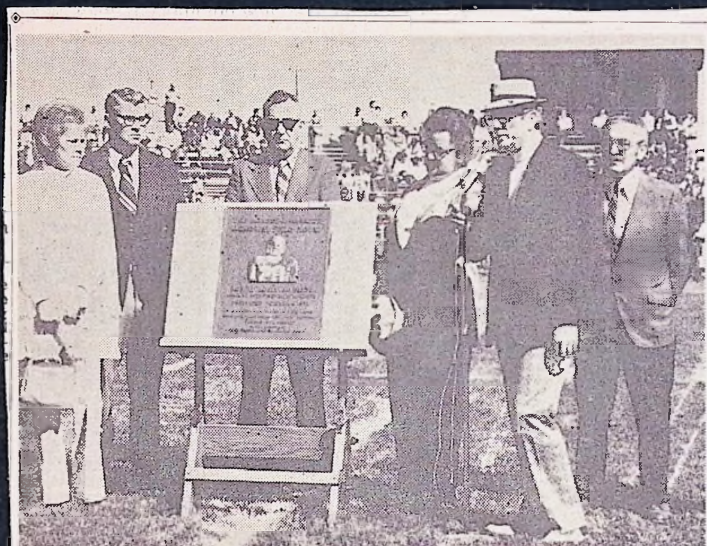




Prior to yesterday's Wilkes-Moravian game the Wilkes Field House which stands above Ralston Field was formally dedicated as the Robert J. McBride Memorial Field House. Shown is a plaque which will be attached to the edifice donated by the Ernie Masi family and the Wilkes College Football Parents Club. McBride was fatally injured during third quarter of last season's Wilkes-King's Point game. Shown are (left to right) Mrs. Robert J. McBride Sr., Bob McBride Sr., Bill Horan, president of Parents Club; Mrs. Trudy Masi, Dr. Francis J. Michelini, Wilkes-Barre, Ernie Masi.

Wilkes College Holds 24th Commencement



Wilkes College bacalaureate services yesterday morning at 11 ushered in the 24th annual commencement of the college as the class of 1971 convened in the gymnasium to hear Rev. James E. Gardner, chaplain, Bucknell University, deliver the sermon. He selected as his title, "Freedom and Authority: a Spiritual Crisis." Rabbi Arnold M. Shevlin invoked the blessing. Dean James A. Moss pronounced the benediction. Organ musical background was furnished by Ann Vivian. Following the service, families and friends of the graduating class attended a reception in the main dining commons of the college. In this photograph, taken outside the gymnasium prior to the services are Rev. Mr. Gardner, left, and Dr. Francis J. Michelini, Wilkes College president.



(Photos by Paramount Studio)

At the 24th commencement of Wilkes College, held yesterday, an estimated 3,000 friends and parents of the graduates witnessed the first outdoor service. It was held at Ralston Field, Kingston, and cars were fighting Kirby Park traffic even as the procession was in progress. Of the 515 receiving diplomas, 12 were graduated summa cum laude; 14 were awarded magna cum laude diplomas and 39 were given cum laude standing. Those graduating summa cum laude in both arts and sciences are, first row, Joseph T. Zimmerman, BS, Terry A. Belles, AB, Robert H. Davis, Jr., BS, Charles E. Yearsley, BS, Paul F. J. Phillips, BS; second row Deborah L. Miller, AB, Helen M. Lewis, AB, James C. Weaver, BS, Ellen D. Arthur AB and Joyce A. Rother BS. Katherine S. Swaggart and Lois A. Herwig were awarded the honorary degree in absentia.



Selected from the 515 members of the Wilkes College Class of 1971 as outstanding graduates of the year were Maureen Klaproth, retiring editor of The Beacon, the college weekly newspaper, and Andrew J. Gubanich, Jr., president of Student Government Association. The award is presented by the Wilkes College Alumni Association to the graduate considered by a special faculty committee to have made the strongest contribution to the life of the college. The award was presented at the exercises by Thomas J. Moran, '49, president of the alumni association. Left to right: Arthur J. Hoover, director of Alumni relations; Gubanich, Moran and Klaproth.

Youth Seen Equal to Task Before It

515 Graduates of Wilkes Hear Talk By Columbia Leader

Complimenting the young people of today for having become involved and challenging them to continue the search for a better nation of tomorrow, Prof. John Hohenberg, author and administrator of the Pulitzer Prize Selection Board, gave the principal address yesterday afternoon at the 24th Wilkes College commencement.

Some 515 members of the graduating class received their diplomas in the first outdoor ceremony, held at Ralston Field before a crowd of approximately 3,000 relatives and guests of graduates.

The colorful ceremony climaxed a one-day program which included a Bacalaureate at the Wilkes gymnasium in the morning when Rev. James E. Gardner, chaplain of Bucknell University, spoke on Freedom and Authority: A Spiritual Crisis.

Hohenberg, member of the faculty of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, received a special tribute when he was awarded an honorary degree, doctor of humane letters.

The speaker, author of a recently released book, "Free Press/Free People: The Best Cause," directed his talk at the young people in an address he had titled "Fifty Years From Now."

Hohenberg reminded the audience that the college was named after one of the greatest of journalists — John Wilkes, a staunch defender of colonists' rights in the late 1700s.

The newspaperman, in keeping with his topic, first discussed what he termed "futurology" — or what might be expected from the world of science in the next half century — before bringing his message back to the present and its relationship to the young people of today and the problems facing them.

"In our own country," he said, "the first social problem of our time — the integration of our minority groups into our society on a fair and equitable basis — is scarcely a scientific matter but one that concerns our entire population and our leadership at all levels."

He predicted that in due course the present generation would place science in its proper perspective so that both science and technology can be explored in the context of history and of the society within which it flourishes.

"I am . . . certain that our young people will not be guilty, as so many of my generation were," he said, "of abdicating their right to participate fully and responsibly in the long and painful struggle that must be waged for a better society, a more unified country and a world in which abundance and peace are something more than clichés to be tossed around carelessly at election time," he went on.

Greater Involvement Seen

The author-educator, who spent most of 1970 in the Far East, said he was convinced that "this generation is equal to the task it faces. It is deeply concerned. It is dedicated. It does not intend to sit by with folded hands, meekly accepting things as they are and hoping for the

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