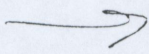


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Editors: To release after 3:30 p.m., Friday, December 2.

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"Wilkes University is committed to conserving the historic character of downtown Wilkes-Barre and its beautiful architecture, whenever possible," said Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth. "With the renovations just completed in Capin Hall and others around the campus, Wilkes is preserving a sense of the past while maintaining a vibrant, functional university."

Capin Hall is named after Dr. Robert S. Capin '50, '83, Kingston, who was president of Wilkes from 1975 to 1984 and is currently a professor of accounting at the University. Prior to being named Capin Hall in 1984, the building was called John Franklin Hall in honor of an early Wyoming Valley settler.

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1ST ADD - WILKES REDEDICATES CAPIN HALL AFTER RENOVATIONS

Renovations to Capin Hall included the addition of two classrooms and enlarged office space. Other interior renovations included replacing all the mechanical systems, including electrical wiring and plumbing, installing double paned windows, repainting and new carpeting.

Exterior renovations included repointing and washing the bricks and repainting outside details in period colors. In addition, Capin Hall was made handicapped accessible with an elevator, widened bathrooms and a wheelchair ramp.

General contractor for the renovations was Power Builders Inc., Wilkes-Barre.

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Capin Hall houses the departments of communications and history at Wilkes.

165 South Franklin Street

John Franklin Hall

Damages after the 1972 flood to John Franklin Hall were estimated at about \$100,000. gn

Capin Hall Re-Dedication
Friday, December 2
3 p.m.

Program

Red ribbon strung across steps to front porch. CNB, Gene Roth & Bob Capin in front of ribbon.

*CNB - Welcome & Remarks

- details of renovation & how it fits into master plan, kudos to Power Builders, etc.

*Gene Roth - Greetings from the Board, History of Building, Intro. Bob Capin

*Bob Capin - Remarks

*Each takes a pair of scissors, turns and cuts ribbon. Paparazzi, hearty handshakes, and off we go.

*Tours

(GO's to lead trustees, guests on guided tour)

*TGJF - What a great way to end the week. Who can we get to pay for it?

Invite List & Method (invites mailed/posted, etc. by 11/23)

✓ Trustees - included in CNB's Board Meeting announcement

✓ *Alumni exec. comm.* *Colleen* / *Bill Tremayne*
U. Council (all or just local?) - post-card invite

✓ Faculty/Staff/Students - Flyers, Release in Beacon/Intercom

✓ Capin Friends/Family - post-card invite

✓ O'Hop's Construction Cronies - post-card invite (PAO to provide list)

Publicity *3 copies to Prisc. + all dev. staff*
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MA to local radio/tv/newspapers/Beacon

Post-Release with photo(s) for all of above

Universe/Alumni Journal blurb/photo (depends upon space/timing)

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John Franklin Hall
165 South Franklin Street

Franklin Hall is indentified in a 1911 publication as the residence of Mrs. George Weaver and having been built between 1905 and 1910.¹ The building was a residence until the mid part of this century when it was converted to offices for the International Union of Mine Workers of America. Now classrooms, Franklin Hall was purchased by Wilkes College in 1969 from the labor union.² The building is named in honor of Colonel John Franklin (1749-1831), an early resident of the Wyoming Valley.

The building is a two and a half story, brick structure in the "Classical Revival" style of the late Victorian period. Although altered some when converted for offices, the basic structure remains intact. The rooms of the first and second floors are arranged around center halls. A bronze plaque honoring John L. Lewis, the labor leader, is mounted on the facade to the north of the entrance and is a vestige of labor union's ownership.

¹R. W. Flood, Wilkes-Barre: The Diamond City (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.: Published by the Record for the Wilkes-Barre Board of Trade, 1911), n. p.

²Luzerne County Deed Records, Book 1659, p. 676.

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Capin Hall Rededication
Dec. 2, 1994
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Capin Hall
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CNB Remarks

- Welcome

• Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Friends and Family of Bob & Libby Capin

Trustees

Faculty

Students

Staff

- Renovation

- Thanks to the people and companies who have helped the University complete the project:

Architect - Tom Gripp

Power Builders - Leon Remakus, Mike Hardick, Dave Pollack

Power Engineering Corp. - Bob Mugford, Glen Roberts

Morgan Electric - Bob Morgan

King Glass and Paint - Richard Emanski, Jimmy Denisco, and Hank Morris

Postupak Painting Company - Carl Postupak

- \$400,000 spent
 - **bathrooms widened**
 - **elevator and ramp added for handi-capped access**
 - **offices for History and Communications Dept. added**
 - **two beautiful new classrooms added**
- through this project, Wilkes has once again demonstrated its commitment to **preserving the historic homes and buildings on our campus**
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- end with discuss how **renovation of Capin Hall fits into master plan for campus** - update or mention of construction project next door?
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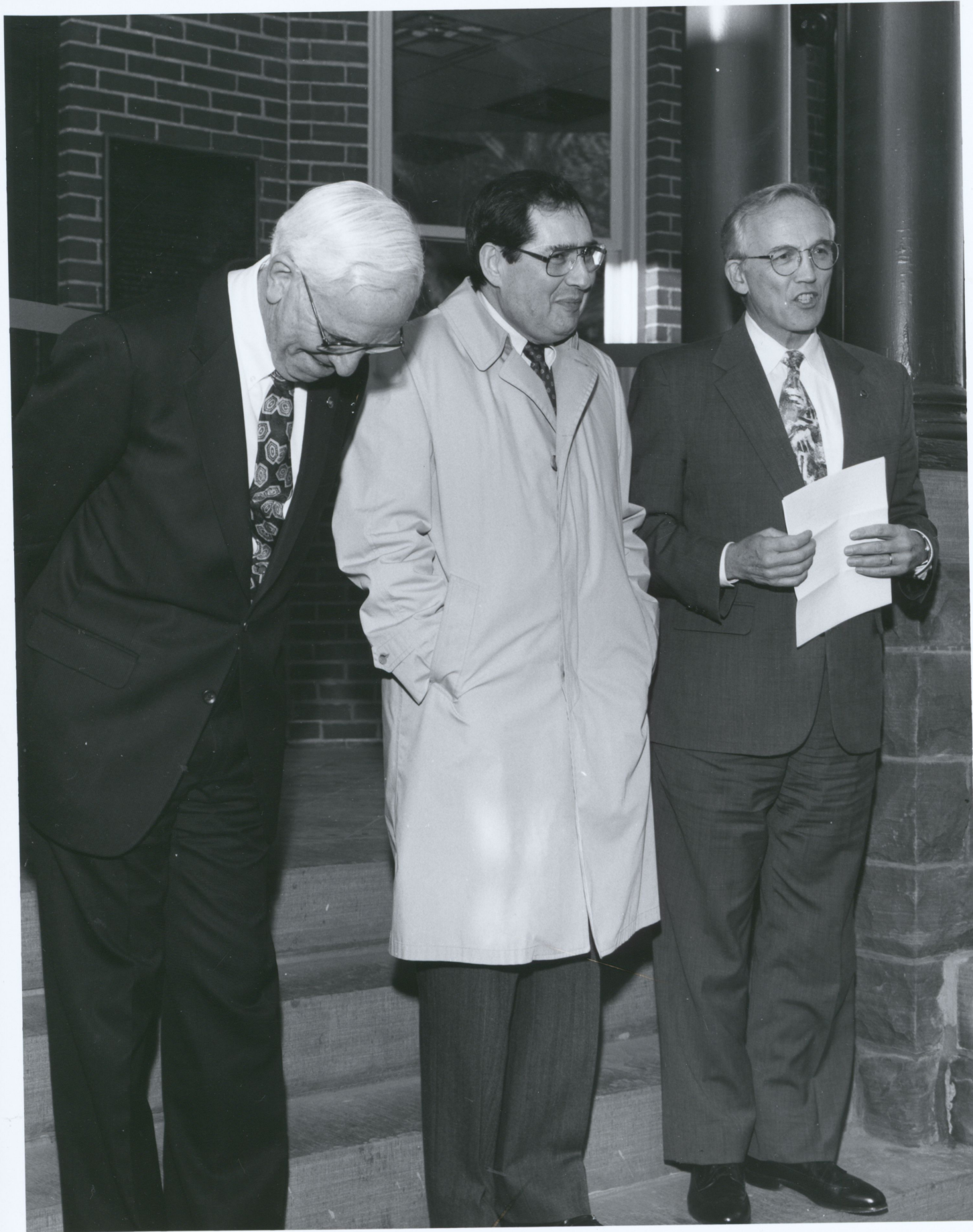
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Members of the Weaver/Hartmann families who gathered for a nostalgic reunion at Wilkes College included from the left, first row: Eleanor Becker, Emily Becker, Jane O'Boyle, Virginia Romane, Joan Foster, and Frances Young.

Second row: Evan Young, Edward Hartmann, Zebulon Butler O'Boyle, and Frank Smith.

Third row: Robert O'Boyle, Joan Smith, Frank Smith and Mary Smith.

Weaver-Hartmann Families Gather

One of the buildings on the Wilkes University campus is now called Capin Hall, however, last week 14 members of the Weaver and Hartmann families returned for a family reunion and toured the facility that had been home to some and held happy memories for the others.

The family members attending the reunion came from Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and local communities including Harvey's Lake, Hazleton, and Forty Fort.

The facility, located at 165 S. Franklin St., was built in 1906 for Mrs. George Weaver, the former Frances Hartmann. Mr. Weaver who was a founding partner of the Weaver-Reichard Brewery, died in 1901. Prior to his death the Weavers lived at the southeast corner of Union and North River streets, and the brewery was located on Water Street. They were the parents of five

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Menie & Weaver gathering on Oct. 9, 1990

Hi Chris —

We'll meet in Capin Hall foyer-hall at 3:30. The Weavers' portraits and bldg.-family history will have been hung... copy attached.

Approx. 20 guests will be on hand for your brief welcome and tribute to the family... (typical of those who came to America in early 1800's - sunk roots - strengthened Upo. Valley - etc.)

It'll be jammed in Capin, so we'll come to Weekesser following your comments --- for tea. Some of the family may wish to see the Capin Hall rooms and Dorothy Schlingman will show them around.

Items of Interest: (you may wish to include or know).

- 1.- 1972 flood damages est. \$100,000. Capin Hall.
- 2.- Jane Weaver O'Boyle (Mrs. W. = her grandma) donated portraits and helped me plan event... from Hagerstown, MD. She + husband, Bob, will attend.
- 3.- Dr. Ed Hartmann provided much of family history. (Special trip here from MA for event. Mrs. W. = his aunt.)
- 4.- Molly Roan Moffatt may come... is great-grand. of Weavers.
- 5.- Mrs. Charles Romane ("Ginger") lived in house; married from it; went to W. I think... son grad. fr. Wilkes + husband (dead) from BUIC. She's from Suffield, CT and will be here.
- 6.- Other family members attending from Alexandria, VA, N.J., NY, Drums (near Conyngham) + some locals.
- 7.- There are some other Wilkes ties
- 8.- Mr. Geo. Weaver died in 1901 (appendicitis). Mrs. W. lived in house until she died in 1950. They had lived on SE corner of Union + N. River. The Brewery was next to jail on Water St. ..

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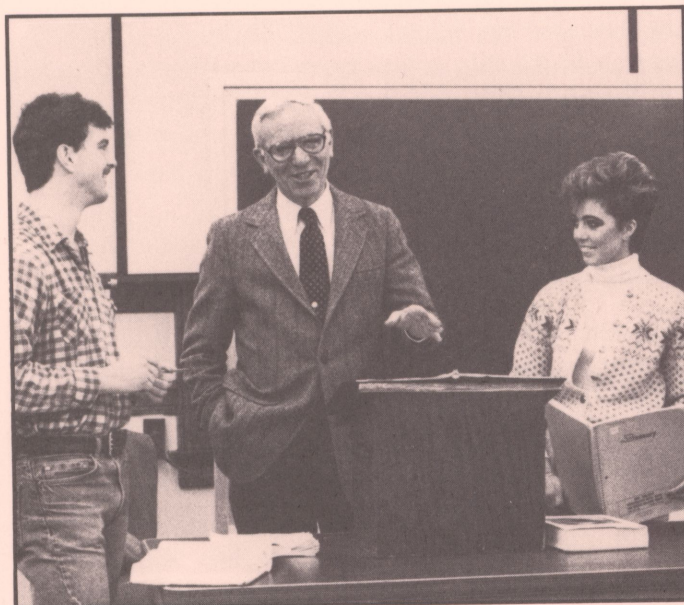
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Quotes from Robert S. Capin '50, H '83

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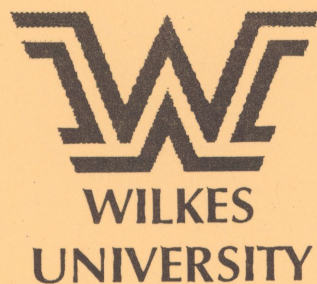
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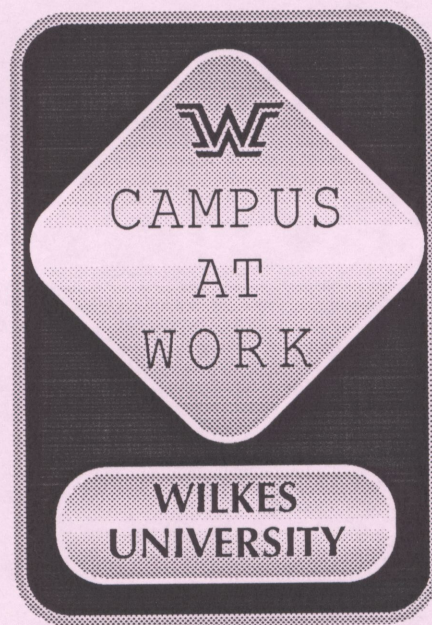
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