we have substantially exceeded our goals. With your help, we can do so among the alumni.

I was impressed by the Wilkes College I encountered two years ago; I am proud of the progress the College has made in the last two years. As we work together to strengthen the College for the next century, we are engaged in a most rewarding kind of investment in ourselves and in our posterity. I am confident that you will find Wilkes College playing an increasingly active and visible role in the crucial debates over our nation's educational system — and I am confident you will be proud to say aloud, "Wilkes is my alma mater." Stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Christopher N. Breiseth  
President

## ALUMNI NEWS

1941

**BENJAMIN BADMAN** was appointed Executive Vice President at the Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

1943

**JOHN C. KEENEY, Esq.**, was one of 33 recipients of the Presidential Distinguished Bank Award. Chosen from more than 6,000 eligible recipients, he received a plaque and \$20,000 from President Reagan. Atty. Keene is deputy assistant of the attorney general in the criminal division of the U.S. Justice Department. He and his wife, **EUGENIA BRISLIN '45**, live in Washington, D.C., with their five children.

1952

**STEPHEN R. KRUPINSKI** retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve with the rank of Commander, Supply Corp. He is Manager for Consultants and Accountants in the New Jersey/New York area for the Burroughs Corporation. He and his wife, **Connie**, live in Middletown, NJ, with their son, Stephen, Jr.

1956

**JAMES B. MITCHELL, Ph.D.**, was accepted into the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. Dr. Mitchell is the Chairperson of the Biology Department at Moravian College and lives in Bethlehem, PA.

1958

**MARTHA WAGNER OSTROWSKI** and her husband, Robert, opened a fine jewelry business in Kingston. They are joined in the venture by her brother and sister-in-law, **GENE '71** and **BARBARA YOUNG WAGNER '71**.

1960

**JANE NEDDOFF BROWN**, assistant professor of Nursing at Luzerne County Community College, presented a workshop, "Identification of Individual Learning Styles: Practical Application in Post-Secondary Education," to the Wilkes College Nursing Faculty. She received her master's degree in nursing from College Misericordia and is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania.

1961

**WALTER PLACEK, Ph.D.**, was elected to the Governing Board of the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association for a two-year term. He will represent Northeastern Pennsylvania.

1962

**JOEL P. HARRISON** was named to the Management Group of D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles Advertising Agency, New York, where he is a Senior Vice President/Creative Director. He lives in Wyckoff, NJ, with his wife, Sally, and their sons, Jonathon and Jeremy.

1963

**DOLORES GRABKO** was named broker of the year for 1985 at All-Business Opportunity Services, Inc. Ms. Grabko surpassed all previous sales records to earn this award. She completed graduate work at Boston University and currently lives in Wilkes-Barre.

1964

**JEFFREY H. GALLET**, New York state Family Court Judge, was recently selected as a recipient of the 1986 Margaret Byrd Rawson Achievement Award. The award is given annually in recognition of outstanding accomplishments of dyslexic adults. Judge Gallet received his juris doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in New York, is the author of five books and thirty articles and is interested in the relationship between juvenile delinquency and learning disabilities.

1965

**CATHERINE DeANGELIS** is the 1986 recipient of the Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award. (see page 4)

1966

**HENRY M. O'REILLY** was appointed auditor for Key Bank of Central New York. He and his wife, Susan, and their four children live in Fayetteville, NY.

**RONALD J. RUSSO** was appointed coordinator of social services at White Haven Center. He resides in Mountaintop.

**STEPHEN A. VAN DYCK** was elected group senior vice president — oilfield services of Sonat, Inc., and chairman of two of Sonat's subsidiaries, Sonat Offshore Drilling, Inc. and Sonat Marine, Inc.

1968

**JOSEPH CHMIELEWSKI** was named Vice President for Finance at the Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

**ELIZABETH A. SLAUGHTER, Ph.D.**, was featured in the January issue of Ebony magazine. A member of the Wilkes College Board of Trustees, Dr. Slaughter received her doctorate in clinical psychology in 1978 with a dual degree from the University of Massachusetts and Harvard University. She is currently a clinical psychologist and marketing consultant with NYNEX, a telecommunications company.

1969

**THOMAS F. KELLY, Ph.D.**, was appointed Dean of the School of Management at the University Center in Binghamton, NY.

**SHEILA GOLDEN SIMON** of White Plains, NY, recently became a licensed real estate agent and is associated with Doppelt-Williams, Ltd.



1970

The Reverend **BERNARD P. EVANOFSKI** was ordained to the diaconate for service in the Diocese of Scranton, the first step of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He is a graduate of Temple University and completed his theological studies at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA.

**J. DAVID LOMBARDI** was promoted to executive vice president and chief executive officer of the First National Bank of Dunmore. He resides in Dunmore with his wife, Patricia, and their two children.

**LEA GINA WHITE** joined the staff of Hartford Community Mental Health Center as a bilingual psychotherapist. She received a master's of social work from the University of Connecticut.

1971

**GEORGE J. MATZ** was appointed Senior Vice President of Marketing at The Satter Companies in Lake Worth, FL.

1972

**BARBARA M. BARSKI, M.A.**, is currently a self-employed Personnel and Management Consultant in Falls Church, VA.



## 1973

**CAROL HUSSA** was appointed campaign assistant at the Penn State, Wilkes-Barre campus. Carol was founder and the first director of the Domestic Violence Service Center in Wilkes-Barre prior to joining Penn State.

**ROBERT SINCAVAGE** was one of four persons cited as salesperson of the month (February) at The World of Ertley. His office is located in Kingston; he lives in Forty Fort.

## 1974

**CHRISTINE H. DONAHUE** recently performed the Brahms "Requiem" with the Scranton Singers Guild and the Hazleton Oratorio Society at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. A Juilliard graduate, she was recently named a winner of the Pavarotti vocal competition.

**JEAN GILROY GAVLICK, Esq.**, is now associated with the law offices of Jonathon DeYoung in King of Prussia, PA. A 1981 graduate of Delaware Law School, Atty. Gavllick is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and the Eastern District of PA Federal Bar as well as a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association. She and her husband, **BLASE L. '73**, reside in Malvern, PA, with their two sons, Edmund and Lee Harris.

**ANDREA BOGUSKO YORKONIS** was the featured pianist at "An American Celebration" presented by Sinfonia da Camera, Northeastern Pennsylvania's professional chamber orchestra.

## 1976

**MAGGIE BELL CRISPELL**, assistant to the interim director of university relations at Penn State University, has been re-elected treasurer of the College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania.

**DEBORAH DINKEL** recently married Gregg Nieman. She is employed as controller at First National Computer Rental in Dallas, Texas.

**PAUL J. DOMOWITCH** is the 1986 recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. (see page 6)

**SUSAN E. FUNKE** was married to Darryl McLain on December 28. They live in Clarks Summit.

**MOLLIE A. KENNEDY** recently married Robert W. Winters. Both work at Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania; she is a staff auditor and he is a systems programmer. They will reside in Larksville.

**ALEXANDER O. NMOMA** received a master's degree in mechanical engineering and is currently employed as a staff engineer with the IBM Corporation. He and his wife live in Alexandria, VA, with their three children.

**MARY LOU GOTTLIEB ROOT** was appointed Director of Human Resources at Penn Security Bank & Trust Company of Scranton.

**DAVID SKOPEK** is a Caterpillar Tractor Parts & Sales Representative with Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company of Harrisburg. His wife Barbara is a Staff Development Nursing Instructor at Chambersburg Hospital. They reside in Chambersburg with their son, John David, born on October 18.

**ROBYN SPEAK WALSH** joined the advisory board of the master of health administration degree program at the Wilkes College Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education. Ms. Walsh is administrator of the Hamlin-Mt. Cobb Medical Center.

## 1977

**MAUREEN G. CAREY** recently married Mark R. Albrecht. She is a technical service representative at Penox Technologies in Pittston; he is a photographer at WBRE-TV. The couple will reside in Wilkes-Barre.

**LEONARD COSTELLO** recently had his song for piano, "A Day With You," published. He is currently assistant band director for the Wyoming Area school district.

**PAULETTE KULESA LaCONTE** joined the staff of Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Florida as a Clinical Practice Instructor.

**DAVID SCOTT RAMSTAD** completed Internal Medicine Training at the University of South Carolina, passed the Boards and is now in a group practice of internal medicine in Norfolk, VA. He and his wife, Katherine, have two sons and are expecting a child in May.

**LARRY STIREWALT** was promoted from news manager to vice president/news director at WDAU-TV.

## 1978

**DAVID A. JOLLEY** promoted to Vice President for Public Affairs at the Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

**BERT KATZ** passed the Certified Public Accountants exam. Mr. Katz resides in West Orange, NJ.

**SHEILA A. KUPINSKY** passed the State Board of Psychologist Examiners and is now licensed by the state of Pennsylvania to practice psychology. She is currently a psychological services associate at White Haven Center.

**IRL ROSNER** received his M.D. from the Far East University in the Philippines. Dr. Rosner is currently an anesthesia resident at the Montefiore Medical Center of the Albert Einstein Medical College. He is engaged to Gail DeGuzman; they will reside in Cortlandt, NY.

**Captain CLARK F. SPEICHER** of the U.S. Air Force has been assigned to the 1013th Combat Crew Training Squadron at Peterson AFB, CO. He is working on the development and implementation of a training program for the U.S. Space Command Space Operations Center which will be the focal point for all U.S. military space operations and systems. He and his family were selected for Special Duty Assignment with the Canadian Air Force; he will be the Chief of the NATO Air Defense Operations Branch in Ontario. Capt. Speicher received his master's degree in Purchasing and Materials Management from Webster University, MO, in December.

**TINA C. STEHLE** appointed international financial systems specialist of Federal Express in Memphis, TN. She and her husband, James, live in Memphis and are expecting their first child in July.

**ELLEN DuFOSSE WENGEN** and her husband, **PAUL '79**, recently moved to California. Mrs. Wengen is Associate Director for Kimberly Services in the Bay area. Mr. Wengen accepted a promotion to Division Controller at Fairchild Weston.

## 1979

**REBECCA TOTO QUINN** and her husband, **THOMAS '81**, have moved to California. Mrs. Quinn is a Research Chemist for Syva Company in Palo Alto; Mr. Quinn is an Engineering Manager at Intel Corporation in Santa Clara.

## 1980

**BARBARA PIRRELLA** accepted a position with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging in its Long-Term Care subsidiary. She was appointed editor-in-chief of their newsletter and recently attended the first National Conference on Homelessness with Mayor Wilson Goode presiding. Formerly from Pittston, she now resides in Philadelphia.

**CAROL MARGARET REILLY** recently married John R. Gleason. Mrs. Gleason received her master's degree in statistics and measurements from Syracuse University and is a research biostatistician

at Bristol-Myers Company. Mr. Gleason is an associate professor in the psychology department area of statistics and measurements at Syracuse University. The couple lives in Pennellville, NY.

**PAUL R. TORRE** awarded a doctor of medicine and surgery degree from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Mexico, and fifth pathway certificate from the New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Torre will begin a residency in internal medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. He and his wife, Ana, are expecting their first child in June.

## 1981

**KARL W. SIEBE, M.D.**, completed his internship at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, IN, and will begin his residency in Dermatology at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He was married on May 3 to Sandra A. Greiwe; they live in Greenfield, WI.

## 1982

**JEFFREY T. GAVLICK** was recently selected for membership in the American Academy of Actuaries, an 8,000-member association headquartered in Washington, D.C. Mr. Gavllick is an actuarial assistant at American Health & Life Insurance Co. in Baltimore, MD. He is married to the former Donna L. George of Avoca. The couple lives in Ellicott City, MD.

**JOSEPH J. KNOX** was inducted into the Pennsylvania Bar Association at the Philadelphia Supreme Court. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Allentown with their daughter, Marie.

**MELITA MAGUIRE KONECKE** recently announced the opening of her Family Practice office in Plains, PA. She and her husband, Ron, also a doctor, reside in Bear Creek.

**JOSEPH P. LAUB, JR.**, currently works at the Naval Aviation Supply Office in Philadelphia. He and his wife, the former Doreen Thiemann, have two children, Joseph III and Mary Therese, and live in Philadelphia.

**WAYNE LONSTEIN** signed a professional contract with the Northern Lights of Oulu, Finland, as a player/coach in the 10-team Finland football league. Upon completion of his law studies at Pace University this spring, Mr. Lonstein will travel to Oulu, approximately 150 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

## 1983

**A. LISA PIEROTTI, M.A.**, appointed drug and alcohol abuse treatment specialist with the Catholic Social Services Court Advocate Program. She received a master of arts degree in counselling from Marywood College in 1985. She will also provide intervention services at the Court Advocate Program's Correctional Psychology Unit at the Luzerne County prison.

## 1984

**TINA CHARNEY KRAVITS** promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. She is assigned to the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska with the 544th Intelligence Exploitation Squadron.

**THEODORE R. RUCH** was married on November 9, 1985, to Dianne E. Tometchko. He is Manager of the Wilkes-Barre Rent-A-Center. The couple lives in Shavertown.

**JANET TRUSKOWSKI WOLAN** is a Quality Assurance Project Officer at Environmental Testing and Certification Corp.

## 1985

**JOSEPH D. KUSHNER** was one of four salespeople of the month of March at The World of Ertley. His office is in Kingston; he and his wife, Joyce, reside in Plains.



## Births

### 1968

**FREY, NANCY LELAND** and **DAVID**; a son, March 9.

### 1970

**COREY, Joanne** and **WILLIAM**; a son, January 3.

### 1972

**MAZZOCCO, JANET GOLASZEWSKI** and **Daniel**; a daughter, December 28.

### 1973

**MIKULSKI, MARY ANN BROJAKOWSKI** and **Gregory**; a son, January 20.

**PISANO, BARBARA ZEMBRZUSKI** and **JOHN R.**; a son, Michael Scott, February 20.

### 1974

**CAMONI, Barbara** and **GENE**; a daughter, April 25.

**DANEY, NANCY BROKHANE** and **MICHAEL E. '72**; a son, April 14.

**WILLIAMS, Kathleen** and **DAVID**; a son, March 15.

### 1975

**CORSO, DEBORAH MOHALICK** and **PHILLIP D. '74**; a son, Jeffrey Phillip, December 18.

**CROUGHN, Louise** and **EDWARD**; a son, March 20.

**RHODES, SHELLEY ROSENSTEIN** and **William**; a daughter, Sarah Beth, November 7.

**SHORE, CAROL REICH** and **NORMAN**; a son, Jeffrey Aaron, September 1.

### 1976

**MAJESKI, DIANNE RUDZAVICH** and **JOSEPH T.**; a daughter, February 4.

**SKOPEK, Barbara** and **DAVID**; a son, John David, October 18.

### 1977

**PEZZNER, Abby** and **BARRY**; a daughter, Alexis Hadass, March 10.

### 1978

**BERMAN, SALLY LANG** and **FRANK '71**; a son, February 8.

**MULLIN, MARGARET SCHUTZ** and **Neil**; a daughter, Amanda Caitlin, September 11.

### 1979

**DAVIS, ALISA J. MEYER** and **JUDD S. '78**; a son, Eric Jason, April 2.

### 1980

**LAYAOU, DONNA KUFTA** and **Francis**; a son, February 25.

**ZBEGNER, JUDITH SHOLONSKI** and **Paul**; a son, March 23.

### 1981

**PAVLICK, Catherine** and **STEPHEN**; a son, January 25.

## 1982

**STACKHOUSE, Janet** and **ROBERT**; a daughter, March 7.

**SUTLIFF, Kim** and **DANA**; a daughter, February 19.

## 1983

**CAREY, JENNIFER ORGUSKIS** and **DAVID**; a daughter, Lauren Grace, October 29.

## 1984

**D'AMARIO, Linda** and **ALPHONSE**; a daughter, March 13.

**PLYTAGE, Katherine** and **ALBERT M.**; a son, March 18.

## 1985

**KRAKOSKY, Alison** and **KENNETH**; a daughter, January 2.

## In Memoriam

### 1935

**MAJORIE RICHARDS LONG**

### 1949

**ROBERT J. EVANS**  
**CHARLES N. RIFENDIFER, JR.**

### 1950

**DR. STANLEY R. BYORICK**  
**WALTER A. PICZAK**

### 1951

**HOWARD STUBBLEBINE, SR.**

### 1955

**CHARLES E. ANDERSON**  
**DOROTHY E. HESSLER**

### 1963

**JOSEPH M. KASHEFSKI**

### 1965

**HENRY M. KYWAK**

### 1967

**HARRY S. RUSSIN**

### 1969

**CHARLES B. HESSLER**

### 1972

**THOMAS HOWELL**

### 1974

**ROBERT N. DUFFY**

## ATTENTION ALUMNI:

A reminder: that children of Alumni are eligible for a 10% tuition discount. The application below is for your convenience.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Wilkes College, Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

## RESERVATION FORM

"A Tribute to George Ralston"

Friday, October 17, 1986

The Woodlands, 6 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 Per Person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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# 39th ANNUAL HOMECOMING

## "A Celebration"

### OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 1986

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 10:00 a.m.: Golf Tournament  
2:00 p.m.: Tennis Tournament  
6:00 p.m.: *A Tribute to George Ralston, The Woodlands*  
Reservations are limited to the first 460 participants. Cut-off date for alumni reservations is October 1. (See Reservation Form - Page 23)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 9:00 a.m.: Registration/Information Desk — Annette Evans Alumni and Faculty House, 146 S. River Street  
9:30 a.m.: Homecoming Run — Kirby Park  
10:30 a.m.: Soccer Game: Alumni vs. Varsity  
11:00 a.m.: Women's Field Hockey: Alumni vs. Varsity  
11:00 a.m.: Alumni Football Game  
11:00 a.m.: Tailgate Party, Ralston Field House  
11:30 a.m.: Reunion Luncheon honoring Golden Colonels, Class of 1936 and Bucknell University Junior College classes of 1941 and 1946 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.  
1:00 p.m.: Pre-game Program — Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the 1966 Colonels Football Team, Lambert Bowl Recipients.  
1:30 p.m.: Football Game: Wilkes College vs. Juniata College  
8:00 p.m.: Alumni Open House — "Saturday Night Soiree."  
Join your classmates and friends at the Annette Evans Alumni and Faculty House: open bar, hors d'oeuvres.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon: Brunch Buffet, Annette Evans Alumni and Faculty House  
1:00 p.m.: National Executive Committee Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Wilkes College Alumni Association.

Please watch for future mailings with further details on what we hope to be our best Homecoming to date. Please contact your friends about attending the Dinner for George Ralston on Friday evening; we hope to have reserved tables for reunion classes (years ending in 1 or 6) and look forward to having all of you attend this historic event.

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