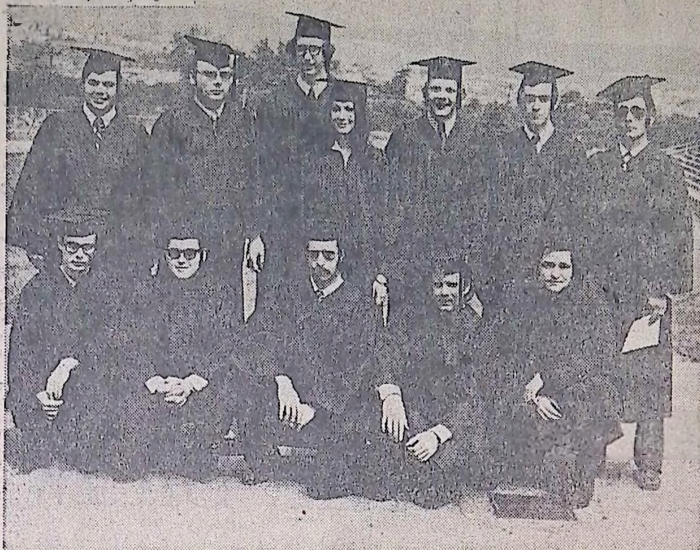


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ENGINEERING GRADUATES — Photos were the order of the day prior to Sunday's Wilkes College commencement exercises. Shown are 12 Engineering majors who received their degrees. This marks the first year that Wilkes is graduating students

in the fields of Electrical and Materials Engineering.

Left to right are: First row, Gregory Grula, Wilkes-Barre Township; Russell Pignoni, Pittston; Emilia Marianelli, Old Forge; Thomas Behmke, Jr., Springfield, Pa.; and Patrick Koons, Wilkes-Barre.

Second row — Raymond Szostak, Wilkes-Barre; William Culverhouse, Old Forge; James Hanak, Johnstown; Margarita Tsatsaronou, Athens, Greece; John Hudak, Plymouth; Gerald Stankiewicz, Wilkes-Barre, and Joseph Stefursky, Peckville.



MARINE OFFICER — Roberta Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, 24 Cottage Ave., Plains, is shown being congratulated by Senator Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) prior to Sunday's 26th Commencement exercises at Wilkes.

Miss Evans, who graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors with her Bachelor of Arts Degree, received the United States Marine Corps Award, an honor signifying a commission as Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. Shown in the photo taken at

Ralston Field are, left to right, Dr. Francis J. Michelini, president of Wilkes College; Sen. Ervin, who delivered the key address; Second Lt. Evans; Capt. Jerome J. Hudak, United States Marine Corps, and Congressman Daniel J. Flood.



OUTSTANDING GRADUATES — Three Wilkes College seniors were honored at Sunday's commencement exercises by being named the outstanding graduates of 1973. The award is presented annually by the Wilkes College

Alumni Association to the graduates considered by a special faculty committee to have made the strongest contribution to the life of the College. Shown, left to right, Arthur J. Hoover, director of alumni relations, Robert Linaberry,

Montrose, Michael Barski, Mocanaqua; Joel Fischman, Wilkes-Barre; and Reese Jones, president of the Alumni Association and a 1956 Wilkes graduate.

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COMMENCEMENT PRINCIPALS — These were the principals at the Wilkes College commencement exercises held Sunday at Ralston Field.

From the left are Atty. Louis Shaffer, chairman of the college trustee board, Congressman Daniel J. Flood; Frank Carlucci, Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina, and Dr. Francis Micheline, college president.

Sen. Ervin, the main speaker, and Carlucci received honorary degrees. Carlucci served as post-flood federal disaster relief coordinator in 1972.

(Photo by Ace Hoffman Studios)

How Wilkes College Survived \$14-Million Disaster

The Miracle on South River Street

Stories like this already have been told and written a thousand times. And in years to come they will be told again and again as each recalls the way the "Great Flood of 1972" personally affected them.

Wilkes College has its own unforgettable tale of the havoc brought to a peaceful campus that was basking in routine Summer day and evening classes just one year ago as the nearby Susquehanna swiftly responded to days of rain and became a raging destructive force.

If ever an institution or a situation received publicity that it could have done without, Wilkes College was it. As the devastation from the flood soon earned it the title of the "worst natural disaster in the nation's history," Wilkes college discovered that it had received the greatest single amount of damage—in excess of \$14-million.

The nation's press and the news media from various parts of the world told the story of the flood in Wyoming Valley and then spotlighted the massive destruction inflicted upon the 64 buildings that occupy the 23-acre Wilkes campus.

Immediately after the flood waters had subsided the publicity did play a positive role in that it brought countless and valuable offers of aid.

Looking back upon the massive publicity given to the valley and the college leads one to believe that it may have had an additional influence in that this Summer's travelers through the Northeastern Pennsylvania coal regions will want to take a look at the much-publicized Wilkes College campus.

Contradicted Brochure

Ironically, the very Susquehanna River that chewed up the campus and coated the buildings, inside and out, with three to five inches of smelly, gummy brown sludge is the same stream that had been mentioned so often in the college brochures. It was common practice to take advantage of the fact that the college was "located along the winding and peaceful Susquehanna."

But it was this same usually tame Susquehanna, wearing a new ferocity, that was responsible for Wilkes College becoming involved in a series of recovery incidents that provided historical "firsts" for the institution.

Among those first were:

—The first private institution of higher learning to receive federal assistance for Wilkes to return so quickly to its present-day state.

—The first to resume classes after the disaster, with evening school resuming slightly more than one week after the flood.

—The surprise personal visit by President Nixon to view the damage to the college and then, along his per-

sonal representative, Frank C. Carlucci, handed College President Francis J. Michelini with an initial check for \$4-million as part of the federal assistance.

All of these events served or helped to bring national attention to the college. Had it not been for the dubious reason the college was receiving the publicity, the situation would have been one that every college public relations man dreams of—his college's name spread across the nation.

And these same events as they were described—sometimes too conservatively outside the region—did create a situation that had its good and bad sides. The good will come from those who do come and discover that the college has practically removed all traces of the flood—a feat that only 12 months ago seemed like the dream of a fool. And the bad side will rest with those who will assume, but never come to see otherwise, that the college was wiped off the face of Wyoming Valley, as some of the out-of-town news media led readers to believe.

Strangers Helped

Remaining forever inscribed in the memories of the college family, especially those who were on the scene from Monday, June 26, until the next Fall—most of them seven days a week—will be the help that came from strangers who were rapidly to become close friends.

There are those who saw the college as it was on June 26 and then look at it today and call the transformation back to relatively the same pre-flood campus appearance "a miracle."

Nothing could be further from the truth, Wilkes President Francis J. Michelini remarked at one stage of the cleanup, when there was clearly defined progress, that "Wilkes College is going to come out of this because of the sheer guts and determination of those who care enough about their college to slop around in stinkin' mud and debris for the love of what they hope to accomplish."

Even those who were close to the situation find it difficult to find the right starting point in telling the story of how Wilkes made its way back.

The first story written by Tom Moran, Public Relations Director of the college, was pounded out at night on a portable typewriter, which for some reason that even he can't explain he thought to take along with a portable shortwave radio as things that had to accom-



The first President to pay a visit to Wilkes College made history as President Nixon (left) shakes hands with Wilkes President Francis J. Michelini, while Nixon's personal representative to the area, Frank C. Carlucci, looks on shortly after the President

handed the college head a check for \$4-million.

This marked the first time that a private institution had received federal aid for this type of assistance.

pany five people, a huge collie and a parakeet to a motel room in Blakeslee.

Realizing that the cleanup and restoration had to be called something, the idea of the college snapping back to where it had been prompted the reference to the project as "Operation Snapback." It caught on and seemed to fit so well that it carried into the post-flood campaign for funds.

Hastily painted signs—more for morale than information purposes—were strategically placed about the sludge-covered campus and on pieces of heavy vehicular equipment. They announced to one and all that Wilkes was coming back under "Operation Snapback."

Can Laugh Now

Looking back on the period, one can now afford the luxury of being amused by high-ranking civilian and military personnel making their way to the college campus and asking to see the president. The person they were introduced to looked anything like the film version of a college president.

"Dr. Mike," as he has always been called since his days as a biology professor, was in full charge of the Command Post behind Wecker Hall (the administration building on South Franklin Street), but he was in hip boots, some old clothing left

over from his Army days and a hard hat given to him by Sordani Construction Company workers.

When he wasn't conferring on work assignment for the hundreds of volunteers—many students-to-be or just friends—he was manning a jeep with a plow on the front.

Dr. Donald Tappa only a few weeks before the flood had been appointed dean of academic affairs. No one at that time had the foresight to add to his title "aquatic division." He was the key man in assigning work details and acting as a liaison between President Michelini and the many volunteers.

Backing up the college president as the guiding force behind the general cleanup operation and really the counterpart to the government's Joint Chiefs of Staff were Charles Abate, business manager of the college; Dr. Stanley Holden, who quickly became the liaison officer between federal and state aid agencies; and Nelson Carle, superintendent of Building and Grounds.

There were others—too numerous to mention—who immediately jumped into the obvious need for manpower and leadership. Department heads such as Drs. Jim Toole, Fred Bellas and Jim Bohning, to mention only a few, literally buried them-

personal property and homes.

Today Wilkes has come back. "Operation Snapback" can be termed a success. There is still much to be done before the pressure is off and the federal and state assistance only partially covered the gigantic restoration costs.

But the doubt about the future no longer exists, if, in fact it ever did in the minds of those who showed up on June 26. President Michelini recently summed up the situation by telling a group of visitors:

"The challenges that have always faced education have never failed to contain two alternatives—to quit or to press onward. When we were faced with the wrath of Agnes, that was simply a challenge of larger magnitude, but the alternatives were the same. We elected to press onward and with the help of God and so many wonderful people, many of whom we will never be able to thank or repay, we have reached a plateau in one year that is just short of a miracle. We will never cease to be grateful to local people and municipal, civic and utility officials for their assistance."

Delayed By Agnes

Coughlin Class of '42 To Hold 30th Reunion

Coughlin High School Class, "due to inclement weather," of '42 will hold its 30th reunion Rev. Gerald Burns, a class tonight at the Mayfair Suppermember, will address the gathering.

Cochairmen Jean Martin and Ann Kane stated that a large turnout of the class will be on the hand to mark the anniversary, distance, most children, married one year late. The affair, scheduled for last year, was postponed

The committee announced that prizes will be awarded for the following categories: farthest grandchild, youngest child.

Susquehanna Hearing Slated July 23 in City

The Susquehanna River

Basin Commission has prepared a comprehensive plan

for management and development of the water resources

of the Susquehanna River Basin.

The plan has been released

for public review and comments.

Seven public hearings have been scheduled during July, one in Maryland, three in New York

and three in Pennsylvania. A hearing is scheduled for Mon-

day, July 23, at King's College Auditorium, Wilkes-Barre, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Copies of the plan are available upon request from Robert J. Bielo, Executive Director, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 5012 Lenker Street, Mechanicsburg, Penna. 17055.

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Principal speaker for the 4 p. m. program will be U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin (D-N. C.) who is currently serving as chairman of the Senate investigation into the Watergate affair.

Today's program involving the Wilkes graduates will be an all-day affair, starting at 11 a. m. with a Baccalaureate at Ralston Field with Rev. Jule Ayers, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, delivering the address. A reception for the graduates and their guests will be held at the field following the baccalaureate. At 3 p. m. candidates for degrees and participants in the academic procession will assemble at Ralston Field to prepare for the commencement program. Senator Ervin will hold a press conference at the college's Center for the Performing Arts lounge approximately one-half hour after the commencement and then will be among a group of distinguished guests at a private party in the residence of Wilkes President and Mrs. Francis J. Micceni.

In the event of inclement weather, the events scheduled for out-of-doors will be moved into the college gymnasium.

Honorary doctorate degrees will be awarded to Senator Ervin and Frank C. Carlucci, a former Wyoming Valley resident who recently was elevated to the post of Undersecretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Certified for bachelor's degrees

Ervin Will Talk June 3 For Wilkes

1973
North Carolina
Senator, Carlucci
Will Get Degrees

The chairman of the Select Senate Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, which is delving into the heart of the highly explosive Watergate affair, will deliver the major address at the 26th Wilkes College commencement on Sunday afternoon, June 3, at 4 at Ralston Field.



SENATOR SAM ERVIN JR.

In a joint statement issued late Friday afternoon Wilkes College Board Chairman Louis Shaffer and President Francis J. Michelini revealed that Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) had accepted an invitation to address the Class of 1973.

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Tentative plans call for Senator Ervin to arrive at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport at Avoca by private aircraft. He will be taken by private car to the residence of President Michelini, if time permits, or directly to Rakton Field, if he is pressed for time.

President Michelini said Senator Ervin will be asked to meet with the members of the news media at a press conference, which will be set up with the senator's permission in the main lounge of the Center for the Performing Arts as soon after the commencement as possible. It was stressed that all plans aside from his major address are subject to finalization and announcements to be made later.

The college will confer the honorary doctorates upon Senator Ervin and Undersecretary Carlucci following a ceremony at which more than 500 Wilkes seniors, headed by Class President Joel Fischman, will receive their bachelors' degrees and 75 master's degrees are given to those who are currently enrolled at the Wilkes College Graduate Division.

The special tribute to Undersecretary Carlucci was planned, ironically, before last June's disaster, which eventually resulted in the former resident being sent here as the personal representative of President Nixon to carry out measures ordered by the Chief Executive to lend immediate assistance of any magnitude to help thousands left stricken by the record flood.

When he came to Wilkes-Barre on August 12, 1972 he was deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. Prior to that he was director of the Office of Economic Opportunity from January to September 1971.

He terminated his assignment in Wyoming Valley as flood coordinator December 21, 1972 and that same month was nominated by President Nixon to become Undersecretary of HEW under his former associate in OMB, Caspar Weinberger.

U.S. Government Invading Rights Of Individuals and Rights of Free Speech and Free Press, Ervin Says

The federal government is invading the privacy of individuals, and discouraging them to exercise their First Amendment rights to freedom of thought, speech, and the press.

This was one of the vibrant points hammered out Sunday by Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.), chairman of the Select Senate Committee investigating Watergate in an outdoor address before nearly 6,000 people at the 26th annual commencement at Wilkes College.

The senator, who was awarded an honorary doctor degree of humane letters, built his entire address to the more than 600 graduates around the safeguarding of freedom as he charged that the federal government is also discouraging the people from "their First Amendment rights to freedom of association, and their First Amendment rights peaceably to assemble and to petition government for redress of grievances."

Earlier in the day Senator Ervin, whose committee is expected to reconvene the Watergate hearings on Tuesday, spoke at the commencement ceremonies

for the Boston University of Law.

He arrived at Ralston Field for the outdoor ceremony less than an hour before the program began for 550 who received bachelor's degrees and 76 who were awarded master's degrees.

Sen. Ervin warned the graduates that it was their duty to preserve the freedom their forefathers had fought so hard to create and defend with their very lives.

"The freedom of the individual is earth's most precious value," he told them. "If it is to endure in our land, we must rekindle our love for it, exercise external vigilance, recur to fundamental principles, and make manifest our determination to guard and defend it, cost what may."

The senator heads the committee that reportedly is under pressure from the government's special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, to delay the resumption of the hearings on Tuesday. The earlier report of this possibility brought freedom:

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Drawing upon his interpretation of what America's forefathers had in mind when they were drawing up guidelines for the nation's future, Sen. Ervin said:

"They realized that liberty cannot exist except under a government of laws, a government in which the conduct of the people is controlled by certain, constant, and uniform laws rather than by arbitrary, uncertain, and inconsistent wills of the men who occupy public offices, and in which the laws accord to the people as much freedom as the commonwealth permits."

Relating the First Amendment to the due process clause of the 14th Amendment, Senator Ervin told the graduate candidates and their guests that "... it compels the governments of the states as well as the federal government to extend to every human being within our borders these intellectual, political, and religious freedoms:

"1. Freedom to think whatever

"2. Freedom to speak and publish his thoughts with impunity, provided what he says or publishes is not obscene and does not falsely slander or libel another, or tend to obstruct the courts in their administration of justice, or create a clear and present danger that it will incite others to commit crimes.

"3. Freedom to associate with others to accomplish any lawful objective.

"4. Freedom to meet peaceably with others for consultation and protest, and to petition those invested with powers of government for redress of grievances, real or imagined.

5. Freedom to entertain such religious beliefs as appeal to his conscience, to practice his religious beliefs in any form of worship not injurious to the rights of others, to endeavor by peaceful persuasion to convert others to his religious beliefs, and to be exempt from taxation for the purpose of any institution which teaches religion of any character."

Earlier he had reminded the guests that "Freedom is hard to

acquire or retain, but easy to lose."

The distinguished 76-year-old senator, who holds the unprecedented bipartisan admiration and respect of his colleagues in Congress, concluded his almost 30-minute address with a plea for the defense of freedoms.

"During recent years," he said, "the conflict between tyranny and freedom has intensified; and freedom is suffering many defeats. By concentrating ever-expanding power in itself, the federal government is substantially robbing the states and their political subdivisions of their rights to regulate local and personal activities within their borders, and individuals of their freedom to contract with respect to their commercial and personal affairs and their private property."

"By collecting and storing personal data concerning individuals for which it has no legitimate need, by placing under covert and overt surveillance individuals who dissent from its policies, and by branding the members of organization obnoxious to it as intellectually or politically dangerous to the established order, the federal government is invading the privacy of individuals, and discouraging them to exercise their First Amendment rights ..."

Senator Ervin was introduced by Wilkes College President Francis J. Michelini, who also conferred degrees and certificates.

One of the highlights of the program was the conferring of two honorary doctorates, with ceremonial presentation honors being handled by Donald W. Tapna, dean of academic affairs at Wilkes College.

The first such degree, a Doctor of Humane Letters, was bestowed upon Senator Ervin with the following commendation:

"In recognition of his years of distinguished service as a lawyer, Judge, and United States Senator, of the years of quiet dedication to difficult assignments that made him an eminent authority on the Constitution of the United States, and of his steadfast support of that Constitution, and of his unheralded service that gained him the unprecedented support of his colleagues."

The other Doctor of Humane Letters was presented by Wilkes College to Frank C. Carlucci, Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), and a native of Scranton.

The citation took particular note of Mr. Carlucci's efforts in Wyoming Valley as the personal representative of President Nixon following the disastrous flood last June 23.

The tribute read: "In recognition of his courageous and dedicated service as an officer in the Foreign Service and as an administrator in various departments of the Federal Government where special qualities of excellence were required, of his efforts on behalf of disaster relief for private education and of his service to the people of Wyoming Valley in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agnes."

Other special awards were made as part of the Commencement Day program and the names of more than 40 seniors were listed in the program as having received outstanding recognition for achievements during a special Awards Luncheon held a week ago.

Special awards presented at yesterday's program were:

Reese D. Jones, president of the Wilkes College Alumni Association, presented the "Outstanding Graduates of the Year" awards for the first time to three persons — Michael J. Barski, past president of Student Government and a resident of Micanoga, and a resident of

Ervin Vows to Press Watergate Case; Only Advice to Nixon, to 'Tell Truth'

By VINCENT GUTENDORF JR.

Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. in a press interview Sunday night said he "sees no reason" why President Nixon should be requested to appear before the Select Senate Committee on Presidential Activities at present, but he also said

he has no intention of allowing the committee hearings to be curtailed.

"We don't know what the President knows, or whether he has knowledge that we should know. But we intend to go where the truth leads us," he said.



AT INTERVIEW — Sen. Sam Ervin Jr., commencement speaker at the Wilkes College graduation ceremonies and chairman of the committee handling the Watergate investigation is shown, at right, being interviewed by Times-Leader, Evening News, Record reporter Vincent Gutendorf Jr. A strict constructionist in regards to the Constitution, Ervin has often defended freedom of the press as fundamental to any true democracy.

Ervin, who has been called by The New York Times the Senate's foremost authority on constitutional law, is a portly man of erect bearing, direct speech and an unblinking, blue-eyed gaze. A lawyer since 1922, Ervin, after 20 years in the Senate, will be 78 years old when his present term expires. However, he gives the impression at once of unruffled dignity and undiminished strength.

On the subject of Watergate, Ervin was asked whether he agreed with William F. Buckley's suggestion that though Nixon might be given a written set of questions for which he could supply a written set of answers, the President should not be asked to appear at the Watergate hearings in person.

"Well," said the Senator, "the White House has tried that tack before. At first, it was denied, generally that White House aides would appear before the committee. Then they compromised. No, to answer your question. No statement in writing can be repudiated. There can be no cross-examination of a written statement. The importance of a hearing is to offer a spontaneous question and observe the demeanor of the man while he gives an unprepared answer."

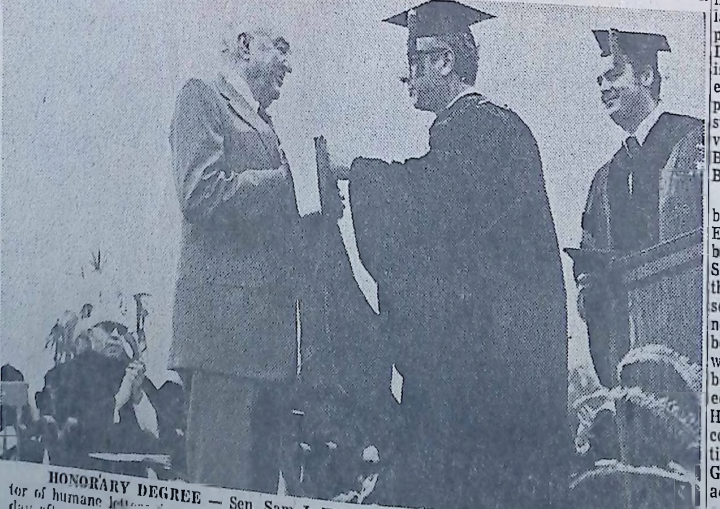
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Ervin however feels that the facts should be made public. "Too many officials in high places fear people when they are exercising freedom. They personally value their freedom but once they get into high places they try to limit the freedoms of others. It would be unfortunate if the Watergate hearings left any permanent scar on anyone's career," Ervin said, adding immediately, "but I don't think in our previous history that there has been any president whose actions have done more to destroy the public's confidence in the Presidency. But we have a viable system of government and it will survive."

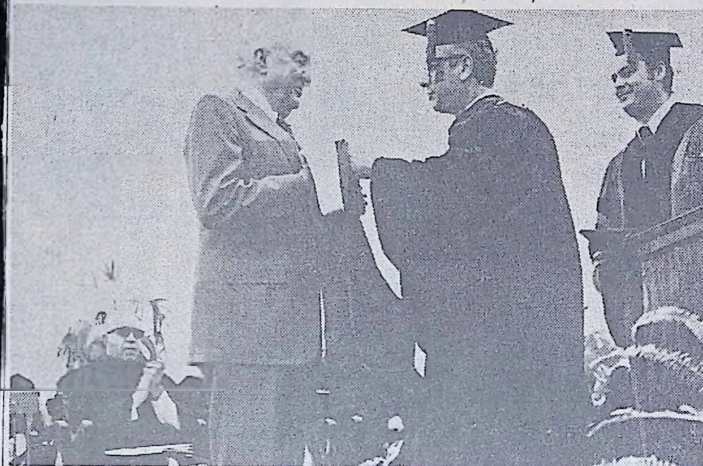
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CARLUCCI HONORED — Frank C. Carlucci, Under Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, (HEW), was honored with a doctor of Humane letters degree at Wilkes College's 26th annual commencement ceremonies Sunday afternoon at Ralston Field. Carlucci, a local native, was cited for his courageous and dedicated service as an officer in the Foreign Service and his service to the people of Wyoming Valley in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agnes. Making the presentation is Wilkes College president, Dr. Francis J. Michelini. Pictured at the podium is Dr. Donald Tappa.

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Ervin said he had reservations about the recently common fact of the attorney general being the President's chief political adviser. "In early days," Ervin said in his mellow drawl, "the chief political adviser was the postmaster general usually, since he had nothing to do but lick postage stamps. But recently it has been the attorney general. I think it's bad that the same man should have these two functions." Ervin said he had brought up this question with John Mitchell, who had maintained that he had had nothing further to do with politics after the 1968 presidential campaign. "And I commended him," Ervin added with irony.

When asked John Kenneth Galbraith's apprehension that a McCarthy-era wave of suspicion may follow the present Watergate hearings, in which everyone who testifies will be considered guilty by association even if not proven so by due process of law, Ervin said, "Yes, there is always that danger. But information given at the committee's hearings cannot be used against a defendant if he were later on trial. And furthermore, it is an important thing that the American people should be aware of the truth."

Finally, when asked if he had any plans for 1974, Ervin laughed and said, "No indeed. I have 102 proposals before me. I have a lot of work to do right now."

leagues." The other Doctor of Humane Letters was presented by Wilkes College to Frank C. Carlucci, Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), and a native of Scranton.

The citation took particular note of Mr. Carlucci's efforts in Wyoming Valley as the personal representative of President Nixon following the disastrous flood last June 23.

The tribute read: "In recognition of his courageous and dedicated service as an officer in the Foreign Service and as an administrator in various departments of the Federal Government where special qualities of excellence were required, of his efforts on behalf of disaster relief for private education and of his service to the people of Wyoming Valley in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agnes."

Other special awards were made as part of the Commencement Day program and the names of more than 40 seniors were listed in the program as having received outstanding recognition for achievements during a special Awards Luncheon held a week ago.

Special awards presented at yesterday's program were:

Reese D. Jones, president of the Wilkes College Alumni Association, presented the "Outstanding Graduates of the Year" awards for the first time to three persons — Michael J. Barski, past-president of Student Government and a resident of Mocanaqua; Joel Fischman, president of the senior class, and a resident of Wilkes-Barre; and Robert William Linabery, Montrose.

"Dean's Scholarship Awards" — Presented by Dean Jane K. Lampe to Sally Marie Kaninetz of Dupont, and by Dean George F. Ralston to Paul Edward Niezgoda of Dallas.

"Humanities Award" — Presented by Stanko M. Vujica to Ann Louise Vivian, Wilkes-Barre.

"Natural Sciences and Mathematics Award" — Presented by Charles B. Keit to Sally Marie Kaninetz.

"Social Sciences Award" — Presented by Bronis Kaslas to Marino Joseph Santarelli of Plains.

"International Student Award" — Presented by Assistant Dean Edward R. Baltruchitis to Margarita S. Tsatsarounou of Greece.

"The United States Marine Corps Award" — Presented by Captain Jerome J. Hudak to Roberta Evans of Plains.

"Life is not so much a matter of finding the right person, but of being the right person."

This was the point made yesterday by Rev. Dr. Jule Ayers, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre, as he delivered the baccalaureate address to members of the 26th annual Wilkes College graduating class.

Dr. Ayers based his message to the graduates on "Seeing the Invisible."

Actual commencement exercises followed at 4 p. m. with (See Ervin, Page 9)

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Senator Sam J. Ervin (D-N. C.), chairman of the Senate Committee investigating the Watergate affair, delivering the main address.

Dr. Ayers began his address to the class of 1973 by stating that there has never been a year like the one just past. "Despite all the adversities, the tragedies created by nature have not stopped us," he said.

"We are chastened. We are hurt. But we are not defeated," Ayers said. "With character and commitment we shall make the most of the possibilities of the future. We are proud and thankful to be part of the Wilkes College family."

Dr. Ayers traced our secret weapon in the time and need to God. "He made us. He loves us, and in His continuing creation He needs us and will use us."

He stressed that men are moral creatures and fallible human. "We may be plotting our own destruction, but we are never beyond the reach and intent of God."

Dr. Ayers followed with "We have learned that it is important to share all that comes our way. In the last 11 months this truth has taken on personal meaning."

He stressed that in addition to being accountable to God we must be accountable to "our neighbors, and those who have less than we have—not only of things, but of inner resources."

"When we look back upon our college experience, we remember most the people who have crossed our path. Some have bored us, annoyed us, and stirred us," the speaker said.

Dr. Ayers made reference to the tragic death of the late Bob McBride and the words of Student Government President Mike Barski. "He was responsible. He guarded his position. He went all out and stooped the play."

"Nor is it a matter of finding the ideal job but standing for what is best and right whatever the task of the moment."

Dr. Ayers closed his message saying "You will find no picnic ahead, but you and God can do anything. You can have more heartache and more fun than you ever imagined."