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SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

Area Art Teachers Hold Seminar



The "Future Role of Art Teachers" was the topic of discussion for the newly-formed Luzerne County Art teachers recently at Wilkes College's Stark Learning Center.

Speaking to the group of local art educators was Clyde McGeary, senior fine arts advisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Education in Harrisburg.

Pictured prior to the start of the discussion were, left to right, seated—Karen Casper, Dallas Area School District; Rose Marie Luksha, Wyoming Valley West School District; standing—James Yannes, Hazleton Area School District; Henry Casilli and Richard Fuller, both of Wilkes College; and Mr. McGeary.

Other members forming the core of the Luzerne County Art Teachers are Gregory Zionkowski, Bishop Hoban High School; Jill Evans, Coughlin High School; Corrine Angeli, Northwest Area School District; and Bob Russin, Wyoming Valley West School District. Anyone interested in associating themselves with the new organization may contact Henry Casilli at Wilkes College.



STUDENT TEACHERS BRIEFED — Wilkes College seniors preparing for a career in elementary education began pre-classroom briefing sessions recently in preparation for six to eight weeks of actual classroom experience.

They will be working with members of the Wilkes education department and their faculty members prior to joining a cooperating teacher in one of the schools in the Greater Wyoming Valley Area.

First row, left to right, are: Margaret Thompson, faculty member; Lindsey Thomas, Ashley; Barbara Gilotti, Old Forge; Amy Pouser, Wilkes-Barre; Caryn Gangi, Cresskill, N. J.; Mary Ann Hvozda, Nanticoke; Angela Alba, Pittston; Anita Fragale, Pittston; Deborah Boyer, Dupont; Louise Ann Beebe, Bryn Athyn; Laraine Mancuso, New York, N. Y.;

Arla Tomko, Wilkes-Barre, and Dr. Harrie Caldwell, faculty member.

Second row: Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, faculty; Rhonda Wells, Lebanon; Nicky Soranno, Cedar Knolls, N. J.; Paulette Loefflad, Kingston; Donna Piston, Plymouth; Deborah Fialko, Exeter; Denise Goobic, Plains; Joanne Machonis, Mountaintop; Lisa Foxx, Farmingdale, N. J.; Irv Lebowitz, Kingston; Henry F. Banaszek, Wilkes-Barre, and Dr. Frank Darte, faculty.

Third row: Mrs. Lily Bynon, faculty, Stephen Romanecz, Pittston; Ivor Smith, Plymouth; Charlotte Stempleski, Nanticoke; Janet Mazur, Plymouth; Debra Hechler, Shickshinny; Mary Ann Lombardo, Pittston; Patricia McCarthy, W. Orange, N. J.; C. Modrovsky, Mountaintop; Judy Wilson, Dallas, and Eugene Skrynski, Tunkhannock.



WILKES GETS CHECK — A check for \$500 was presented to Wilkes College as an unrestricted gift during a brief ceremony held on the campus as the college played host to representatives from Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., certified public accountants, Bethlehem.

The firm has been one of the regular contributors to Wilkes College. At the the presentation are, left to right: John Chwalek, placement director for the college; Maurice D. James, member of the firm; Robert S. Capin, acting president of the college, and Jack Miller, member of the accounting firm.

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HANOVER STUDENTS VISIT WILKES — Two dozen ninth graders from the Newtown Junior High School of the Greater Hanover Township Area School District were the guests of Wilkes College for a day-long visit to the campus and a tour of the various educational facilities.

The group was under the direction of John J. North Jr.,

member of the Hanover Township educational staff. On hand to greet the visitors was John J. Chwalek, director of placement at Wilkes, who made the on-campus arrangement for the visit.

After a briefing in the Center for the Performing Arts, the students were the guests of the college at a light breakfast, after which they returned to

the lounge of the CPA and were welcomed by Wilkes President Francis J. Michelini.

Members of the group are shown, left to right, in front of the Center for the Performing Arts. Bottom row — John J. North Jr., Judy Rowett, Debbie Tarutis, Kandy Kitchen, Mary Kay Terescavage, John Margavitch, Lori Mierzkowski, Michael Hart, Jo Anne Compton,

Kathleen Nestorick, Doreen Sable, Andra Pisarcik, John J. Chwalek.

Second row — Denise Sailus, Judy Kubik, Karen Glushefski, Lisa Wazenski, Carol Krupa, Helene Czajkowski, Tim Gdovin, Romaine Long, Matthew Evans, Denise Cooper, JoAnne Tomko, Cindy Przewlocki, Sheryl Chmura.

Wilkes Seniors Prepare for Student Teaching



Wilkes College seniors preparing for a career in secondary education began preclassroom briefings recently in preparation for six to eight weeks of actual classroom experience in Greater Wyoming Valley Area schools.

They are working with Edwin Johnson, director of student teachers at Wilkes, and faculty advisors. The group is one of the largest ever to graduate from Wilkes College.

In top photo, first row, left to right, are: Betty Roccongrandi, Edwardsville; Cynthia Locke, Mountaintop; Carol Hussa, Rockway, N.J.; Nancy Adler, Newton, N.J.; Claire Schrode, Wilkes-Barre; Diana Gregory, Glen Lyon; Cathy Lane, Moosic; Wendy Roth, Endwell, N.Y.; Rosanne Malshewski, Nanticoke; Hope Pawlusch, Wilkes-Barre; Theresa Godlewski, Wilkes-Barre; Rose Cienciva, Wilkes-Barre; Paula Cardias, Seldon, Long Island, and Dr. Richard Rees, faculty member.

Second row: James P. Corrigan, Hazleton; Dale Hughes, Allentown; Nick Costanzo, Pittston; Frank Galicki, Mocanqua; Marilyn Goodsir, Wilkes-Barre; Barbara Gush, Ashley; Michael Tomko, Truesdale Terrace; John Dubik, Buttonwood; David Milora, Hazleton, and John Gallagher, West Hazleton.

Third row: Edwin Johnson, director; Joe Roberts, Duryea;

Michael Bachkosky, Duryea; Philip Bruch, Wilkes-Barre; James E. Mould, Forty Fort; Joseph Gammantoni, Scranton; John Bonsall, Wilkes-Barre; Lloyd Ortman, Gillette, N.J.; Martin McLaughlin, Totowa, N.J., and Kim MacCloskey, Rockford, Ill.

In bottom photo, first row, left to right, are: Edwin Johnson, director; Ruth Goldberg, Kingston; Donna Ostrofski, Wilkes-Barre; Esther Muaor, Hazleton; Hilary Young, Glen Ridge, N.J.; Cathy Caffrey, Luzerne; Denise Splendido, Exeter; Norman Roper, Wilkes-Barre; Marcia Pattison, Nanticoke; Suzann Young, Cherry Hill, N.J., and Jane Bankus, Scotrun.

Second row: Gary Williams, Nanticoke; Paul Kowalek, Nanticoke; Jerry Alexander, Sea Cliff, N.Y.; Judy Young, Dallas; Linda Pugsley, Dover, N.J.; Susan Bruch, Hazleton; Joel Fischman, Wilkes-Barre; Ray McNulty, Pittston, and Dr. Richard Rees, faculty member.

Third row: Matt Hughes, Ashley; Mike Barski, Mocanqua; All Balderson, Washington, N.J.; Jerome Walsh, West Pittston; Roy W. Evans, Lehman; William Reese, Duryea; Richard Wesenyak, Duryea, and Gene Kruczek, Manville, N.J.

Wilkes College Will Hold Inter-session Courses

Wilkes College will conduct undergraduate, graduate and non-credit courses during an inter-session which will run from Jan. 5 to Jan. 30. This will be the first year the college will feature such a program between the fall and spring semesters.

Registration for inter-session courses will begin Monday, Dec. 1, and will continue Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for the remainder of the month in the Office of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies, Weckesser Hall. There will be a formal registration period Jan. 5, 1976, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Students will be permitted to register for only one three-credit course, though they will be allowed to take additional independent study-work for credit, with the written approval of the instructor and the chairman of the department involved.

The college will offer undergraduate courses in these departments: Aerospace studies, biology, economics, education, engineering, English, environmental sciences, foreign languages, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, political science, sociology and speech.

Graduate courses will be of-

fered in business administration, education and environmental sciences.

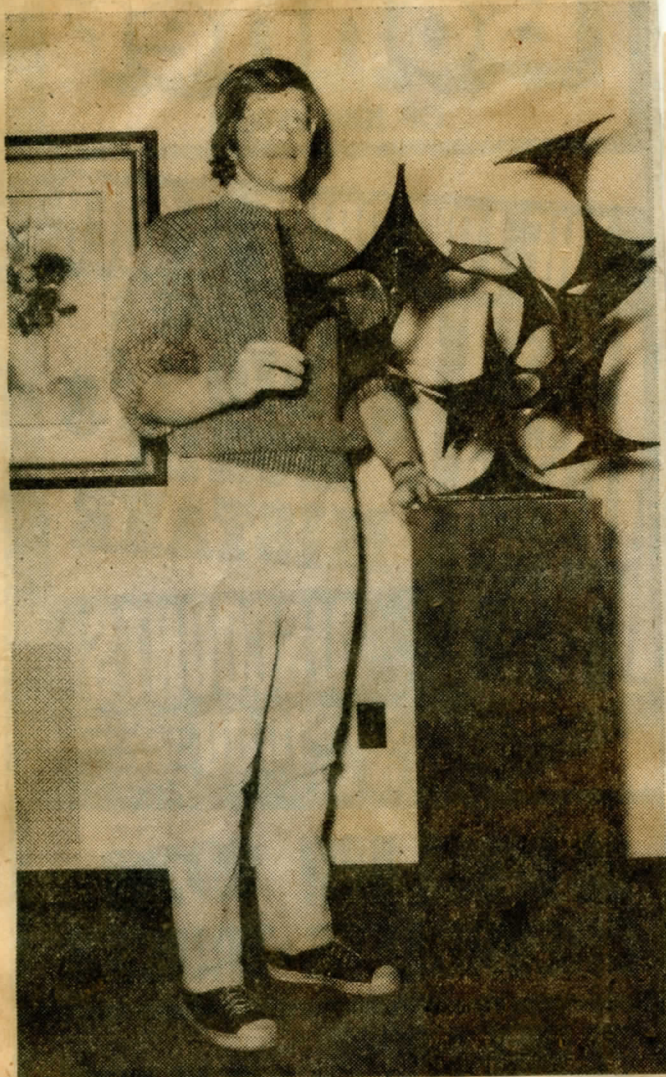
The following continuing education (non-credit) courses will be featured: The Civic Communicator, Intensive Review of Mathematics, American Music - 1965 to the Present, Musical Theater in the U.S. Since 1900, Music Composition, The Romantic Symphony, Conducting and Choral Singing.

Information on inter-session courses may be obtained by contacting John F. Meyers, director of Continuing Education and Graduation Division at Wilkes.

Times Leader - Thursday - Nov. 13, 1975

Who says sports and art don't mix? Well, if they're smart, the people who do say it won't make that statement when they're standing anywhere near a 6 foot-2-inch, 200-pound Wilkes College football player who, by coincidence, just happens to be an art major at the local institute of higher learning.

And they DEFINITELY won't say it when two of the football player's friends(Joe Dettmore and Jim Sanders) who are as big if not bigger than the first, appear on the scene. They're football players and art majors too.



W B Turner Studio
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(Heritage Photography)
JIM CASTANZO

Last month, Jim Castanzo, the 200-pound football player-art major, conducted his senior art exhibit in the Conyngham Gallery at Wilkes and, it will be noted, it was very well attended. It included oil, ink, acrylic, ceramic and sculpture, among others and most of the persons who signed their names in the guest book at the gallery had many favorable and supportive things to say about Jim's work.

Jim said he always liked sports and he always liked art and saw no reason why he couldn't pursue both. He is 21 years old and the son of Dr. and Mrs. George Castanzo, 520 Crown Ave., Scranton.

He graduated from Scranton Preparatory School where he played defensive end and was art editor of the yearbook for two years. For the same two years, he was art editor of the school's literary magazine, "Gambit," and during his last year, helped build and paint scenery for the play, "Death of a Salesman."

In high school, he tried to start an art club, but it fizzled. "I was only one out of 133 students who wasn't going into either law or medicine," he joked, "and when I tried to start an art club, nobody showed up. That was that!"

Jim said he tried his hand at basketball because "I was always tall for my age and people expected me to play basketball, but I was too clumsy and uncoordinated. Oh, I played in grade school and then in high school. Then Prep picked up football when I was in my junior year, so it gave me an opportunity to play football for two years.

"Then after Prep, I looked around for a close school with a good art program and decided to come to Wilkes," he explained.

Jim didn't play football in his freshman year, because he wanted to see how "tough" college was going to be academically before getting involved in extracurricular activities. The fall of his freshman year was one of studying and then in the spring, he went out for lacrosse.

During the summer before his sophomore year, he secured a job with Isadore Goldberg's publicity agency. "That's when I decided what kind of art I wanted to make my career," he said. "I did newspaper layouts and illustrating for advertisements and the like. Mr. Goldberg helped me apply the technical aspect of art to what I actually was doing and when I had to design my own flier for the exhibit, it was easy," he said.

"I definitely want to stay in advertising," he said, "doing layouts, graphic design for magazines and brochures and the like," he said. "And," he continued, "I'd rather stay in Wilkes-Barre than Scranton because of Wilkes-Barre's size. The more you get to know people, the easier it is for that type of job. At your newspaper, Esther Mager in the advertising department helped me alot and was always nice to me whenever I came up there. If you work in a big city, that kind of relationship most likely wouldn't exist because you probably wouldn't be in contact with the same person on a routine basis."

Jim finally went out for the Wilkes football team and lettered three years. And he joined the Wilkes College Art Club and managed to wangle enough time to tutor some kids in the Upward Bound Program. He plans on applying at Temple, Syracuse or Cornell Graduate Schools of Art after he graduates in June of next year.

By the way, next June will mark another milestone in our football player-artist's life. He will be married June 12 to Wilkes College senior Laura Davis from West Nanticoke who is studying history and sociology.

"It's really something," he grinned. "At home, I've already been moved out of my room into one of the smaller ones and my brothers have taken over my space. Do you think they're trying to tell me something?" he asked with a twinkle. "Actually, I don't do much work at home. I really couldn't if I wanted to, especially with eight kids and a dog under the same roof." Jim's sisters and brothers are Kathy, 23; Christine, 20; Margie, 19; Marie, 15; George, 11; Paul, 10, and Michael, 9.

For a final word on mixing sports and art, Jim said "I think anything, including sports, will mix with art, because I don't think art demands so much of a person that it has to distract him or take his attention away from extracurricular activities."

If anybody's got any argument, they can take it up with Jim or Joe or the other Jim or Frank Wenger. Yup, Frank's another artist who, according to Jim, is one of the better football players at the college.

Wilkes Initiates 16 Journalists



Sixteen Wilkes College students were initiated into the Sigma Delta Chi Society for professional journalists during the week at the annual Wilkes College newspaper Christmas party for the Beacon, student weekly newspaper on the campus in Wilkes-Barre.

Shown outside Weckesser Hall are the members of the Wilkes Journalism Society who became campus members of the national professional journalistic society.

Left to right, first row—Thomas J. Moran, adjunct professor of journalism and advisor to the Beacon and the Journalism Society;

Frances Polakowski, Georgetown, Conn.; Rich Colandrea, Springfield, N.J.; Donna M. Geffert, Plains; Patti Reilly, Dover, N.J.; and Patricia Stone, Wilkes-Barre.

Second row—Marianne Montague, Wilkes-Barre; Barb Long, Trucksville; Janet Levitski, Forty Fort; Dotty Martin, West Wyoming; Sandy Akromas, Plymouth; and Mary Ellen Alu, Pittston.

Third row — Deborah Ann Hargraves, Wilkes-Barre; Lisa Waznik, Wilkes-Barre; Joe Buckley, Pittston; Paul Domowitch, Wilkes-Barre; and Frank Baran Jr., Kingston.

Wilkes Christmas Concert Thursday Night at 8:30



The Wilkes College Chorus and Concert Choir will present a combined concert of Christmas music on Thursday night at 8:30 in the Center for the Performing Arts.

Featured selections on the program will be the "Christmas Cantata" of Daniel Pinkham and "Scenes from the Holy Infancy" by Virgil Thomson. Conducting both groups is Janice Pedersen, a member of the Wilkes music faculty.

Members of the Concert Choir are shown in rehearsal at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Hall,

from left to right, row one—Waznik, Wilkes-Barre; Margaret Miss Pedersen; Marilyn Anderson, Susquehanna; Nancy Tennenieriello, Wilkes-Barre; Shelia Kurpinsky, Wilkes-Barre; Rhoda Luborsky, Schenectady, N.Y.; Jane Lewis, Oxford, N.Y.; Linda Schall, Plains; row two—Kathy Herpich, Linden, N.J.; Chris Hudak, Roselle Park, N.J.; Darice Sabalesky, Kingston; Leslie Kirstein, Morristown, N.J.; Lisa De Leewe, Wilkes-Barre; Nancy Sperrazza, West Pittston; Dorreen Psikus, Wilkes-Barre; row three—Richard Schwartz, Scranton; Joseph La Cava, Old Forge; Ron Fex, Blakely; Scott Elborn, Earleville, Md.; Frank McGrady, Laflin; Richard Vaverka, Kingston; Joe Mayoff, Dupont; Pat Wright, Newton, N.J.; and Ken McGraw, Scranton.

LPN MEETING

The Luzerne County Division of Licensed Practical Nurses will hold its annual Christmas party at Jango's, North River Street, Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday. Helen Balliet and Jackie Humphries are dinner chairmen.

\$121,922,722 Spent in 3 Years Since Agnes Flood

The Wilkes-Barre Office of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has spent \$121,922,722.10 state-wide for recovery operations since the Agnes disaster struck the state three years ago this coming Sunday.

Jerome Parker, in charge of recovery operations for Pennsylvania. Although not broken down, it was noted a "major portion" of the total expenditures were for recovery operations in the Wyoming Valley area.

At the same time, it was reported that a total of 18,322 Small Business Administration loans valued at almost \$195 million has been either forgiven or paid off since the June, 1972, flood.

The HUD expenditures included purchases of mobile homes totalling \$60,000,000, and salaries for HUD employees amounting to \$16,902,247.44. The remainder of the money was used for supplies, rentals, leases, etc., Parker said.

During the height of the flood recovery operation, 20,333 families in the state were assisted by HUD personnel in obtaining mobile homes, campers, leased and government-owned housing, and in obtaining assistance through the mini-repair program.

The 20,333 families included 14,493 in Wyoming Valley.

Also during that period, 4,368 families were residing in group mobile home parks, 5,142 in mobile homes on private sites, and 1,307 in campers through the state. In Wyoming Valley, the figures were 2,582 families in group parks, 3,798 on private sites, and 1,213 in campers.

As of June 1, 1975, a total of 325 families remain in group parks and 208 on private sites in the Commonwealth. Of this total, 253 families are living in group parks, and 186 on private sites in Wyoming Valley.

The information on the SBA loans comes from Andrew Markunas, branch manager of the SBA Office in the Provincial Towers Building on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

At the height of the flood recovery operations, SBA had a portfolio of approximately 32,500 outstanding loans. As of

April 30, the latest date for which figures are available, the loans stood at 14,178.

The 32,500 notes had a value of \$479,000,000, while the 14,178 current loans are valued at \$284,144,883. Therefore, \$194,855,117 worth of loans have either been forgiven or paid off.

Markunas noted of the 32,500 original loans, about 19,500 were "unsecured" notes, meaning they were for \$7,500 or less. The original loans included 29,385 home notes, valued at \$276,000,000, and 3,174 business loans valued at \$203,000,000.

The current portfolio of 14,178 loans includes 11,767 home notes valued at \$117,490,702, and 2,398 business loans at \$166,196,070.

The SBA Office also has 13 other regular business loans (not related to the 1972 flood disaster) on its books. These notes have a value of about \$458,000.

The office also has 1,083 delinquent notes valued at \$18,394,063. A breakdown of these figures indicates 890 are home loans at \$8,177,922, and 193 are business notes at \$10,216,140.

An additional 66 accounts are in liquidation status, Markunas said. These notes have a value of \$2,046,576. The loans include 47 home notes valued at \$324,370, and 19 business loans valued at \$1,722,205.

The SBA began operations in Wilkes-Barre two or three days after the June 22 flood, and at the height of the operations, 260 persons were employed in the office.

SBA became a permanent facility in Wilkes-Barre in August, 1973, when Markunas was named as branch manager. As of this week, there were 74 persons still working for this federal agency.

The highest number of disaster mobile home parks operated in Wyoming Valley by HUD during the recovery operations was 28. As of June 1, four parks remained in operation.

They are: Bartoli West, Wyoming; Mundy Street and Thomas Street, Wilkes-Barre, and Sedor Park, Newport Township. Occupancy figures are: Bartoli, 88; Mundy, 114; Thomas 39, and Sedor, 18.

HUD had planned to close Thomas Street and Sedor by the end of this summer. However, the governmental agency has reversed its position on Thomas Street. That facility will remain in operation through the winter of 1975-76, "for the benefit of the tenants." Sedor will close sometime this summer, as planned, Parker said.

Of the remaining 439 families residing in mobile homes in the valley, 19 plan to purchase a mobile home, 40 intend to return to their own homes, 127 intend to buy a home, 69 will rent housing, and the remaining 184 plan to enter government-owned or low-rent housing projects.

A total of 1,200 persons were employed by HUD during the height of the flood recovery operations. The latest cut in personnel, about three weeks ago, brought the current staff to about 52. A few others will be released as operations "gear down," Parker noted.

Mobile home sales in the state have reached 719. Realized from the sale of the trailers was \$2,077,624. Of the 719 mobile homes sold, 283 were purchased by flood victims in Wyoming Valley for \$829,346.

HUD is still operating two staging areas in the valley. There are 791 campers at the Stanton-Empire Street area, and 1,560 mobile homes at the Kaminski Brothers site off Oak Street in Pittston Township.

The Kaminski site is being utilized as a "backup" to the three other HUD staging areas in the United States in Kentucky, Texas and Georgia. There are approximately 5,000 trailers at the latter three sites.

Parker has been serving as director of HUD operations in Wilkes-Barre since April 16, 1974. He came to this area from HUD's office in Philadelphia. He is a native of Scranton.

Parker's assistant, Mel Hughes of Georgetown, Wilkes-Barre Township, has been with the HUD operation in Wilkes-Barre since July, 1972. He served as director of operations in the early stages of the flood recovery, and currently is assistant director of the Wilkes-Barre office at 116 S. Main St.

June 18, 1975

4 Trustees Appointed At Wilkes

Four new members have been appointed to the Board of Trustees at Wilkes College, according to announcement by Atty. Joseph J. Savitz, chairman of the board.

Savitz, formerly first vice chairman, assumed the top post of the board on June 1, succeeding Thomas J. Kiley, who served two terms as chairman. Kiley, a prominent civic leader, retired as president and chairman of the board of First Eastern Bank last year. He will remain on the board of the college.

The four new trustees whose views and ideas are expected to provide substantial new strength to the board, are Richard Maslow, Richard M. Ross, Gerald Moffatt and Ronald Simms. Maslow is president of Metropolitan Wire Company, Wilkes-Barre. Ross is president of First Eastern Bank. Moffatt is an audit partner in the New York office of Arthur Anderson and Company. Simms is vice president of Petroleum Service Company and president of Abernathy Corporation.

Wilkes College board of trustees will meet July 18. Savitz will preside over the meeting for the first time.



NURSING WORKSHOP - "Expanding role of the nurse in 1975," a three-phase Wilkes College department of nursing workshop, was concluded at a luncheon held in Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts.

Shown in the Center lounge, from the left, are Dolores Banko, assistant professor of nursing; Mrs. Judith Schreiber, instructor; Dr. Francis J. Michelini, college president; Mrs. Chris Alichnie, workshop coordinator; Mrs. Ruth McHenry, chairman of Wilkes College department of nursing.

Certificates of achievement were presented by Dr. Michelini and Mrs. McHenry to participants who successfully completed the three phases of the session that concentrated on the orientation of the nurse to her expanding roles as well as applying concepts, skills and activities for improving the nursing practice.

In addition, participating nurses received 5.4 continuing education units (CEU) for the experience.

Times Leader June 18, 1975

Michelini to Be Honored Aug. 3

A dinner-dance honoring Dr. Francis J. Michelini, who will be leaving the presidency of Wilkes College on Aug. 31, will be held by members of the Wilkes College 'family' on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at the Gus Genetti Hotel.

Dr. Michelini will conclude 20 years of service at Wilkes College when he moves on Sept. 1 to a new position as

president of the Pennsylvania Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, with headquarters in Harrisburg.

The plans for honoring the Wilkes president were made by a committee of faculty and administrators, under the chairmanship of Dr. Charles B. Reif, chairman of the biology department. Ironically, it was Dr. Reif who interviewed Dr.

Michelini when the latter educator came to this region 20 years ago to fill a vacancy in the Wilkes College Biology Department.

Members of the committee working on arrangements for the testimonial are: Jane Lampe, dean of women; John Chwalek, placement director; Dr. James Rodechko, member of the history department; Dr. Richard Sours, member of the mathematics department; and

Thomas J. Moran, director of public relations and development.

The event is open to all members of the Wilkes College family as well as members of the community who wish to take part in the testimonial to the second president of Wilkes College. Those desiring to attend may make arrangements by contacting Dr. Rodechko at the college.

The evening will begin with a cocktail party at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 and a brief program to be presented prior to dancing.

Tuhy Is Parliamentarian For Convention of NAES

A Wilkes College professor has recently been appointed Parliamentarian for the 41st Annual Convention of the National Association of Educational Secretaries (NAES) which will be held at the University of Arkansas from July 16 to 20.

Philip R. Tuhy, assistant professor of the Political Science Department and associate director of the Institute of Regional Affairs (IRA) at Wilkes, was appointed to the position by the President of the NAES and a former staff member of the IRA, Viola G. Harris.

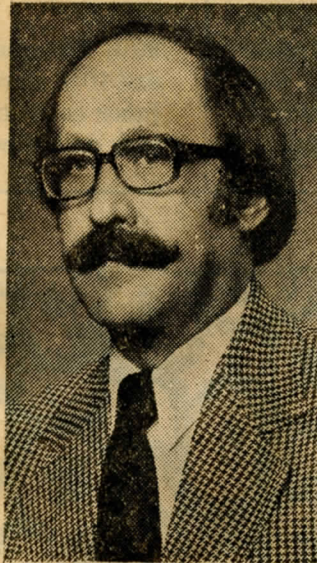
Tuhy, who came to Wilkes College in 1960, is also director of the Wilkes Community Effort and executive director of the Flood Relief Clearing House for Municipal Personnel.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Valparaiso University and his Master of Governmental Administration at the University of Pennsylvania, he served as Specialist Third Class with the United States Army.

Tuhy was an assistant borough manager for the borough of Downingtown, a staff member of the International City Manager's Association in Chicago, and a senior planner of the Luzerne County Planning Commission before he came to Wilkes.

A board member of the Metropolitan Lutheran Council and the Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc., he also belongs to several professional organizations, such as the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Association of University Professors, and the American Institute of Planners.

In addition, Tuhy is a member of the American Political Science Association, the American Society of Planning Officials, the American Society for Public Administration, and the International City Management



PHILIP R. TUHY

Association.

He also belongs to the Pennsylvania Political Science and Public Administration Association and the Pennsylvania Planning Association, and last year, he was elected a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

Tuhy, who was named Outstanding Young Man of Wyoming Valley in 1965, has written several publications and pamphlets on various topics.

He is a life member of the Wilkes-Barre Jaycees and a member of the Luzerne County Association for Retarded Citizens Board.

July 20, 1975



WILKES BOARD CONVENES — Board of Trustees of Wilkes College held a special meeting to review the past year and make plans for the new academic year.

One of the major assignments facing the trustees—more particularly the search committee formed by the governing body—will be the selection of a new president to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Francis J. Michelini, who on Sept. 1 will assume his new duties as president of the State Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities in Harrisburg.

Until such time as a new president is selected and takes office, the chief executive officer of Wilkes College will be Dean of Academic Affairs Robert S. Capin, who unanimously was selected by the board to serve as acting president.

Members of the board are, first row, from left, Dr. Michelini, Atty. Louis Shaffer, Thomas H. Kiley, Mrs. William Davidowitz, Mrs. Walter M. Diener, Mrs. Richard M. Ehret, Mrs. Eberhard L. Faber, Ben Badman Jr., Atty. Joseph J. Savitz and Capin.

Second row, Donald F. Carpenter, Judge Max Rosenn, Dr. Edward Bixby, Atty. Andrew Hourigan Jr., Norman Weiss, William H. Sword Jr. and former Judge Frank L. Pinola.

Third row, Robert H. Melson, Gerald Moffatt, Atty. Charles H. Miner Jr., Richard L. Pearsall, Judge Edwin Kosik.

Fourth row, Richard M. Ross Jr., Richard Maslow, Joseph A. Wiendl, William J. Umphred, Ronald Simms and Robert Jones.

Wilkes College granted \$5000



An unrestricted gift of \$5,000 was presented on Friday (July 31) to Wilkes College by Western Electric Company as part of a five-year program of giving to the local institution that was established as Western Electric's response to assist the college in its recovery from the 1972 flood.

Shown during the brief ceremony held in Weckesser Hall are, left to right: Mrs. Evelyn Robinson, assistant to the development director at the college; Richard Hockenberry, Western Electric representative; Robert S. Capin, dean of academic affairs who will become acting president of Wilkes College on September 1; Thomas Armbruster, Western Electric representative from Harrisburg; and Miss Margaret Corbett, assistant to the development director.

Aug. 6, 1975

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Wilkes Demolition

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Editor:

Can someone tell me what purpose Wilkes College is supposed to serve in this community?

Several years ago, Wilkes appropriated the entire block of Wright St. in South Wilkes-Barre. The residents of this street, many of them elderly persons who took pride in and loved their small homes, were forced to relocate. Within a short time, many of these persons, unable to adjust to unfamiliar surroundings, died. But Wilkes had a showy new dormitory and cafeteria — tax exempt.

Every year Wilkes conducts a campaign, highly publicized in your paper and elsewhere, to raise money — for the purpose of, one would assume, improving the quality of instruction it offers — yet after the money is raised, it appears to be spent on the destruction of buildings already owned or recently acquired by Wilkes. South Franklin Street is now a mass of rubble. Soon it will be one — or several — vast parking lots, tax exempt.

Do the good people of this community realize that in recent years dozens of the finest teachers at Wilkes have had their contracts "terminated"? These persons with years of teaching experience and the highest credentials, graduates of such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Penn, Cornell, and the University of Chicago, are no longer part of the shrinking Wilkes "family."

Wherein lies the "quality education" which Wilkes is supposed to provide for the residents of this area? In the physical ugliness it has created, the oversized classes and diminished staff, in the ever-rising tuition fees?

Speak up and express your views, citizens of Wyoming Valley. This is supposed to be a democracy we live in. But just who is it that makes these and other crucial decisions for us?

REBA COPLAN
Wilkes-Barre

1975

Wilkes to conduct Annual Parents Day

In order to familiarize parents with the campus, Wilkes College will conduct its 13th Annual Parents' Day on Saturday, November 1.

Numerous events have been scheduled for the day, and activities will begin with campus tours organized every 15 minutes. During the registration period between 9 and 11 a.m., faculty representatives will meet with parents in the dining hall lobby and will be ready to answer any questions the parents may have.

All college buildings will be open until 5 p.m., allowing ample time for the parents to inspect facilities and students' living quarters.

A women's field hockey game, MAC championship, is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Ralston Field, and at 10:30 a.m., a cross meet with

Baptist Bible will also be held at Ralston Field. Following an 11:30 luncheon, the Wilkes football team will meet Susquehanna at 1:30 p.m., and at 4 p.m. a "Post-Game Huddle" will be held at the Hotel Sterling. This last event will permit parents, students, faculty, and administration to informally "get together."

Two hours of dynamic theater will be presented at 8 when "An Evening with Mark Twain and the Good Old Days" is performed by Hollywood actor Will Stutts in the Wilkes Center for the Performing Arts.

Linda Hobrock, assistant dean of women, Arthur Hoover, director of Alumni and Community Affairs, and the Student Government of Wilkes College is coordinating the day's events.

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Officials attempt curb of grant cut

June 1, 1975

Department of Community Affairs officials from six major urban states met last week in Philadelphia and laid the groundwork for a massive lobbying effort aimed at eliminating the provisions in the nation's Community Development Grant Act that would result in an eventual cutoff of funds to established metropolitan centers and rural areas. Pennsylvania's Community Affairs Secretary, William Wilcox, chaired the meeting.

The six states, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, are among those that stand to lose the most when a new formula for disbursing those funds takes effect in 1980. In Pennsylvania, Philadelphia alone will lose \$26 Million under the new formula and other cities like Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, and Scranton, also stand to lose "enormous amounts" of federal dollars.

The six states could not agree on an "action formula" at the Philadelphia meeting and will await a national meeting of state community affairs departments now scheduled to be held in Salt Lake

City, Utah, this September. All members did agree, however, that the Utah meeting will definitely mark the beginning of the national congressional lobbying effort that will carry into election year 1976 if necessary.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 replaced Urban Renewal and Model Cities legislation with a single, broad-based revenue-sharing type of agency which allocated funds to local governments and gave the municipalities a good deal of discretion as to how the funds were to be spent. The funds, however, were to be allocated at a specified level over the first six years with no allowances made for inflationary effects. In other words, the community funds for 1979 were already allocated in 1974 without regard for the current inflation crisis.

Also, according to the original legislation drafted in the Nixon Administration by a congress with impeachment on its mind, money now allotted to older cities and rural areas will gradually diminish as a larger and larger percentage of funds finds its way into suburban

areas. The law, in order to get enough votes for its passage, contained the provision that all municipalities would receive the same level of funds for three years following the passage of the bill, and redetermined rate for the following three years.

This provisions allowed cities getting Model Cities or Urban Development or sewer assistance, etc., in 1974 to continue getting those funds at the same rate for the next three years and at a different rate the following three. However, by 1980 that part of the program will be phased out and the older established metropolitan areas will be put into a direct competition with the new emerging suburbs for all the money.

The result is expected to be an increase in financial problems for the cities along with the threat of a curtailment of certain services. Proponents of action to change the CD act claim that the law was designed to "neutralize any advantage older cities may now have and now need to have and shift that advantage to the suburban areas which do not face the problems of the cities.



Wilkes student teachers announced

Pursuing a degree in music education are, left to right, first row— Thomas Frew, Wyoming; Linda Papatopoli, Wilkes Barre; Joseph Dalessandro, Wyoming; Joseph Gilligan, Wilkes Barre; and Debbie Morano, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

Second row— William Gasbarro, chairman of the Music Department; David Skopek, Nanticoke; Bob Lemoncelli, Archblad; Brenda Wasenda, Hunlock Creek; Linda Phillips, Plymouth; Doreene Psikus, Wilkes Barre; Karl Bacon, Woodbury, Ct.; and Edwin Johnson, director of student teaching.



Eight seniors are seeking certification in fine arts education this semester. Shown before beginning their actual classroom assignments are, left to right, first row— Mary Ellen Dwyer, Wilkes Barre; Linda Swayois, West Pittston; Karen Lewis, Mountaintop; and Paula Hutsko, Luzerne.

Second row— Richard A. Fuller, assistant professor of art at Wilkes; Marlene Yanchuk, Wilkes Barre; James Sanders, Plymouth; Paula Fisher, Harvey's Lake; Kathleen Visinski, Taylor; and Edwin Johnson, director of student teaching.

Compliments of Dan Flood

Michelini Lauded in Congressional R

When Dr. Francis J. Michelini officially leaves his post as president of Wilkes College on Aug. 31, he will do so with the knowledge that his accomplishments over five years as the institution's chief executive officer are permanently recorded in a glowing tribute printed in the Congressional Record.

A copy of the Congressional Record of Friday, Aug. 1, was forwarded to Wilkes College and contained an address made on the floor of the House of Representatives by Congressman Daniel J. Flood.

Congressman Flood became a close friend of Dr. Michelini's over the five-year period and more particularly during the recovery period immediately following the

ly referred to by his many friends, is turning his vast energy resources to a new direction, as he assumes the presidency of the Pennsylvania Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, another challenging position which calls for the abilities of a dynamic leader, such as I know Dr. Michelini to be.

"The mantle of power and the insignia office were entrusted to Dr. Michelini in 1970, when he was named the second president of Wilkes, succeeding Dr. Eugene Farley, the founding president, whose reputation and name linger among the giants of educators. To fill the shoes of a man like Gene Farley was a gamble where the odds were difficult. But Dr. Michelini rose to the occasion, as he soon exhibited the same characteristics of the man he followed. Dr. Farley told me before his death that 'Mike' Michelini was his personal choice for the president's job, because his years of experience and sensitivities to the needs of the human spirit and man's pursuit of education were well embodied in his successor. How right he was, as the years to follow would illustrate.

"Scarcely had enough time lapsed for the burdens of office to confront the new Wilkes president, when in June 1972, the worst natural disaster in the history of this Republic, tropical storm Agnes, thrust down upon 17 states in the nation, hitting hardest in the Wyoming Valley and the district which I am privileged to represent in this Congress. Property damage alone in my region went well over the \$1 billion mark, and the

beautiful, sprawling Wilkes College along the banks of the Susquehanna lay in the eye of devastation.

Bad Dream

"On a hot and trying night following the disaster, Mike Michelini came into my emergency command post headquarters at the U.S. naval training station near the Airport at Avoca. It was then, in the moments of conversation, that the real meaning of trag-

edy set in. 'I don't know where to start this discussion, Dan, because it is all so hard to believe.' With hipboots laden with mud and clothes which became the flood victims' uniform, brown and dusty, 'Mike' Michelini laid out for me the impossible task which lie ahead. Yes, it was hard to believe, and the realities seemed like a bad dream. But we began, and because of Dr. Mike Michelini

adversity once again became progress.

"All 50 Wilkes buildings were under water to the second story level, the college president told me. The damage estimate? Neither of us could guess, except that it was well into the millions.

"In the next two months there ensued a human undertaking such as I had never experienced. Like a man inspired by the deity, Dr. Michelini worked, led, organized and encouraged, day and night, week after week. The desolated book collection in a brand new library was hauled out. Walls were scrubbed. Mud was shoveled. Furniture thrown away. The rebuilding was under way.

"I cannot answer how it was all accomplished. But by some miracle the Fall session began in September, only one week later than scheduled.

"As part of the historic Agnes recovery legislation which I sponsored, there were several forms of relief to colleges and universities. Dr. 'Mike' Michelini was the spearheading force behind the regional effort to assist in my legislation, and it should be recorded in the annals of this Congress that his leadership and dedication inspired those with whom he worked, his colleagues, and his representative in this House.

"The departure of 'Mike' Michelini from Wyoming Valley will leave its mark elsewhere than at Wilkes College. His community will feel the loss as well. He found time to serve as president of the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, and on the boards of directors of the

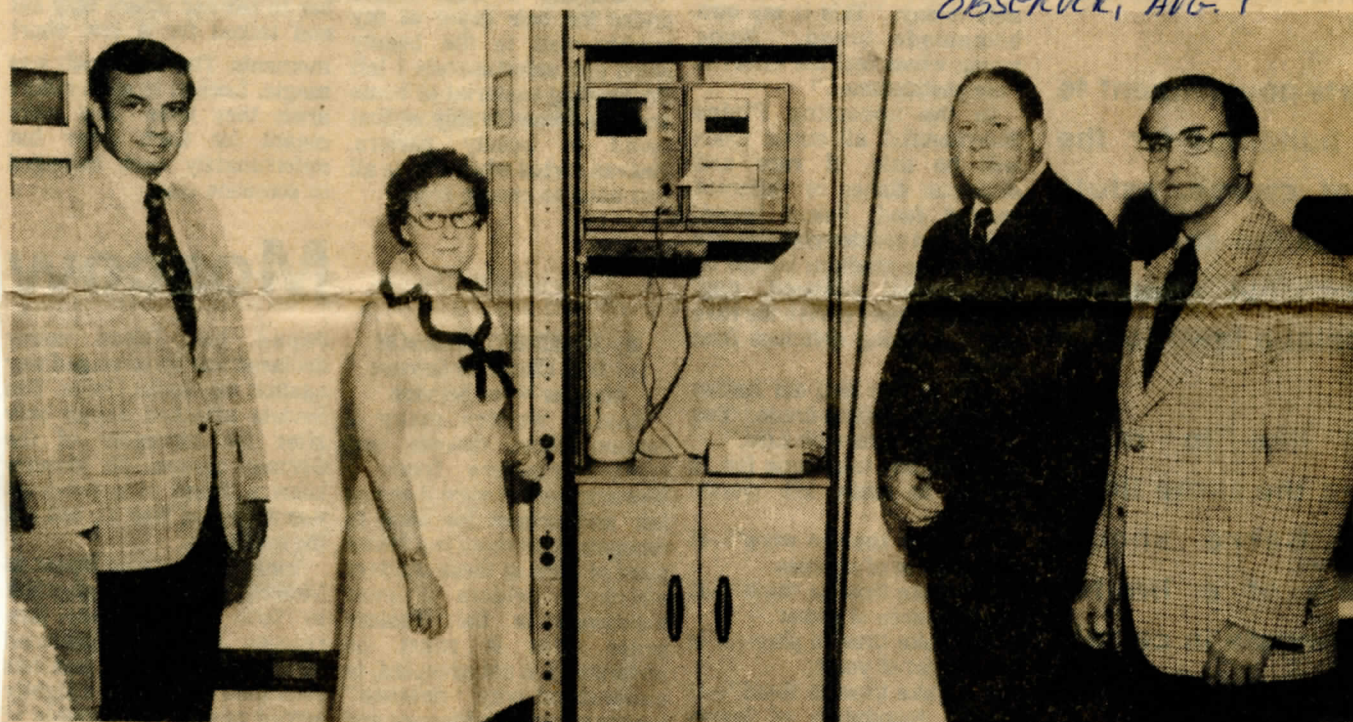


Congressman Daniel Flood (left) reacted to the news that Dr. Francis J. Michelini was leaving his post as president of Wilkes College on Aug. 31, by delivering a 15-minute tribute to the regional educator on the floor of the House of Representatives. Congressman Flood is shown with Dr. Michelini during a recent Commencement program at Wilkes College.

Forum

Wilkes Learning Laboratory now completed

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With the completion of the Learning Laboratory of the Wilkes College Nursing Department, many individuals are interested in the innovative methods employed in the college's nursing curriculum.

Shown in the laboratory on the third floor of the Stark Learning Center discussing the newly added cardiac monitor are, left to right: Dr. Ralph B. Rozelle, project director and dean of health sciences, Wilkes-Hahnemann Cooperative Medical Education Program in Family Medicine; Mrs. Ruth McHenry, chairman, Wilkes Nursing Department.

Also Dr. Gordon Earles, director of Family Practice Center,

United Health and Hospital Services, Inc.; and Dr. David Kistler, director of Family Practice Residency Program, United Health and Hospital Services, Inc.

This laboratory, in addition to the local hospitals and community resources to be utilized for clinical practice, will enable the student of medicine to develop the ability to practice professional nursing in episodic and distributive patient care settings, the ability for self-direction and critical judgment and a desire for continued personal and professional development as a contributing member of society.

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Wilkes professor meets Egyptian President Sadat

The chairman of the Wilkes College Environmental Science Department, Dr. Mohamed T. Edl-Ashry, will take a years leave of absence to respond to an invitation extended to a select group of national educators to serve with the Environmental Defense Fund in Denver.

The native-born citizen of Egypt was the person who founded the Environmental Science program at Wilkes College, starting with a few courses in response to the growing popularity of the subject nationally and developing the program to a full major that now is attracting numerous students.

Dr. El-Ashry's efforts during his assignment in Denver will be to work toward influencing legislation and environmental policies through the nation's lawmakers with emphasis on water resources and energy development.

The Wilkes professor has maintained his ties with his native land, making frequent trips to Egypt since he joined the Wilkes faculty several years ago. He is highly regarded as an Egyptian American scholar and has made major contributions to various conferences held in his native land.

Earlier in the year he was invited to attend a conference on "Egypt Between Now and the Year 1000," which was held in Cairo. At this session he presented a paper, "Hazards of Environmental Pollution," in a session dealing with Energy and the Environment. The paper was considered of such significance that it was selected as one of those to be published in an overall account of the conference proceedings.

Dr. El-Ashry was one of the group of select scholars chosen for a visit with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the latter's residence at the conclusion of the

conference.

During the past week, Dr. El-Ashry said that the present situation including the search for a peace acceptable to all parties in the Mideast controversy, has not changed insofar as the basic position of his country is concerned.

"In talking with the Egyptian Government officials at all levels," he said, "it was always emphasized that there exists a sincere intention of the Egyptian people and their government in pursuing a peace with honor at any price."

The Wilkes College professor said that his countrymen are looking toward better days. "Put quite simply," HE SAID, "the people are tired of fighting and are interested in channelling their resources into economic development and in raising their standard of living. They are willing to recognize the existence of Israel as a nation within its pre-1967 borders, and to live in peace with all countries in the area. But, at the same time, they will not compromise any of the occupied lands or the rights of the Palestinian People."

Dr. El-Ashry said he could not emphasize enough the desire of the people of Egypt for improved relations with the United States. "The new chapter in the relations between the two countries that was opened in 1974 is only the beginning of a long and endless book of friendship and mutual beneficial exchanges in all fields," he pointed out.

"All that they (Egypt) ask of the United States," the Wilkes professor explained, "is an even handed policy towards the Middle East conflict, a policy stemming

from the great principles and ideals that the United States was founded upon and should be standing for all times."

One of the highlights of his visit to Egypt, according to Dr. El-Ashry, was the honor of meeting U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Eilts. The U.S. ambassador to Cairo is originally from Scranton, and was overjoyed at meeting someone from Wilkes Barre during a reception the ambassador gave at his residence.

"His Excellency was extremely anxious to hear about Scranton and Wilkes Barre," Dr. El-Ashry said. "He wanted very much to hear about the success of the efforts by Wyoming Valley residents in recovering from the flood of 1972. I assured him that Wilkes College and all of Wyoming Valley had made a tremendous recovery."

The conference attended by Dr. El-Ashry was held under the auspices of President Sadat in the Arab Socialist Union Building, overlooking the Nile in Cairo.

It was sponsored by the Association of Egyptian American Scholars in the United States and the Society of Friends of Egyptian Scholars Abroad in Egypt.

Dr. El-Ashry was among 80 scholars from the U.S. and 15 from Europe who were invited to attend the conference. The purpose was to establish counterparts in Egypt and help in discussing the problems that Egypt will face during the next stage of economic and industrial development.

This conference was the first of its kind, but Dr. El-Ashry said he felt that because of the great interest generated the decision to hold

similar conferences every two years was warranted. In addition, he explained, mini conferences will be held during the intervening years.

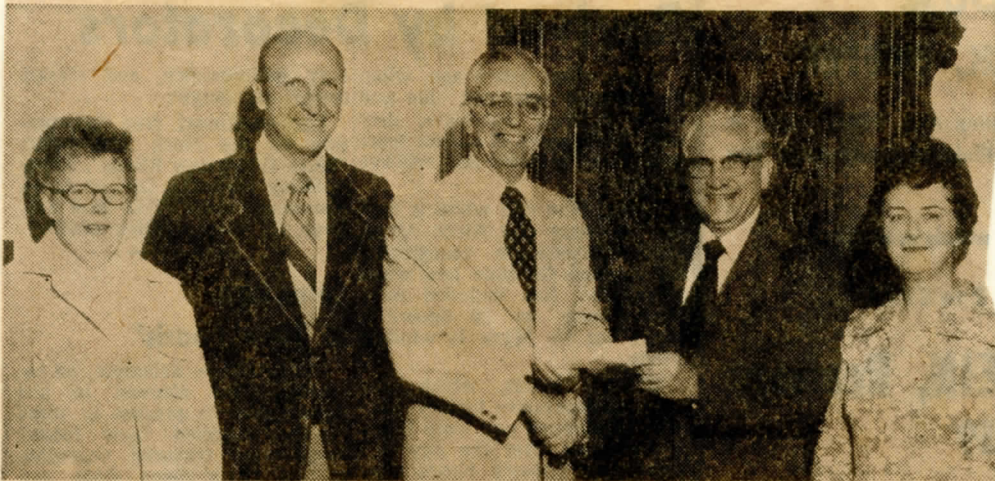
The Wilkes College educator was enthusiastic over the interest shown by government officials on all levels.

"The Prime Minister of Egypt met with the Egyptian American group twice in open and frank discussions of the present and future," Dr. El-Ashry said. "Several cabinet ministers spoke with the group on specific problems related to their dependents."

But for Dr. El-Ashry the meeting with President Sadat was one of the high points. "That meeting took place in President Sadat's rest home in Qanater, north of Cairo and followed a similar meeting of Mrs. Sadat with women scholars attending the conference," he related.

Dr. El-Ashry said that it was not "all work." He explained that he serious discussions and meetings were interspersed with receptions and dinners by cabinet ministers and other government officials. One dinner was given by the Honorable Governor of Cairo, who used to serve as the Egyptian Cultural Attache to the U.S. in the late 1950's and early 1960's and knew personally many of the visiting scholars from the U.S. who used to be graduate students under his supervision at that time.

Firm Gives \$5,000 Grant to Wilkes



An unrestricted gift of \$5,000 was presented to Wilkes College by Western Electric Company as part of a five-year program of giving to the local institution that was established as Western Electric's response to assist the college in its recovery from the 1972 flood.

Shown during the brief ceremony held in Weckesser Hall, left to right, are Mrs. Eve-

lyn Robinson, assistant to the development director at the college; Richard Hockenberry, Western Electric representative; Robert S. Capin, dean of academic affairs, who will become acting president of Wilkes College on Sept. 1; Thomas Armbruster, Western Electric representative from Harrisburg; and Miss Margaret Corbett, assistant to the development director.

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Solid Waste Brochure

Published by Professor

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A Wilkes College professor working under a Pennsylvania state grant, recently completed work and study concerning the problems of solid waste in Wyoming Valley and published a pamphlet explaining his discoveries.

Dr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry, chairman of the Wilkes College Department of Environmental Sciences, has been working under a Title I Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the West Chester College Ecology Project Consortium.

The brochure, "Solid Waste Management in the Wyoming Valley," is part of the continuing effort of the college's environmental sciences department to serve the community by offering recommendations towards the solution of some of the pressing problems facing the community and local government.

The major problem, according to Dr. El-Ashry, is that the increasing national concern about the seriousness of solid waste disposal is shared by the people of Wyoming Valley.

Illustrating some local landfills, open dumps and strip pits, he maintains the average person produces approximately a ton of solid waste per year.

Although the East and West Side Sanitary Landfill Units handle 80 percent of the solid waste generated in Luzerne County, the West Side Landfill, which serves 22 communities with about 96,000 people, only has a few months left before becoming completely filled.

In addition, land for future sites is scarce and the problem is aggravated by post-flood demolition of homes and the abandoning of the Nanticoke Landfill because of rising ground water.

One solution offered by the scientist suggests putting the unrestored, abandoned strip mines into good use by utilizing the suitable ones for solid waste disposal with proper geologic and hydrolic investigation.

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Copies of the brochure are available upon request at the Department of Environmental Sciences, Wilkes College.

Dr. El-Ashry received his BS degree from Cairo University and his MS and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois. He is scheduled to take a leave of absence from Wilkes College for a year to respond to an invitation extended to a select group of national educators to serve with the Environmental Defense Fund in Denver, Colo.

Dr. El-Ashry currently resides with his wife, Patricia, and their two children, Dorraya and Sumaya, at 47 E. Union St., Kingston.



WILKES GETS CHECK — A check for \$500 was presented to Wilkes College as an unrestricted gift during a brief ceremony held on the campus as the college played host to representatives from Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., certified public accountants, Bethlehem.

The firm has been one of the regular contributors to Wilkes College. At the presentation are, left to right: John Chwalek, placement director for the college; Maurice D. James, member of the firm; Robert S. Capin, acting president of the college, and Jack Miller, member of the accounting firm.

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