

At Wilkes College

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'Rose Bowl of Wrestling' Begins Thursday

This coming weekend, for the 56th time, Wilkes College will be the setting for the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling," the Wilkes College Open.

The Open, one of the most prestigious wrestling tournaments in the country, will be held this year in the new Marts Athletic and Conference Center. The new gym will be ready in time for the big event which is expected to have wrestlers competing at the Open are Penn State, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, Harvard, and Columbia.

Weigh-ins for the will be held on Thursday night with wrestling action beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday and continuing all day. Saturday, the semi-finals and finals will be held after all the preliminary rounds are completed.

This year there will be wrestling on six mats instead of the usual five mats making for an exciting two days of grappling.

Again this year, as was the case last year, there will be no team scoring because of an NCAA rule prohibiting the number of meets a team can wrestle. There will be, however, an Outstanding Wrestler award given, along with a high point trophy, and the Manny Gorrarian Award for the most falls in the least amount of time.

Taking over this year as chairman of the Open is Owen Costello, head of the Keystone State games. Costello takes the reigns this year from long time director George Ralston who is stepping down this to devote more

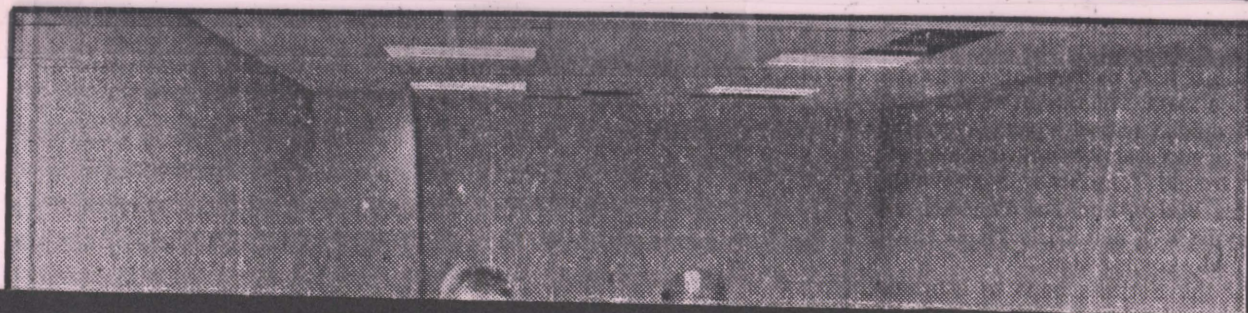
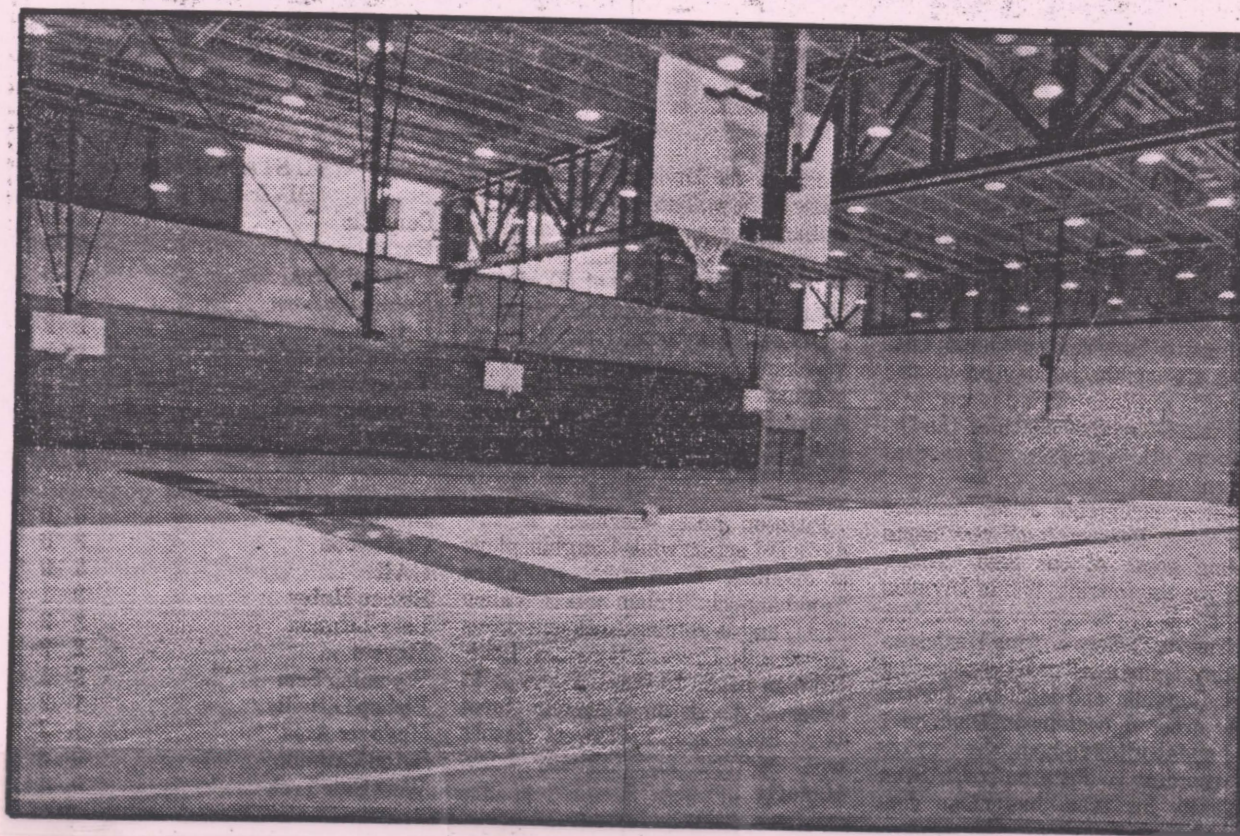
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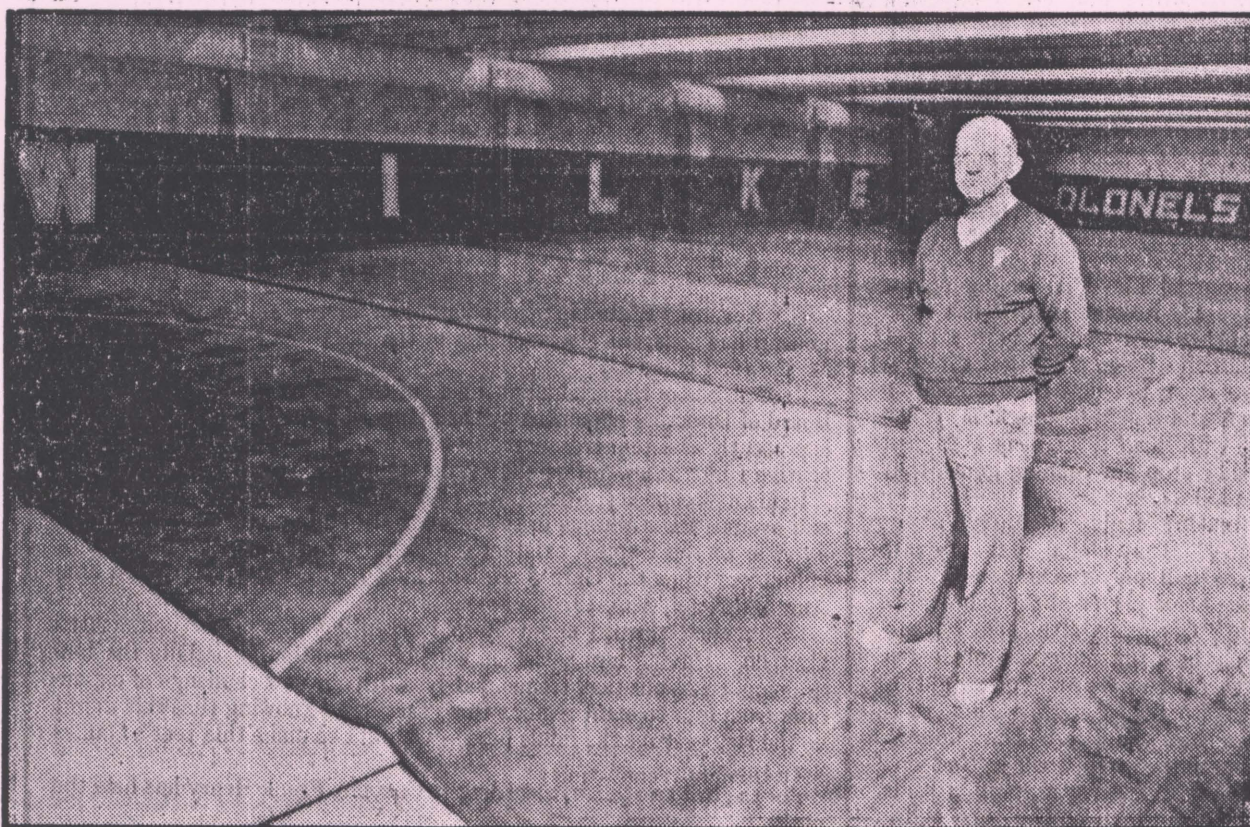
Wilkes coach John Reese is both sad and happy with the change.

"We'll certainly miss Geroge (Ralston) since he has done an outstanding job in the past, but Owen is certainly capable of doing the job," Reese said.

And since there will be a large number of wrestlers, a lot of volunteers will be needed to help out according to Coach Reese.

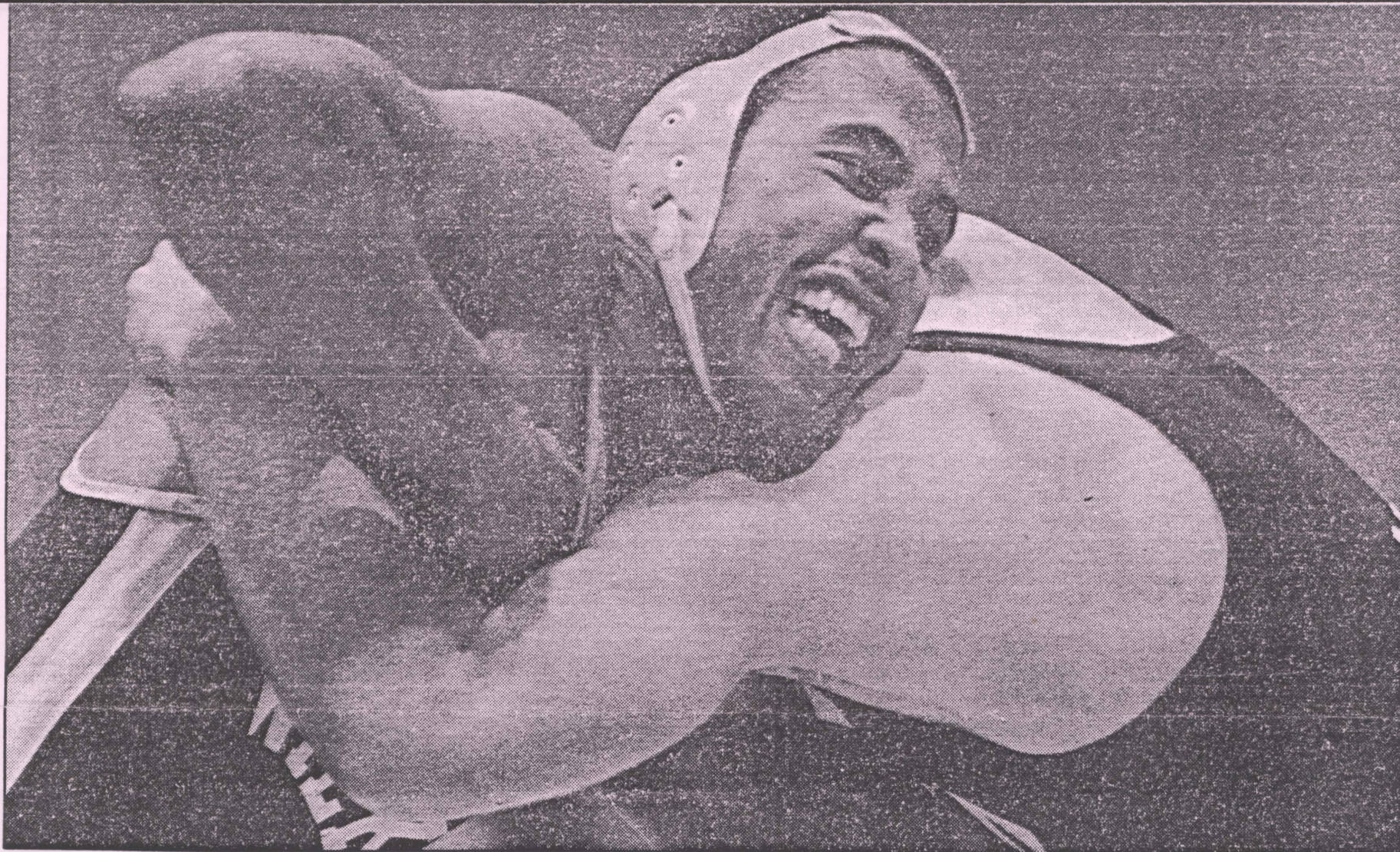
"With six mats going at once, we need people to help out with timing and scoring. If anyone would be interested, he or she should contact Owen Costello or myself," Reese said.





GYM OPENING — The new Marts Athletic and Conference Center at Wilkes College will be unveiled on Thursday where top wrestlers from the Eastern part of the United States converge on the local area for the 56th Annual "Rose Bowl of Wrestling." In top photo workmen have just completed putting the final paint job on the new spacious gym floor. In center photo, Col-

onels' heavyweight Steve Schannauer (left) and assistant coach Andre Miller (right) are seated in the middle of what will be one of the top weight workout rooms in the area, while in bottom photo, Wilkes head wrestling coach John Reese stands on mats placed down on the large practice area the Colonel athletes will have to work on. (Mark Moran photos)



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GRIN AND BEAR IT — Wilkes' Merrel Neal, left, wrestles with Penn State's Brian Campbell during the 161-pound bout Friday

'Rose Bowl' kicks off at new home

By BILL SAVAGE

Times Leader Sports Writer

WILKES-BARRE — There were over 300 wrestlers participating in the 56th annual Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament Friday, and many of them came away winners at one point or another during the day.

But the real winner Friday was not a wrestler, not even a person, but the sparkling new Arnaud C. Marts Center on South Franklin Street.

The new Wilkes College athletic facility, still smelling of fresh paint, hosted its inaugural event Friday with the first day of the two-day

tournament often referred to as "The Rose Bowl of Wrestling."

"Everybody that walks through that door, all they can do is smile," said Wilkes Coach John Reese, who was all smiles himself as he looked around at the new facility. "They can't believe it's this big."

Almost as a sidelight to the opening of the new gym, wrestling did take place on six mats most of the day, and three wrestlers from Wilkes advanced into the semifinal rounds.

Two of them, Brian Bauer at 121 pounds and Mike Schroat at 161, are wrestling for the Colonels, while Ron

Miller, at 145, is in the tournament unattached.

Among the other big names who competed in the tournament Friday were defending NCAA 118-pound champion Jack Cuvo of East Stroudsburg, who joins Bauer in the 121-pound semifinals, and two-time NCAA heavyweight champion Carlton Haselrig of Pitt-Johnstown, who had three pins en route to the semifinals at heavyweight.

Both Cuvo and Haselrig are currently the nation's top-ranked collegiate wrestlers at their weight classes.

Karl Monaco of Montclair State,

ranked second in the nation at 150 pounds, and his teammate Pete Gonzalez, ranked third at 126, also advanced to today's semifinals on Friday.

Wilkes wrestlers Kurt Tamai, Merrel Neal, Charlie Keyes, Ray Mendoza and Steve Schannauer all lost in quarterfinal action on Friday.

The tournament was one of the few athletic events to take place in the area on Friday, as most of the others were postponed due to snow.

Reese said there was never any consideration given to postponing

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the tournament, since most of the participants were in town Friday night before the snow arrived.

"The weather was great, it waited until well after midnight," Reese said. "Almost all of the wrestlers were here last night, and half of the officials came in last night."

In recent years, the tournament has been held in late December, but it was moved to this weekend to give construction crews time to work on the new gym.

"Overall, we don't have as many big names, but we have quality wrestlers," said Reese. "I think the date actually is better, because when we used to have the old dates, nobody wrestled until Christmas. But now, they wrestle in October, November and December, and when it comes time for Christmas, they want a break."

Reese said it is possible the tournament will be held this time each year from now on, though no decision has been made yet.

"A lot of the coaches asked if we would keep this date next year," he said.

Regarding the performance of his Wilkes wrestlers in the tournament, Reese said he was happy having three of them in the semifinals.

Bauer is in with Cuvo, Adam Derengowski of Rider, and Adam Condo of Columbia.

Miller is in with Joe Herrmann of Lehigh, Joe Sprovano of Rider, and Jim Frick of Lehigh.

Schroat is in with Mike Lehman of Rider, Pat Duthie of Boston University and Brian Campbell of Penn State.

"The competition is so good, and this year we're pretty inexperienced," he said. "But something like this is what a lot of our younger kids need."

The old Wilkes Gym that was torn down to make room for the new Marts Center was home of the Open for many years, but it could hardly accommodate the 331 wrestlers present Friday.

"We'd have been here 'til two o'clock," Reese said, noting that with six mats available in the new gym, quarterfinals were finished by 10 p.m. Friday.

"We didn't know what to expect," he said. "But so far, everybody's been commenting about how well things are going. The officiating's been good, and we're probably going to get out earlier than usual."

Competition will resume today at 12 p.m. with semifinal and consolation rounds, with championship rounds later tonight.

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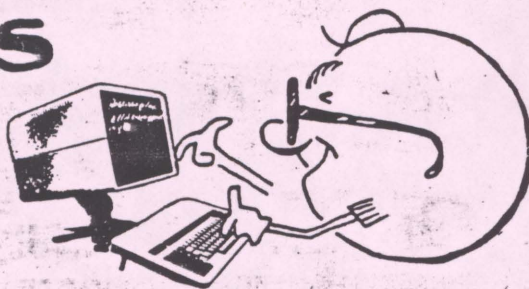
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DOTS AND DASHES from around the 25-school Middle Atlantic Conference of which Lycoming College competes in many of the league's sports. . . Widener has the largest student body, 2,700, followed by Johns Hopkins at 2,500 and Messiah at 2,179. Lycoming has 1,200 men and women students. Smallest are Washington (850) and Lebanon Valley (843)...

Twenty of the colleges are in Pennsylvania, three in Maryland (Johns Hopkins, Washington and Western Maryland) and two in New Jersey (Drew and Fairleigh Dickinson). . . Six schools list field houses that seat 3,000 or more, topped by Muhlenberg at 3,825 and followed by 3,500 each at Franklin and Marshall and Ursinus. Lycoming is 10th at 2,300. . . Fairleigh Dickinson's gym seats only 300, Drew's only 800. . . Wilkes is moving into a new field house. Seats 3,000. . .

In men's basketball, Lycoming is in the six-team Northern Division West Section with Albright, Elizabethtown, Juniata, Messiah and Susquehanna, and also engages teams from other sections, including Wilkes. There is a different arrangement for women's basketball. . . The MAC is classified Division III by the NCAA. However, in wrestling Wilkes competes with the big boys as a Division I school. . . The conference was formed in 1912. . .

Ten coaches of men's basketball teams have been in the same post at the same school for 11 or more seasons. Topping the list is Dutch Burch of Lycoming. Dutch is in his 27th season at Lycoming. He's to MAC basketball coaches what Connie Mack was to baseball. . . Four teams have new coaches. . . Two teams have the same nicknames. Elizabethtown and Johns Hopkins are the Blue Jays. . . Susquehanna's enrollment and its field house (O.W. Houts Gymnasium) are the same, 1,500.

KEYNOTES

NOW THAT Turkey Day is past, football season is winding down and basketball and wrestling will soon be the big items on the local sports menus. . . Karen DeLullo, a junior from WHS, is on the Bloomsburg U. women's basketball team. . . Maria Pioli of Montoursville is seeking her fourth varsity basketball letter at Elizabethown College. . . Jack Ramsay, the second winningest coach in NBA history when he resigned at Indiana a few days ago, played with the Sunbury Mercuries of the Eastern Pro Basketball League in

the years following World War II. The Williamsport Billies and MerCs were hot rivals. Jack coached four NBA teams, including Portland, Buffalo, the Sixers and Indiana. He won 864 games, second only to Red Auerbach's 938. Before the pros Jack coached St. James High in Chester and St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia. **ANSWERS:** Saturday night's Bucknell at Dayton basketball game is the the first ever between the schools. . . Dallas Green was born in Newport, Del., Aug. 4, 1934.

First formal event held in new center

Degrees given 113 at Wilkes commencement



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Double degree for graduate

Wilkes President Christopher Breiseth, left, congratulates John James Petchel for receiving double degree in accounting/business administration.

Wilkes College graduated 113 students at convocation/commencement ceremonies Tuesday, marking the first formal event held in the new Arnud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center.

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, college president, addressed the graduates and conferred 54 bachelor degrees and 59 master degrees, of which 40 were master of business administration degrees.

Following the ceremony of the second consecutive winter commencement to honor December graduates, a reception was held in Weckesser Hall.

Invocation was asked by Rev. Robert Zanicky, First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, and benediction was pronounced by Sister Martha Hanlon, RSM, dean of student affairs at College Misericordia.

Among the others participating in the program were Dr. George Waldner, vice president of academic affairs; Frank Henry, chairman of the board of trustees, and Andrew Morrell, a senior from Kingston who received the BA in communications and spoke on behalf of the graduating class.

Degrees were conferred as follows:

Master of science in education - Patricia Coles, Carol Connolly Collins, Ralph A. DiBattista, B. Christine Diekman, Ann M. Galli, Susan B. Long Myers, Karen Leslie Oliver, Brenda Novak Siegfried, Deirdre E. Gallahue Thorp, Susan E. Murray Wajda, Barbara A. Deay, Judith Lee Coulter-Brominski, Laurel Cooper Ginsburgh, John Petrewski.

Master of health administration - Marie J. Baird, Edward J. DeMichele, Leonard A. Narcum, Regina Schmid-Allen, Jane E. Schneider.

Master of business administration - Edmund A. Antolick, John J. Bauman, Robert S. Berger, Roy F. Boyd, Marcia Flaville Byrne, Robert J. Caccese, Marilyn A. Capolarella, Frank V. Chisesi, Vincent M. Comfort, Robert D. Davis, Christine M. DiStadio,

Sharyn L. Duffy, David J. Farrell, Robert G. Freudenberg, William F. Guerin, Brian L. Kahler, Reiko Kaji, Michael J. Kolessar, Mary Grace A. Kudey.

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Anthony M. Marzolino, David W. Matyas Jr., Judith E. McCallick, James R. Meizanis, Keith A. Myers, Shari L. Noctor, Lawrence E. Olsheski Jr., Elizabeth Ann Pany, John J. Petchel, Louis R. Pors, Robert H. Roth, Wayne A. Saylor, Carl A. Sharpe, Adam B. Sieminski, Edward J. Sullivan, Raymond S. Szczucki, Michelle B. Teller, Mary Elizabeth Werge, Michael Wisniewski, Danell K. Wolfe.

Bachelor of arts - William E. Barber, Thomas M. Bell, Frank J. Castano, Grace Lynn Collier, Sarah A. Wermuth Dekker, Maria C. DiCredico, John H. Leja, Dennis Mejias, Lisa Anne Miller, Andrew D. Morrell, Anthony R. Wright Jr.

Bachelor of music - Robin G. Bateman, magna cum laude; Elizabeth Ann Plewniak.

Bachelor of science - Bridget A.

Piontkowski, cum laude; Amjad Mustafa Al-Tarifi, Sandra Lee Austin, Richard J. Burnis, Victoria Swendsen Butcher, Judith Ann Butler, Nelson Cantor, James J. Carroll, Jeffrey A. Churba, Steve Cormier, Christina M. Crabtree, James G. Day Jr., Thomas A. Ficarro, Roberto E. Healy, Clark A. Herron.

Also, Bryan J. Katulka, Kathleen C. Kelley, William N. Kern III, Robert E. Kisankowski, Diane E. Knarr, Joel C. Kotch, Robert J. Marcavage, Teresa Ann Margotta, Joseph F. Ostrowski, Michael R. Passetti, Daniel F. Rowe, Harry A. Sarkas, Cynthia Kay Sheatler, William M. Silvi Jr., Luanne Snover, Kimberly A. Soltis, Robert S. Spryn, R. Kenneth Stackhouse, Carolyn A. Stancik, Patricia Lynn Stone, James Thiemann, Raymond G. Williams, Joseph W. Yuscavage III, Carl J. Zbegner.



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Reserve officer takes oath

Armed Forces Reserve Officer Appointment Daniel Rowe, a Wilkes graduate, right, takes oath from Lt. Col. David Billings, USAF.

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Wilkes still has no place to call home

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College's sparkling new 3,000-seat gymnasium can't open soon enough to suit basketball coach Ron Rainey.

The Colonels, who are off to a 1-6 start, have been a team without a home since the 1988-89 season began in mid-November.

All of Wilkes' losses have been suffered on the road, with its lone win coming against Lycoming in a "home game" that was played at Wyoming Seminary.

The Colonels, who just returned from the holiday break, expected to start practicing in their new gym this week.

The Marts Athletic Conference Center is scheduled to formally open Friday when Wilkes' wrestling team hosts the Wilkes Open Tournament.

But so far, Rainey's team remains a group of orphans. Due to incomplete construction work, the gym still isn't available for practice.

"It's a very frustrating situation," Rainey said Tuesday.



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"We're trying to prepare for a very tough tournament, and now we're left without a place to practice."

On Monday, the team practiced at Meyers High School. Tuesday morning, the Colonels conducted a one-hour shooting practice at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA.

"We're literally having to call people and ask if we can use their gym," Rainey said. "It's creating a serious problem. What this team needs more than anything is continuity, and that's tough to establish if you don't even know where you're going to practice."

Wilkes' first home game in the new gymnasium is Jan. 16

against Moravian. However, Rainey's immediate concern is his team's appearance this weekend in the Bloomsburg Tournament.

The Colonels open on Friday night against Bloomsburg (7-1), an experienced Division II team. York College of Pa. and Widener meet in the other first-round game.

"We came back early from Christmas break to get ready for the Bloomsburg Tournament," Rainey said. "We're confident we can still turn the season around, but this practice mess is going to make it difficult."

Actually, the Colonels have played better than their record indicates. They've been very competitive in all four of their Middle Atlantic Conference games.

Wilkes opened MAC play with an impressive 83-60 triumph over highly regarded Lycoming. The Colonels then suffered three tough road setbacks. They lost to King's, 71-63, bowed to FDU-Madison, 91-88, and were edged by Mess-

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NOT READY YET — The Marts Athletic Conference Center gymnasium still isn't available for the

struggling Wilkes College men's basketball team to practice in

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ah, 73-67.

"All of our MAC losses were very close games," Rainey said. "I think not being able to practice in our own gym definitely had an effect on us."

"The losses didn't totally discourage us because we know we're capable of playing with anyone in the MAC. We feel we still have a chance to make the MAC play-offs."

Arguably, Wilkes has the best backcourt in the league in 5-foot-9 senior guard Marc Graves and 6-1 junior Jim Nolan. They are averaging 17 and 15 points per game, respectively.

However, as expected, the Colonels have been severely hindered by their lack of size. Their only starter taller than 6-1 is Tom Doughty, a 6-5 junior center.

"We've been getting out-rebounded by 10 to 12 rebounds per game," Rainey said. "We really miss Jeff Steeber. The only way we're going to beat anybody is to improve our rebounding drastically."

"In order to do that, every starter is going to have to get at least two more rebounds per game than they're averaging now."

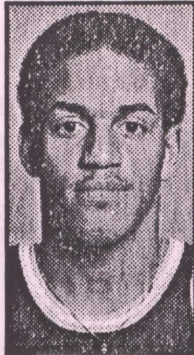
Wilkes also needs consistent bench play from Rob Nelra, a 6-3 freshman forward from Owego, N.Y., who has played a key role for the Colonels in the early going.

Nelra, who's an outstanding leaper, is averaging 6.4 points and three rebounds as a reserve.

"Rob has come along real well," Rainey said. "He's going to be an excellent player. He's a tremendous jumper and he runs the court well."

Rainey said he doesn't think his team will show any significant improvement until it can practice in its new gym.

"What we need is a lot of prac-



MARC GRAVES



RON RAINEY

tice," Rainey said. "We need to develop stamina as well as continuity. We've been tiring late in the second half, and we must remedy that."

"We're going into a tough tournament, and it doesn't look like things are going to get better right now."

Bloomsburg poses serious problems for the Colonels, Rainey said.

"Bloomsburg is a very good team. They're big and they have good outside shooters. We're going to have our work cut out just to not be embarrassed when we play them."

Rainey said he'll be pleased if his team manages to come out of the Bloomsburg Tournament with a victory in Saturday night's consolation game.

"Realistically, getting out of the tournament with one win would help boost our confidence for MAC play," Rainey said.

After hosting Moravian on Jan. 16, Wilkes remains at home to play Albright on Jan. 18 before traveling to Scranton three days later.

"I'm really looking forward to those two home games," Rainey said. "We'll finally have our own Home Sweet Home."

"There's no other place in the world like that to a college basketball coach."

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Mat Matter

By John Parrmore

With New Gym Opening This Week, Wilkes Mat Coach Reese Ecstatic

It's like a kid with a new toy he or she received for Christmas. That's how coach John Reese of the Wilkes College Colonels feels about the spanking, new Wilkes College Marts Athletic and Conference Center which will be hosting its first athletic event this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Jan. 5-6-7).

The highly-successful Wilkes wrestling mentor and his team won't know how to act. After all, there will be no more Wilkes cagers coming at them during wrestling practice and no more loose basketballs to contend with.

No more Wrestle-Ball for coach Reese and his grapplers. Because when the new Marts Athletic and Conference Center is opened Thursday for registrations for the 1989 Wilkes Open or Rose Bowl of Wrestling, the wrestling team will have a new practice area all by itself. Gone will be sharing the old Wilkes College gymnasium.

"The new facility is unbelievable," said coach Reese, who, incidentally, is the third winningest Division I wrestling coach in the country with 425 wins in 36 years of coaching.

"It'll be one of the finest rooms in the country. I've been all over the country and have seen a lot of wrestling rooms. Maybe the only one better is Iowa's."

Coach Reese's new wrestling room is approximately the same size of the old gymnasium. In addition to that large practice area, which will be big enough to hold two and one-half mats, there will be an exercise area which will be a little smaller than the wrestling room.

There also will be a weight room where the athletes will be able to workout with the finest of equipment.

Reese, who is also the college's athletic director, said the new gym will not only benefit the athletes but the entire student body.

"Our students will go crazy when they see the facilities," stated Reese. "For the new building and facilities also will be utilized for intramurals. It's just one beautiful complex. Architect Peter Bohlin and his associates really outdid themselves and should receive an award for the new complex. Wait 'til you see it."

Amazingly, the wrestling teams of Wilkes have been mighty successful under Reese's guidance despite having atrocious conditions to work with over the years.

"Our old gym was smaller than the one our wrestlers were accustomed to while in high school," offered Reese.

"But we were very fortunate here. We had to sell our program and our school. We always told our recruits they would receive a quality education if they came to Wilkes. Good kids attract good kids. High school coaches also helped us during our recruiting.

"We always were honest with the young men. We never lied to them or promised them anything. We were lucky in that we had a winning tradition at Wilkes."

Wilkes also is fortunate to have a man like coach Reese at the wrestling helm. He's one of the finest around and his record speaks for itself. Reese is currently third on the list as far as winningest Division I wrestling coaches. Oregon State's Dale Thomas has 500 wins with Harold Nichols, retired Iowa State mentor, is second with more than 450 victories.

The old gym was really suited for wrestling, said Reese. He added that it was a perfect setting because the fans were so close to the action and this created an air of excitement.

"With the size of our new wrestling room I won't know where everybody is. I won't be able to see the other end of the practice area. There will be no more fastbreaks. No more basketballs. I better be good or I'll be in trouble. Seriously, the new facility should make my job a lot easier."

Frank Zane, who is a Wilkes graduate and former Mr. America, designed the weight room for the team. There's also a sauna to go with all of the other new facilities.

The gym, itself, will seat 3,000 spectators for sporting events.

The Wilkes wrestling mentor feels that this year's Wilkes Open will draw between 350 and 400 contestants. He said that's because the event is being held after the holidays and there will be no other wrestling competition to contend with since Maryland dropped its open tournament.

Highest number of wrestlers the local open mat ever drew was 411.

"We'll be able to show off our new place," said a happy Reese. "The athletes are going to love it. So will the fans."

Former King's College basketball coach Ed Donohue said the old gym was a good place to take a date because of its poor lighting and sweltering heat.

"I'm going to have to take Ed on a tour of our new facility and see what he says about it," Reese kidded.

"I'd like to get 500 wins some day. I'll quit coaching when I don't enjoy it any more. The old gym conjures up many fond memories and it's been good to us. But we're certainly excited about our new building."

SANDRA BLOOMBERG #44

The number 44 was permanently retired from The Wilkes College Women's Athletic Program on March 11, 1971 to immortalize the athletic accomplishments of Sandra Bloomberg.

She participated in basketball and field hockey from 1968-1971 and was a seven-letter winner at a time when there were only two varsity sports. Three times honored as "*Wilkes Female Athlete of the Year*," she was also named "*Most Valuable Basketball Player*" three times and "*Most Valuable Defensive Hockey Player*" twice. Her career was also distinguished by her earning the *Letterwomen Scholarship* and the *Scholar-Athlete* awards.

After graduating from Wilkes, Sandra Bloomberg became coach of the varsity tennis and basketball teams. Through 1979 she led the tennis team to three straight NPWIAA Championships and the basketball team to the best seasons in its history.

Her contributions to the athletic program and especially to Wilkes athletes deserve to be permanently recorded for all to appreciate.



Committee plans Wilkes Open

The planning committee for the 1989 Wilkes Open, dubbed the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling," recently met to finalize plans for the upcoming event.

This year's version will attract over 400 wrestlers from all over the country. Owen Costello is the 1989 chairman for the event. The tourney will be held at the

\$5.2 million Marts Athletic & Conference Center.

Committee members, seated, from left: Mary Lou Gillespie, John Reese, George Ralston, Owen Costello.

Standing: Todd Ritter, Tom Dunsmuir, Anthony Shipula, Gene Domzalski, Rollie Schmidt.

There's still a place for Wilkes Open

Princeton University Coach John K. Johnston had this assessment about the parity in collegiate wrestling this season:

"Our wrestling today is very similar to the pro golf tour. You've got some teams that hit their stride and pull off a couple of upsets during a brief span. Then they turn around and lose a dual meet they figure to win by just showing up. You look at the pro golf tour . . . some guy plays to a higher level for a couple of weeks and then struggles just to make the cut. College wrestling is almost the same way with the exception of a handful of teams."

Speaking of upsets, how about former Lake-Lehman Coach Shorty Hitchcock's Millersville squad stunning Bloomsburg last week, 18-17! Granted, the Huskies didn't have a couple of its top guns in the lineup, but the bottom line is Millersville won!

Millersville was in the Eastern Wrestling League for three seasons before Shorty to over the reigns. Millersville went to the mats 21 times and didn't win a dual, so they dropped out after the 1984 season.

Several coaches have informed me that they expect the Wilkes Open to regain some of its lost status because of its new facility — the Marts Athletic and Conference Center.

While the tournament isn't drawing the marquee names as in the past, there's a chance that could change with the right dates. The Midlands is the headliner and has been for the past dozen years. There's more competition from the surging Virginia Duals, which draws the top ranked teams in the country and crowns a dual meet national champion. Many coaches that have had teams participate believe the Virginia Duals will only get better

and draw more recognition.

I still believe there's a place for the Wilkes Open.

Rick Bonomo, three-time NCAA champion from Bloomsburg and former PIAA champion from Lake-Lehman High School, is an assistant coach at Milton Hershey High School.

It's just a matter of time before Rick and his All-America brother, Rocky, become out-

MAT WORLD

By Lee Richards

standing head coaches should they pursue the coaching profession.

Officials Francis (Yogi) Michael and Dr. John Hosage both worked at the Virginia Duals. No. 1 Oklahoma State topped defending tournament winner Arizona State in the finals. Penn State was third. The Nittany Lions tied ASU, 19-19 but the Sun Devils won more bouts, 5-4, while another bout ended in a draw. So the ASU squad advanced because of the tie-breaker of most bouts won.

Former Meyers state champ Tim Casey is wrestling quite well for Bloomsburg University, according to Coach Roger Sanders.

"Tim has the ability to become an outstanding wrestler on this level," said Sanders. "He's been wrestling at 118 pounds and 126 pounds for us and has been impressive at times. I like his dedication and work habits. Before the season's over he could be our starting 118-pounder."

Where are the top 142-pounders in the country located? Right here in Pennsylvania, fans.

Pitt's Pat Santoro is the defending NCAA champ, while Edinboro's Sean O'Day is the runner-up. Clarion's Mike Cole finished third at the 1987 Championships and missed last season because of an injury. Right now, Cole appears to be the guy to beat. He's downed Santoro twice in early tournaments and on Tuesday blanked O'Day 3-0 in their dual.

Coach Rich Lorenzo of Penn State expects to have all-America Ken Chertow down to 118 pounds for this weekend's swing to Oklahoma.

Chertow, defending Eastern Wrestling League champion and twice the third place finisher at the last two NCAA Tournaments, has been gearing back up after competing in the recent Olympic games as a member of our freestyle team.

Penn State trades moves with Oklahoma on Saturday and No. 1 Oklahoma State on Sunday. The Nittany Lions, ranked No. 1 in the Eastern Mat Poll and No. 3 nationally, is currently 11-0-1 on the season.

Speaking of Penn State, its defending 126-pound NCAA champion Jim Martini, a Danville native, established a new Eastern Wrestling League dual meet record last week when he won his 19th consecutive bout. Martin still has five EWL duals remaining and could extend his record.

Did you know that the 1990 NCAA Tournament will be held at the University of Maryland's Cole Field House? This year's tournament is slated for Oklahoma City and it could be another outstanding show. There's a bunch of superb wrestlers from the East that possess the ability to capture individual laurels.

Convocation planned in new center

Wilkes College will begin the spring semester in the new Arnaud C. Marts Athletic and Conference Center, where convocation/commencement will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 11:15 a.m.

The event will mark the first formal ceremony in the new building which is located on South Franklin Street. This is the second consecutive winter commencement to honor December graduates.

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president, will confer approximately 60 masters degrees and

50 bachelor degrees at the ceremony.

"Convocation is a time for each of us at the college to address our shared purposes and hopes as well as our individual needs and goals. The Arnaud C. Marts Center is a most appropriate setting for the ceremony because it is the result of hard work and determination by countless people who have contributed so much time, energy and financial support toward achieving some of those objectives," said Breiseth.

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Wilkes College grads find themselves at a crossroad

By CATHERINE TRIOMPHE

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College President Dr. Christopher Breiseth, dressed in his red ceremonial gown, urged graduates to heed President George Bush's advice and work for a better America.



Christopher Breiseth

"The nation has just begun a new era — with expressions of hope and commitments by President (George) Bush to create a kinder, gentler America," Breiseth told the 73 new graduates waiting for their degrees in the new Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center.

"The new president tells us that we must deal with the homeless and defeat the drug cancer ... That we must find (the resources to tackle these problems) within each of us," Breiseth continued. "Whatever your partisan sympathies, I urge you to accept President Bush's challenges with intelligence and dedication..."

After Tuesday morning's commencement ceremony, graduate Nelson Cantor, of Cranford, N.J., said he sensed "a tinge of Republica-

nism" in Breiseth's speech.

But it didn't bother him, Cantor said. First, he's a Republican himself. Second, the 22-year-old was too excited about receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration and being able to go job hunting. He hopes to land an investigator's job with the FBI, he said.

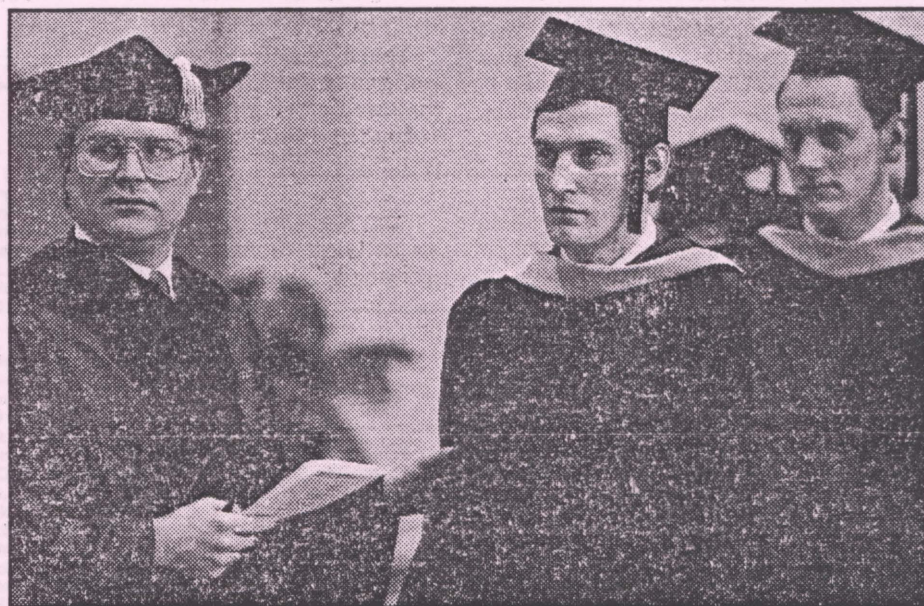
Marilyn Capolarella, a 29-year-old, self-described Democrat from Pittston and recipient of a master's degree in business administration, saw no partisanship in the college president's commencement address. Rather, she said, it confirmed her life was at a crossroads.

"I didn't feel any Republicanism," she said. "I thought his speech fit with the time, with the inauguration and all that. It is a new beginning there, and it's a new beginning for me. I just got my master's degree, and I feel like I'm starting all over again — like when I graduated from college seven years ago."

Breiseth's speech was only one aspect of that crossroads feeling Wilkes' graduates talked about after the 30-minute ceremony.

Another aspect was the building itself, which played host to about 700 people and to its first public ceremony Tuesday.

The smell of the light-gray paint on the walls still floated over the 3,000-seat gymnasium.



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GRADUATION EXERCISE — Wilkes College students wait for their names to be called so they can receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony at the new Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center Tuesday

114 graduate from Wilkes College

WILKES-BARRE — The following students received diplomas from Wilkes College Tuesday. Of the 114 graduates, 73 participated in the commencement exercises.

Master of science in education with a major in educational development and strategies: Patricia Coles, Carol Connolly Collins, Ralph Anthony DiBattista, B. Christine Diekman, Ann M. Galli, Susan B. Long Myers, Karen Leslie Oliver, Brenda Joyce Novak Siegfried, Deirdre E. Gallahue Thorp, Susan E. Murray Waida.

Master of science in education with a major in educational computing: Barbara A. Deay.

Master of science in education with a major in el-

ementary: Judith Lee Coulter-Brominski, Laurel Cooper Ginsburgh.

Master of science in education with a major in mathematics: John Petrewski.

Master of health administration: Marie J. Baird, Edward J. DeMichele, Leonard Anthony Narcum, Regina Schmid-Allen, Jane Elizabeth Schneider.

Master of business administration: Edmund A. Antolick, John Joseph Bauman, Robert Samuel Berger, Roy Frederick Boyd, Marcia Flaville Byrne, Robert J. Caccese, Marilyn Angela Capolarella, Frank V. Chisesi, Vincent Michael Comfort, Robert D. Davis, Christine Marie DiStadio, Sharvyn L. Duffy, David Joseph Farrell, Robert G. Freudenberg, William Fran-

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Bachelor of arts: William Edward Barber, English; Thomas Matthew Bell, history; Frank J. Castano, elementary education; Grace Lynn Collier, English; Sarah Annette Wermuth Dekker, economics; Maria Catherine DiCredico, psychology; John H. Leia, economics; Dennis Meijas, art; Lisa Anne Miller, communications; Andrew David Morrell, communications; Anthony Robert Wright, Jr., history.

Bachelor of music: Robin Gale Bateman, magna cum laude; Elizabeth Ann Plewniak.

Bachelor of science: Bridget A. Blandina, magna cum laude, biology; John James Petchel, magna cum laude, accounting/business administration; Deborah T. Piontkowski, cum laude, business education; Amiad Mustafa Al-Tarifi, computer information systems; Sandra Lee Austin, business administration; Richard J. Burnis, business administration; Victoria Swendsen Butcher, accounting; Judith Ann Butler, accounting; Nelson Cantor, business administration; James J. Carroll, environmental engineering; Jeffrey A. Churba, business administration; Steve Cormier, engineering management; Christina M. Crabtree, computer science; James G. Day, Jr., business administration; Thomas A. Ficarro, engineering management; Roberto E. Healy, business administration; Clark Alan Herron, business administration; Bryan J. Katulka, computer science; Kathleen Cecelia Kelley, business administration; William N. Kern, III, business administration; Robert Edward Kisankowski, computer information systems; Diane Elaine Knarr, accounting; Joel Christopher Kotch, business administration; Robert John Marcavage, computer science; Teresa Ann Margotta, business administration; Joseph F. Ostrowski, accounting; Michael R. Passetti, electrical engineering; Daniel Francis Rowe, electrical engineering; Harry A. Sarkas, electrical engineering; Cynthia Kay Sheatler, accounting; William M. Silvi, Jr., business administration; Luanne Snover, business administration; Kimberly A. Solts, business administration; Robert Stephen Spryn, business administration; R. Kenneth Stackhouse, business administration; Carolyn A. Stancik, business administration; Patricia Lynn Stone, computer information systems; James Thiemann, business administration; Raymond G. Williams, business administration; Joseph William Yuscavage, III, electrical engineering; Carl J. Zbeger, engineering management.

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Chamber will issue Pride of Place Awards

■ *Investigative reporter Dale Van Atta will be featured speaker at annual dinner*

WILKES-BARRE — Joe Amato, of Old Forge, world champion drag car racer and owner of Ex-



Joe Amato

eter-based Keystone Automotive Warehouse and A&A Auto Parts, will be among several area individuals honored Nov. 24 at The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner at Genetti's Hotel and Convention Center.

The Chamber will recognize Amato's accomplishments as five-time World Champion top fuel drag racer and owner of one of the world's largest auto supply firms.

The Chamber also will award Pride of Place honors to five improvement projects throughout the Wilkes-Barre area and will give its annual Athena Award,

sponsored by Ertley Motorworld, to an area woman who has excelled in her business or profession. The Athena Award winner has not yet been named.

Dale Van Atta, an investigative reporter and syndicated columnist, will be the evening's featured speaker.

Van Atta shares the by-line with Jack Anderson in "Washington Merry Go Round." Van Atta will speak about "news behind the headlines."

This year's Pride of Place award winners include:

■ **New construction:** Wilkes University's Arnaud C. Marts Center, South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre

■ **Restoration, renovation and remodeling:** Murray J. Miller, offices on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

■ **Interior design:** Copyfax, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre

■ **Landscaping:** Orloski Service Station, South Mountain Boulevard, Mountaintop

■ **Community Pride:** Penn Millers, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan will be the master of ceremonies for the evening. Res-

ervations for the \$40-per-person dinner must be made with the Chamber by Nov. 17.

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WILKES OPEN — The 55th annual Wilkes Open will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 29 and 30 in the Wilkes College Gymnasium. Members of the planning committee recently met to discuss details for the open. Pictured are members of the committee. Seated,

left to right, Patty Moran; George Ralston, Tournament Director; John Reese, Phil Wingert, Peggy Jones. Standing: Anthony Shipula; Tom Dunsmuir; Mike Aed; Rollie Schmidt; Jack Pritchard.

Marts Athletic and Conference Center

By Jim Coles



Wilkes College possessed the biggest and best gym in the area. A standard for others to follow. The year was 1952. It was before color TV, the Baltimore Orioles, and rock 'n roll. The Wilkes' gym served its purpose and hosted many dramatic sporting events. With time, the structure went from admired to antiquated.

On January 6, 1989, the Wilkes' Athletic Program proclaims a rebirth with the Marts Athletic and Conference Center. The five million dollar edifice will hold 3,000 and offer a roominess for athletes and fans that was lacking in previous years. Sports Information Director Tom McGuire is understandably ecstatic about the new facility. "It will be the most modern in the area, something that both the student and community can be proud of." Tom sums it up, "...everybody at Wilkes is excited." And why not? Students can utilize its state of the art weight rooms and wellness center that include exercise bikes, Nautilus equipment and saunas. Administrative offices will be within the confines of the building, so the facility will be put to good use even when the students are elsewhere.

The public's first chance to enjoy the beautiful gymnasium will be January 6th and 7th during the Wilkes' Open Wrestling Tournament. Once called the "Rose Bowl" of college wrestling by Sports Illustrated, "The Open", again will attract some of the finest grapplers from across the country. Between 300-350 wrestlers are expected to participate.

Quick quiz: What Division I college wrestling program has the best record over the last two seasons? Iowa? Iowa State? Penn State? NOPE. Try Wilkes at 42-2. Head coach John Reese has compiled a 424-105-8 record in his 36 years, which go back to the halycon days of the old Wilkes gym. This year's squad is led by senior co-captain Brian Bauer, who is off to a good 4-0-1 start. The Colonels will have to overcome the loss of the other senior co-captain, Ron Miller, who is injured and will miss the season. The stiffest home test might very well come from Syracuse on January 28th. The Orangemen return 11 lettermen and you can bet the Marts Center will be rockin' that night.

The Wilkes basketball team will be able to enjoy the ambiance of their new surroundings this season. Circle the dates January 25th with Kings, and February 8th, a Scranton encounter, on your calendar. Ron Rainey's troops are an exciting but incomplete squad who will have to mask their liabilities in order to make the MAC playoffs. Quicksilver point guard Marc Graves will give the partisan home crowd plenty of excitement as he disrupts opposing offenses. Charismatic Groves is complimented in the backcourt by steady Jim Nolan, who can score 20 points on any night. The Colonels' deficiency is up front. The group lacks an

inside scoring punch, but it's the weak rebounding that prevents the team from using its potentially strong fast break attack. Tom Doughty, a transfer from Keystone Jr. College, offers a fine passing ability from the high post position, which will enable Wilkes to go with a motion offense.

What will be a new home for the Colonels' basketball and wrestling programs will also aid the Wilkes' student. The intramural program, which has been hampered due to lack of space gets a tremendous boost thanks to the renovations. Combine that with an already strong education curriculum, and Wilkes College offers a fine opportunity for a student-athlete.

When baby outgrows the sink, use a plastic lattice-work basket in the bathtub. Water can flow in and out while baby remains confined.

Sweaters or any item that must be dried flat can be placed on a towel on top of your dryer. The heat from the dryer will dry the sweater in a jiffy.

Recycle an old heavy sweater by turning it into mittens. Place your child's wrist on the waist ribbing and trace his hand. Cut around the thumb and hand outline, using double thickness. Stitch together, press, and you've got new mittens for nothing.

Attach some sort of trinket to your child's snowsuit zipper. It will be easier to identify and the snowsuit will zip up without a struggle.

A handy string dispenser: make a hole in the center of a L'Eggs Panty-hose container lid and thread the string through the hole.

Storing wrapping paper: Simplify storing and gift wrapping by placing rolled wrapping paper in a tall, narrow wastebasket. Tape a bag to the side to hold tape, scissors, pen, and labels.

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Multi-purpose center nears completion

Board members see Marts Center at Wilkes College

WILKES-BARRE — Members of the Wilkes College Board of Trustees recently toured the Arnaud C. Marts Center, which is nearing completion on South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The 3-story, 75,000 square foot Marts Center will house Wilkes new gymnasium, several multi-purpose conference rooms, and a wellness center.

"As the construction of the Arnaud C. Marts Center nears completion, the enthusiasm mounts. All those who have supported the project so vigorously will very soon be rewarded by seeing how their efforts have helped to establish a useful facility and a valuable asset to the college and the community," said Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes.

The center is named in honor of Dr. Arnaud C. Marts (1888-1970), the man recognized as most responsible for



NEARLY COMPLETE — Members of the Wilkes Board of Trustees recently toured the new Arnaud C. Marts Center, which is nearing completion. Shown above during the tour, from left, Charles Miner, trustee emeritus; Joseph Wiendl, trustee; Frank Henry, chairman of the board; Anthony Shipula, director of alumni relations; Bruce Gover, trustee; Thomas Hadzor, vice president for development; and Allan Kirby, Jr., trustee.

the founding of Wilkes College.

Marts, president and founder of Marts and Lundy, the nation's first professional fund-raising firm, had several

successful careers during his lifetime. He was a business executive, financier, author, military leader and government adviser.