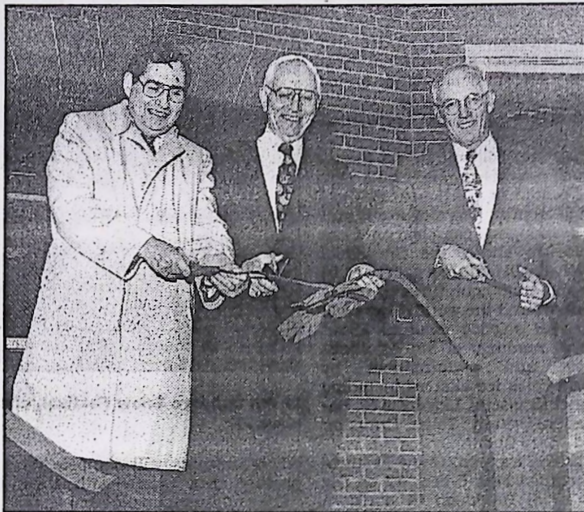




WILKES REDEDICATES CAPIN HALL — Wilkes University recently rededicated Capin Hall after four months of renovations totalling more than \$400,000. Shown cutting the ribbon at the rededication ceremony are, from left: Gene Roth, Robert S. Capin and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

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CV 2/10/95

DER to fund several reclamation projects on Conservancy property

By **SHANNON McNULTY**
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

The state Department of Environmental Resources will fund several reclamation projects on Earth Conservancy land. Four of those projects with priority status and will be started in the next few months.

The four projects, outlined Thursday at the Earth Conservancy Land Use Planning Committee's second meeting, involve filling strip mines in Wanamie, Newport Township, Hanover Township, Sugar Notch and on Curry Hill, Plymouth Township.

Mike Dziak, chief executive office of the Earth Conservancy, said DER has agreed to fund these reclamation projects, but the permit process will delay it for several months.

The conservancy will also start reclamation projects in Laurel Run (strip mine), another in Sugar Notch (culm removal), and soil replacement project near the campus of Luzerne County Community College, by spring.

"This is like a dream come true," said Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of the Earth Conservancy board of directors.

After years of delays, the Earth Conservancy projects are finally underway.

After delivering a brief explanation of the Earth Conservancy's birth and its first tumultuous years prior to acquiring the land, Breiseth told the committee members their openness was "a breath of fresh air."

He said, "Full coverage of (planning committee) meetings is one of the best things that happened to the Earth Conservancy since it started."

The conservancy board of directors does not meet in public. Even



Christopher Breiseth

though the Land Use Planning Committee agreed to open its meetings to the public, there were only two observers at yesterday's session.

Breiseth told the committee they must take a holistic view of the land and its impact on all of Luzerne County. He said the 17,000

acres of conservancy land, which was stuck in bankruptcy for almost two decades, worked like Berlin Wall in Luzerne County, separating the prosperous and sections of the county and preventing growth.

"It created barriers here as profound as if they were mountains," said Breiseth.

As the Earth Conservancy tries to reach its goal of becoming self sufficient, the board is investigating ways to generate funds through resources on the land. This includes maintaining leases with companies that do business on conservancy land, including Northampton Fuel Co., which lease Earth Conservancy property in Hanover Township. The conservancy generates \$140,000 per year through that lease.

The conservancy is entering the second phase of its land sales project. Seventeen small parcels were sold during the first phase. These properties went to people who have had an interest in land near their homes for many years, but were unable to purchase it because of the Blue Coal bankruptcy proceedings.

Local Guest Commentary

TL 2/10/95

To teach all children, we must learn to value them

By ABIGAIL BREISETH

I have recently returned from the first Teach For America Alumni Summit, held in Washington, D.C., and I want to share some of the impressions I came away with.

But first, I should explain what TFA is. Teach For America is a corps of teachers founded in 1989 to address teacher shortages in urban and rural areas. Each corps member makes a commitment to teach for two years at his or her assigned school in areas such as New York City, rural Louisiana, Baton Rouge, the Rio Grande Valley, Houston, and Oakland, among many others.



Abigail Breiseth

I taught third grade for three years in South Central Los Angeles and had an experience which has changed my life forever.

I will always be an advocate for children because of it.

I am very proud of TFA and the 500,000 young lives we have touched in our classrooms, but I am appalled by the continuing inadequacies of our school system and the self-destructive lack of concern we collectively show for our children. Some of the depressing facts we learned at the summit are:

■ American children who don't happen to be white are less likely to be immunized against polio than children in 47 other countries, among them Botswana, Sri Lanka and Albania.

■ At age 17, only one-half of all American students can do math problems involving fractions, decimals, or percentages. Fewer than half can read a paragraph and explain it. Fewer than one quarter can write a persuasive letter.

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Virtually all 13-year-olds can describe, in graphic detail, how Lincoln died but can't explain why he fought the Civil War.

■ American children who are not white or are poor are on average, six months below grade level by the time they reach third grade, and are three years behind by 12th grade.

The statistics continue, but it is already clear that we are grossly negligent of all our children, especially the poor ones. Intelligent people should not be so shortsighted, by refusing to educate any child and thus choosing to stunt him or her. We are undermining our future.

How can we address this problem which seems so frighteningly huge?

In the political realm, we can recognize and applaud the actions taken by the Clinton Administration and demand more of the same.

The president's national youth service initiative created Americorps, the new domestic service corps.

Teach For America has become one of the member organizations of Americorps, and so I can vouch for the efficacy of this government program. Among other positive steps, Clinton has also improved the National Direct Student Loan program, making it easier for more students to go to college.

In direct contrast, the Republican Contract with America proposes that Head Start be cut in half and 10 billion dollars be cut from student loan pro-

grams. They would do this by making college students pay interest on their federal loans while still in school, thus increasing the cost of college by a prohibitive \$3,400.

Also, George Stephanopoulos, who got up early on a Saturday morning to speak to us, predicted that Americorps would be an easy target. It's new and it's small, he said, and there is already grumbling about canceling it.

TFA would be devastated. Some children we serve don't just need good teachers, they need teachers period, and would be back to changing substitute teachers every few weeks.

In the personal realm, we can be volunteers in local schools, be tutors, and pay attention to the needs of all the children in our towns — not just the ones in our houses. We can be visible and be involved.

Those of us who care about children and, pragmatically speaking, that should be all of us, must raise our voices. If we don't, the education of all children will continue to deteriorate. The numbers of poor children are rising even as their health and education fall even further below our abysmal national averages, creating an ever-increasing drain on public resources.

Ignorance is much more expensive than education. I learned in Los Angeles, from some of America's most disadvantaged children, that all children can learn if only we will teach them. All children are worth it.

There is an African proverb which says, "It takes a whole village to raise a single child." I add to that my assertion that it only takes a single child to save or destroy the village. We must choose whether to be saved or destroyed, and we must choose decisively.

There is not a moment to lose.

Abigail Breiseth is currently a student at Wilkes University. After graduating from the University of Chicago, she taught in Los Angeles for three years and in Hungary for one year.

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Communications policy linked to economic prosperity

I would like to balance comments recently made by Dr. Christopher Breiseth (Nov. 14) and Richard M. Walsh (Dec. 19) concerning the importance of telecommunications to the commonwealth. My views come from the perspective of living in a small town and having dealt with this issue for almost 10 years — long before most understood the importance of telecom technology.

As a personal friend of Gov. Robert P. Casey, Walsh held the position of adviser to the governor on telecommunications and technology. Both have done a commendable job (along with the Legislature) of advancing telecommunications at the state and local levels. If Pennsylvania is to keep up with technology's rapid advances, Gov.-elect Tom Ridge must elevate the telecom adviser's position to cabinet-level status.

In the most economically successful states, there is a correlation between their telecommunication policies and activities and economic prosperity. This prosperity is encouraged and promoted by an individual who communicates directly with the Governor. Telecommunication activities can be a tool to increase Pennsylvania's competitiveness if a person has the authority to aggressively advocate and promote its use and integration statewide.

Concerning the creation of a network, one currently exists that does quite well and is very reliable — the existing Public Switched Network. We also have the existing cable TV infrastructure and wireless systems. Creating new networks is less efficient and effective and available only to people and places that can pay for it. The existing Public Network should be enhanced to provide video, data and voice to every part of the commonwealth, including the rural and inner-city areas.

Telecommunication polices now being developed work for 70 percent to 80 of the people who live in the more densely populated areas (excluding the inner city). Unfortunately I am the administrator of a small town in rural Pennsylvania which will not be served by an enhanced telecommunication system soon because we do not have the density to make it economically feasible. The problem applies equally to the inner city because they do not have adequate buying power.

Gerry Depo
Bloomsburg

Interfaith Council To Cite Head of Wilkes University

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LOCAL DIGEST

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Interfaith Council will honor Dr. Breiseth

The Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council luncheon will be held Monday, Nov. 20, at noon at the East Mountain Inn.

A citation of distinction for devoted service to the cause of human welfare will be conferred upon Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, at the luncheon. Each year an outstanding member of the community is selected as the honoree.

Members of the Interfaith Council include, from the left, seated: Sister Siena Finley, RSM; Pauly Friedman, vice president; Monsignor Thomas V. Banick, president; Ronald A. Honeywell, secretary; Dr. Roy Morgan and Rabbi Michael Joseph; standing, Muriel Baltimore, Mary M. Quinn, Sally Connor, Steve Schoenwetter, Rabbi James Michaels, the Rev. C. Frank Terhune, Helen O'Connor and Rose Johnson, chairperson.

Local colleges hold key to Wilkes-Barre's future

TL 11/14/85

During his winning campaign for county commissioner, Republican Joseph "Red" Jones vowed to get the county's big-wigs in government, education, health care, media and other fields together for regular meetings.

Here's a theme for the first one:

Why isn't Wilkes-Barre a college town?

Now, there's a question worthy of the county's finest minds.

Think of it. Within a few miles of Wilkes-Barre are five institutions of higher learning, offering everything from associates' to masters' degrees and keeping 10,000 to 20,000 full- and part-time students cracking the books. Toss in several hundred highly educated faculty, and you've got cause to wrap Ivy around the City of Wilkes-Barre seal.

As Wilkes University president Christopher Breiseth recently put it, "How many colleges does it take to make this a college town?"

Well, more than five, apparently. Because Wilkes-Barre is anything but a college town. The city's lone downtown bookstore is closing. Few or no downtown shops carry college mugs, sweat-shirts and other souvenirs. No "college

district" to speak of caters to the mortarboard set.

Worst of all, the city's image refuses to rise above its tough anthracite past.

That can and should change.

Local officials should figure out how to take better advantages of the colleges in our midst. Could the colleges' research labs help anchor new high-tech business developments? Can more Wilkes and King's students be drawn into downtown Wilkes-Barre? Why do seemingly so few students shop there now?

Maybe a special bus could run the circle of the five campuses to encourage students at one school to take classes at another. Maybe officials could visit other American college towns to learn their secrets.

And not maybe, but surely a hundred other ideas could be brainstormed once the college-town idea takes hold among local leaders.

College towns tend to be America's most pleasant, prosperous and successful communities. Wilkes-Barre and the entire Wyoming Valley should consider embracing the college-town label, then doing whatever it takes to make the label fit.

Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council to honor Wilkes University president Nov. 20

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INTERFAITH COUNCIL PLANS ANNUAL LUNCHEON — The Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley will hold its annual Community Interfaith Luncheon starting at noon on Monday, Nov. 20, at the East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre. The "Wyoming Valley Citation of Distinction" will be conferred upon Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, for his leadership in the community. Reservations for the luncheon are \$15 per person and can be made to: Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council, c/o Martin Popky, P.O. Box 1112, Kingston, Pa. 19704-0112 no later than Nov. 10. For more information, call Temple B'nai B'rith at 287-9606. Pictured, seated, from left, are: Sr. Siena Finley, R.S.M.; Rose Johnston, Pauly Friedman, Sally Connor, Sister Maureen Harrison. Standing: Rabbi Michael Joseph, Judge Peter Paul Olszewski, The Rev. Frank Terhune, Monsignor Thomas V. Banick, president; Muriel Baltimore, Ron Honeywell, Ian Richardson, Martin Popky and Steven Schoenwetter.

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Drinking on campus is topic on WVIA's call-in show tonight

WVIA-TV Channel 44's "State of Pennsylvania" will probe the issue of drinking on college campuses tonight at 8.

Host Bill Kelly will take viewer calls.

The live show will feature Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, and Dr. Jessica Sledge Kozloff, president of Bloomsburg University, as well as Jane Lampe-Groh, dean of students at Wilkes, and H. Preston Herring, vice president for student life at Bloomsburg.

Once, campuses were off-limits to police unless the colleges gave officials permission to investigate student drinking. Now, what was once considered a "normal" part of the campus scene has become front-page news across the nation.

Taped interviews of students from both Wilkes University and Bloomsburg University will provide the student voice in what has become a disconcerting problem.

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WVIA-TV to address the drinking problem on college campuses

Is it a right of passage? Is it a tradition that spans decades? Or is it a practice that has such severe repercussions that cause health and life-long psychological problems and, in some cases, death?

WVIA-TV's "State of Pennsylvania" will ask these questions and more tonight (Oct. 4) at 8 p.m. The live show will pose questions about booze on college campuses to two university presidents and their student-life representatives.

Host Bill Kelly will take viewer telephone calls regarding questions about the age-old problem of

young adults letting off steam versus uncontrolled behavior extending to surrounding communities.

The panel will consist of Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University; Jane Lampe-Groh, dean of students at Wilkes, as well as Dr. Jessica Sledge Kozloff, president of Bloomsburg University, and H. Preston Herring, vice president of student life at Bloomsburg University.

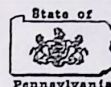
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that not only is found in the microcosm of Northeastern Pennsylvania, but also on a national level.

There was a time when campuses were secure and very much out of the limelight when it came to student drinking. The campus was a safe-haven meaning police could not encroach without permission from the college. But, times have changed. What was considered a "normal" part of the campus scene has become front-page news. Has the educational system failed? Have students changed so drastically? Or is the

public eye more focused so that the incidents are reported more often than in the past?

These questions and more will be addressed tonight on WVIA-TV's "State of Pennsylvania."



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Alcohol on Our College Campuses

Studio guests - From Wilkes-University: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth and Jane Lampe-Groh;
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At the lecture series reception are, from left: Dr. Doris Goodwin, Keith Rosenn Esq., his father, the Honorable Rosenn, and Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Roth



Tom Bigler, Wilkes professor of communications, and Dr. Tom Baldino, Wilkes professor and chairperson of political science, mingle with Beverly Hiscox, '58, Wilkes University Trustee, and Harold Hiscox Esq., '51.

Pulitzer Prize winner is speaker at Wilkes

Members of the local community had the chance to meet Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin recently at the 14th annual Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities, held at Wilkes University.

Dr. Goodwin is the recipient of the 1995 Pulitzer Prize in history for her book, "No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front During World War II."

As the Rosenn Lecture guest speaker, Dr. Goodwin spoke to an audience of more than 500 people about FDR and other presidents

in her lecture, "The Private Lives of Public Figures (FDR, JFK and LBJ)."

The Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities began in 1980, the year the Honorable Max Rosenn celebrated his 10th anniversary as Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

That year, in recognition of the anniversary and appreciation for his many contributions to the field of law, to the U.S. judicial system and to the quality of life in Pennsylvania, Rosenn's family former law clerk and other friend initiated the lecture series.



On left are brothers and sisters, from left: Harold Rosenn, Lawrence Weinberg, the Honorable Max Rosenn and Lillian Heitbaum, all of Kingston

Arena foes question board's integrity

■ Critics say the county's election panel is bias. But members defend their objectivity, promising a fair hearing into alleged vote fraud.

By MITCH MORRISON

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Monday's Luzerne County Election Board hearing into alleged vote fraud during the May 16 arena referendum will make history.

It will be the first such hearing held in Luzerne County — and possibly the state. But the hearing's novelty isn't silencing arena critics, still relishing a 77-vote recount victory against using county money to help fund the \$41.2 million project.

The critics — including radio talk show host Fred Williams, Taxes No chairman John Gibbons and many citizens belonging to taxpayer groups — question the objectivity of the three board members and its acting solicitor.

Critics say board members and the solicitor have at least one strike each against them.

■ As county commissioner, Rose Tucker is required by state law to sit on the board. Normally, she would be joined by colleagues Frank Crossin and Jim

Phillips, but they were removed because they are seeking re-election.

Critics point out that Tucker, 65, campaigned for the arena and has already stated publicly that the arena's results should be thrown out and commissioners should decide the project's fate.

■ Ruth Hughes, 34, is a private attorney and board president at Victims Resource Center. Critics say she can't be fair because her husband, Richard Hughes, is a former county assistant district attorney who worked for District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski Jr. Olszewski is investigating voting irregularities on the arena referendum.

■ Jane Elmes-Crahall, 44, is a tenured associate professor of communications at Wilkes University and is a board member of the local League of Women Voters.

Critics say Elmes-Crahall's credibility is tainted because Wilkes President Christopher Breiseth publicly endorsed the arena question. This suggests, their argument goes, that Breiseth would fire Elmes-Crahall if she certified the arena's defeat.

■ Neil O'Donnell, 33, is an assistant county solicitor who last year ran unsuccessfully for state Senate. Critics, including Taxes No attorney Bruce Marks, say as an active Democrat, O'Donnell might conduct the evidentiary hearing in a way

to please party bosses who favor the project.

Board members defend their objectivity and promise a fair and thorough hearing.

"I want to hear the truth from both sides," Tucker said. "We're going to be acting as a jury. It probably won't be an easy call."

O'Donnell said, "I'll be enormously fair, and, while I'm active in the Democratic party, that has nothing to do with my function now. I'm here to do a good job."

The largely unheard-of board, usually made up of incumbent county commissioners, entered the spotlight last week when it announced it would launch an evidentiary hearing based on findings by Olszewski.

The district attorney's office has reported that at least one machine was tampered with and at least 90 voting machines were poorly prepared — the ballot question sheets in the machines could be moved.

Elmes-Crahall said she was surprised when she heard WILK-AM's Williams cast doubt on her objectivity by calling her Tucker's puppet.

"My husband and father laughed hysterically," she said. "Anybody who knows me knows I cannot be coerced. Not by Rose Tucker, not by Dr. Breiseth."

Elmes-Crahall said she and Breiseth have never discussed the arena, nor has Breiseth ever approached her concerning her role on the board of election.

"I see ourselves as colleagues. I believe Dr. Breiseth respects the principle of academic freedom," said Elmes-Crahall.

Elmes-Crahall and Hughes were tapped by Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Patrick J. Toole Jr. in February to replace Crossin and Phillips after the two announced their bids for re-election.

Elmes-Crahall and Hughes defend their independence. Neither campaigned nor contributed either to Taxes No or Arena Yes. The election board is not paid. Tucker, Hughes and Elmes-Crahall will be off the board after the new commissioners take over in January.

Toole said he chose Hughes and Elmes-Crahall because of their involvement in the community, and he thought their backgrounds would complement the election board.

"They're intelligent and they know a little bit about politics and legal aspects associated with elections," Toole said. "The conflict of interest accusation is outrageous."

Although the board will meet Monday, there is no deadline for the members' decision, according to election rules.



First Fidelity Bank donates \$5,000 to Wilkes fund

First Fidelity Bank in Wilkes-Barre recently presented a \$5,000 check to the Wilkes University Annual Fund Campaign. This year's goal is \$1 million, the largest goal in Wilkes history. The campaign ends May 31.

From the left are Gene Roth, Class of '57, chairperson, Board of Trustees at Wilkes University; Claire Fox, Director of Annual Giving at Wilkes; Dr.

Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes president; R. Denny Schmidt, president, First Fidelity Bank in the Northeast Region of PA, and Frank M. Henry, president, Frank Martz Coach Co., Wilkes trustee and First Fidelity Bank board member.

Wilkes uses monies raised through the Annual fund to meet the operating budget, improve facilities, acquire library resources and fund scholarships.

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Pay attention to expert opinions, not supposition and hearsay, on arena

Editor:

During the last few months, I have been very impressed with the work of Arena Yes to promote the arena/convention center.

It is disappointing, though, that such a major effort had to be put forth just to convince Luzerne County that this is something that we need.

I realize that every new idea must be carefully examined, but why are the citizens of Luzerne County so skeptical and afraid of change?

Change is necessary for growth. It seems that if there is a possibility that taxes are going to be raised or results won't be immediate, the idea is practically shot down right then and there. And why, after all of the information and opinions has been sorted, are people still listening to those who aren't

arena experts?

How many times have Stephen Barrouk and state Rep. Kevin Blaum tried to explain that property taxes probably won't be raised? Yet I think that this is the number one reason for opposition.

Even if taxes were raised, it would be not exceed \$5-\$15 a year. It costs more than that for a family to spend a night at the movies.

I have never seen so many of my friends become so involved or excited about a major community issue. We know that the arena will bring good things to the area — we are looking ahead.

Because of the fact that we are not old enough to vote or pay taxes, our voices are sometimes disregarded. Our care and concern should be embraced, though, because we will be the citizens

and leaders of the Wyoming Valley in the 21st century.

Please do not vote against the arena just because you think that a vote of no will save you money or that you will not enjoy any of the benefits. A negative vote sends a negative message to everyone in Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond.

Most communities (including many in our state) would do a great deal to get \$19.2 million from the state and a chance to revitalize their area.

Vote yes for the arena and assure the young people in the area that you believe in the Wyoming Valley and its future.

Lydia Breiseth
Student
Wilkes-Barre

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United Way Kick-Off At Wyoming Area



The education division of the 1995 United Way Campaign has begun its work to raise funds to meet community needs in Wyoming Valley. Representatives of the Pennsylvania State Education Association - Education Support Personnel Association (PSEA-ESPA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and local school superintendents recently met at Wyoming Area High School to kick-off their 1995 United Way Campaign. Dr. Robert Fumanti, Wyoming Area School District Superintendent and education division co-chairman, hosted the event. The local public school districts plan to conduct early employee solicitations during the month of August among the ESPA members and the superintendents and administrators. Results of these early solicitations are expected to be reported as part of United Way's September 6th Community Campaign Kick-Off. While administrators and support personnel are expected to engage in their first-ever early campaigns, the teachers affiliated with the PSEA and AFT will conduct their regular solicitations during the months of September and October. United Way representative Walter Klepaski thanked the public school employees for their generous giving of over \$121,000 to the 1994 United Way campaign. Klepaski announced that the 1995 education division goal is \$225,000, an increase over last year's collective goal of \$218,000. United Way's campaign education division comprises employees and student donations from public, private and parochial schools, colleges and universities. Co-chairmen for the 1995 education division are: Dr. Robert Fumanti/Superintendent of the Wyoming Area School District; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes University; and, Walter Glogowski, UNISERV representative of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. Pictured are members of the PSEA-ESPA and AFT. Seated left to right, Sheila McLaughlin, Donald Neely, Frank Orlando, Madeline Calabro and Charles Jackson. Standing: Diane Sklanka, Clare Weir, Mary Pearce, Sandy Ostrowski, Theresa Babonis and Joseph Bugden.

Statue of city forebear will grace new quad at Wilkes

By JOE BUTKIEWICZ

Times Leader Staff Writer

A namesake of Wilkes-Barre will take up residence in the city, surrounded by a new green area in the middle of downtown.

Later this month, an 8-foot statue of John Wilkes will be erected on the campus of Wilkes University, near the entrance of the Eugene S. Farley library. The likeness will anchor the southern end of what will be a quadrangle of grass and paths that encompasses the backyard of nearly every building of the block bounded by River, South, South Franklin and Northampton streets.

Wilkes, who lived from 1727 to 1797, was infamous as a radical political reformer, publisher of caustic editorials, a representative in Parliament several times, an opponent of the royal government and defender of the rights of the colonists.

"It adds a whole new dimension to downtown Wilkes-Barre," said Wilkes president Christopher Breiseth of the

greenway, which is part of a \$25 million construction project at the campus. "The ambience of a college campus is inseparable from its effectiveness as a place where people can teach and learn."

The potential of the Wilkes statue came after Breiseth made a stop in London in 1990, following a trip to Bulgaria. The statue honoring Wilkes as a former Lord Mayor of London was created by British sculptor James Butler and erected at a crossroads in 1988.

"In London, (Wilkes) is depicted in statue holding a resolution he introduced in the spring of 1776, defending the rights of the colonists as Englishman," said Breiseth. "Here was this tribute to democracy — the right to elect governors, the right of a free press, limits on search and seizure, the right of the public to see the proceedings of their elected officials."

The Connecticut pioneers who settled in the Wyoming Valley in the 1760s named their town after Wilkes — and Isaac Barre, another member of Parliament who defended the colonists — as an act of defiance.

"Our local forebears were ready to say something defiant to the people in England," said Breiseth.

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TIMES LEADER PHOTO/FRED ADAMS

Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth stands in front of the Eugene S. Farley Library where the statue of John Wilkes will be erected

This statue of John Wilkes will be mounted on a pedestal and stand in the new quad at Wilkes University

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Statue

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Aside from a monument at the western corner of Public Square — just a hop, skip and a jump from the plaque commemorating the first broadcast of Home Box Office — very little has been done in the Wyoming Valley to remember Wilkes and Barre.

The statue of Wilkes weighs 1,800 pounds and will be set on a granite base, 5 and a half feet tall. The Wilkes statue will be dedicated on Aug. 31. The cost of the project, including recasting the original, transportation across the Atlantic and erecting the statue will be \$70,000.

Gifts from Stephen Sordoni and the law firm of Rosenn Jenkins and Greenwald supplied the money.

The statue is being dedicated to Judge Max Rosenn and attorneys Eugene Roth and Joseph J. Savitz for their leadership at Wilkes and in the community. Both Roth and Savitz are alumni of the college.

The greenway will likely be completed in the summer of 1996 according to Wilkes staff architect Bob Saffian. A current bookstore, a former Christian Scientist church, will be demolished, as will a garage at the rear of 171 South Franklin St.

"I firmly think that it's going to be the biggest thing that has happened at Wilkes University as far as student satisfaction and knitting the university."

Paul O'Hop

Vice president for Business Affairs & Auxiliary Enterprises at Wilkes

The bookstore will be moved to a new student union, which will be constructed on the south side of the first block of South Street. Groundbreaking for that building will be in the Spring of 1996 with completion expected in early 1997.

"I firmly think that it's going to be the biggest thing that has happened at Wilkes University as far as student satisfaction and knitting the university," said Paul O'Hop, vice president for Business Affairs & Auxiliary Enterprises at Wilkes.

"We'll have a more controlled campus. It gives the students an opportunity for Frisbee and stretching their legs. This will bring it all together."

Statue salutes

Here are the events coinciding with the new statue of John Wilkes. The events are free.

■ The unveiling will be at the annual fall Commencement/Convocation of Wilkes University, weather permitting, on the lawn in front of the Eugene S. Farley Library at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31.

■ A symposium on John Wilkes follows at 2:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center to consider the significance of Wilkes in England and America. Moderated by Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, panelists include Harold Cox, a professor of history at Wilkes; Arthur Cash, professor of English at the State University at New York at New Paltz and a noted scholar of John Wilkes; and attorney F. Charles Petrillo, an area historian who has researched and lectured on Wilkes.

■ At 8 p.m., sculptor James Butler presents an illustrated lecture on his work, focusing on the Wilkes statue.



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**A stone cold face
is moving into town**

Wilkes University welcomes a permanent member to the community.

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W-B seeks service award nominees

■ *Third annual awards banquet is scheduled for September 20.*

Nominations for the third annual Wilkes-Barre City Distinguished Service Awards Banquet are being accepted until Aug. 18.

The event recognizes professional, civic, academic or athletic achievement or unselfish acts of heroism. Current and former students from public and non-public schools within the Wilkes-Barre Area School District boundaries or current residents of the city are eligible for nomination.

The banquet will be at 6 p.m., September 20, at Genetti Hotel & Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Nominations should be made to the committee by any person or group, including school principals, guidance counselors, teachers coaches and members of the clergy, social welfare agencies and the business community.

Nomination forms and banquet tickets can be obtained at the mayor's office.

The banquet is open to the public and dinner tickets are available at \$12.50 per person.

The valedictorians of the class of 1995 and the Leo E. Solomon Student Recognition Award recipients from Bishop Hoban, Coughlin, G.A.R. and Meyers high schools will be recognized at the banquet.

The following community leaders have joined the nomination committee to identify deserving candidates for this award: Steven Barrouk, Wilkes-Barre Partnership; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University; Denise Cesare, Blue Cross of

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Lifestyle



Wilkes annual fund raises record \$1,018,169

Wilkes University recently held the annual fund volunteer celebration to honor those who helped the university raise a record \$1,018,169 in contributions. The 1994-95 annual fund goal of \$1 million was the university's largest in history.

The annual fund volunteer celebration was held outside in the Arnaud C. Marts Courtyard and inside in the Sordani Art Gallery, where party-goers enjoyed the exhibition "Guy Pene du Bois: The Twenties Home and Abroad."

Money raised through the annual fund is used to underwrite the operational costs of the university, including scholarships, campus upkeep, salaries, computer equipment and library resources.

Organizers of the annual fund included, top photo, from the left: Larry Cohen, '57, chair, 1994-95 an-

nual fund, Kingston; Claire Fox, director, annual giving, Dallas; Maureen Burke, assistant director, annual giving, Plymouth; Lee Ciarmatori, '72, '78, community business volunteer.

Other annual fund participants were, bottom photo, from the left: Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs, Shavertown; Ruth B. Melberger, '62, chair, university council campaign, West Pittston; Donna Lennon, Shavertown; Clifford K. Melberger, Wilkes University trustee, West Pittston; Bruce Gloer, '72, '77, trustee division, Lehman, and Sandra Beynon, executive assistant to the vice president for development.





Wilkes hosts Make-A-Wish cage tourney; nearly \$35,000 raised

Wilkes University recently hosted the fifth annual Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern PA Basketball Tournament.

The tournament featured current and former players of the New York Giants football team including Pepper Johnson, Chris Maumalanga, Dave Meggett, Jason Schorn and Chris Calloway. A sports card and memorabilia show was also held.

"The continuing support of Wilkes University has once again allowed the Make-A-Wish Foundation to raise nearly \$35,000 to

make wishes of children in our region come true," said Make-A-Wish tournament chairperson Bill O'Boyle. "We are extremely grateful to Dr. Christopher Breiseth and Wilkes University."

The basketball tourney is one of the foundation's largest annual fundraisers. All proceeds from the tournament will be used to grant wishes of area children with terminal illnesses and life threatening medical conditions.

Donations to the foundation can be made by sending contributions to: The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern PA, 400 Scott St., #201, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, or call (717) 829-3235.

Among the principals in the event, from the left are Malcolm Conway, 1996 Tournament Chairperson; Cherly Gibson, Make-A-Wish board member and coordinator of student campus employment and financial aid at Wilkes; Bill O'Boyle, Make-A-Wish board member and the 1995 tournament chairperson; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, and John Jablowski Jr., Executive Director of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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Junior Achievement Holds Hall of Fame Dinner



Members of the Junior Achievement board of directors gather at the annual awards dinner. Seated from left: Ray Smith, Tim O'Brien, Stacey Selig, Anna Carls and Robert Feltner. Standing, same order: Michael Sarafin,

Ron Yeatts, Dave Johnson, Frank John, Vito Forlana, dinner chairman, Mark Chamberlain, board president, John Carls and Ellen Cummings, executive director.



William B. Marx, left, AT&T executive and guest speaker at the Business Hall of Fame, discusses the events with Mark Chamberlain, JA board of directors president.



Dr. Christopher Bridges, William O'Brien president, congratulates new inductees Kenneth L. Pollock and Mrs. Pollock.



NBO bank staff members at the Junior Achievement awards dinner. Seated from left: Ray Smith, John I. Adonis, president; Dorothy Skowron and Joseph Gutzl. Standing, same order: Jay Gies, Vioria O'Neil, Roder, Tom O'Brien, Richard Masucci, Gus Kramer and David Phelan.



Members of the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame welcome new inductees. From left: Robert Keating, John Randolph, Richard Marquardt for his father, Roy, new inductee: Alan B. Giel and Robert L. Pollock, inductees, and John L. Ryan Jr., Larry D. Stetler and Adrian E. Ross.



Angelo Samiotta, left, and Junior Achievement board member Jack Muller, center, chat with Adrian E. Ross, JA Hall of Fame member.



Michael Sarafin, third from right, and his staff from Empire Secretary Landfill, enjoy the JA awards dinner. From left: Joe Fayocavitz, Carolyn Zaccaria, Stacey Selig, Lou Selig, Sarafin, Marion Butler and Gary Butler.



Dave Olson, left, and Kathleen Williams of PNC Bank, discuss the program with John W. Adonis, National Bank of Clyphart president; Ellen Cummings, executive director, and guest speaker William B. Marx of AT&T.



LEFT: Program participants meet at the JA dinner. From left: Sister Joan Marie Thompson, principal; Stacey Selig, student; and Mrs. Elizabeth Orsini, teacher at Holy Rosary School in Saratoga; Robert Ragano, teacher, and Joseph Giordano, student at Dunmore Middle School.



RIGHT: Junior Achievement board member Donna Coleman, second from left, greets Danny Stango, left; Joseph Coleman, Andrew Siket and Elaine Siket.

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PINNING CEREMONY — The Wilkes University Department of Nursing held its annual pinning ceremony honoring members of the Class of 1995 who earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Taking part in the ceremony, were, from left, Dr. Ann Marie Kolanowski, chair of the nursing department; Dr. Robert Heaman, dean, School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; Becky James, Dallas; Melissa Taylor, Kingston; Jacqueline Sheerin, Pleasant Mount; Anita McGowan, Moscow; Denise Kowalski, Dickson City; Michelle Furcon, Old Forge; Cara Smigel, Moosic, and Dr.

Christopher Breiseth, university president; second row, Sheri Narusewicz, Wilkes-Barre; Celeste Pohl, White Haven; Amy Vitucci, Flemington; Linda Drake, Waymart; Jane Sanders, Wilkes-Barre; Lisa Gordon, Exeter; Cynthia Kowalaski, Hazleton; Kimberly Frisbie, Wilkes-Barre; third row, John Swircek, Swoyersville; JoAnne Oliver, RN, Wilkes-Barre; Charles Magich, RN, Swoyersville; Megan Cadugan, Scranton; Melissa Bakke, Saylorsburg; Damian Sher, Mount Holly; Patricia DeCinti, Wilkes-Barre, and Jackie Stefanowicz, Duryea.

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Citizens' Voice

Electrical Workers Local 163 presents check to Wilkes

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers recently presented a check to Wilkes University for its Annual Fund.

Joseph Capece, business manager and financial secretary for the union, presented the check on behalf of the 250 local members who made the generous gift possible. The financial support affirms the union member's commitment to education and educational institutions in NE Pennsylvania.

In PHOTO at right, from left, are Sandra Beynon '85, executive assistant to the vice president for development; Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth; Capece and Claire S. Fox, director of Annual Giving.

"Wilkes is grateful to Local 163 for their support in helping us reach this year's Annual Fund goal of \$1 million," said Fox.



"By donating to the Annual Fund, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers helps Wilkes improve facilities, acquire library resources and fund scholarships, Fox added."

Your Voice

Sad statistics show gross negligence to kids

Editor:

I have just returned from the first Teach For America Alumni Summit, held in Washington, D.C., and I want to share some of the impressions I came away with.

Teach For America is a corps of teachers founded in 1989 to address teacher shortages in urban and rural areas. Each corps member makes a commitment to teach for two years at his or her assigned school in areas such as New York City, rural Louisiana, Baton Rouge, the Rio Grande valley, Houston and Oakland, among many others. I taught third grade for three years in South Central Los Angeles and had an experience which has changed my life forever. I will always be an advocate for children because of it. I am very proud of TFA and the 500,000 young lives we have touched in our classrooms, but I am appalled by the continuing inadequacies of our school system and the self-destructive lack of concern we collectively show for our children. Some of the depressing facts we learned are:

- American children who don't happen to be white are less likely to be immunized against polio than children in 47 other countries, among them Botswana, Sri Lanka and Albania.
- At age 17, only one half of all American students can do math problems involving fractions, decimals, or percentages. Fewer than half can read a paragraph and explain it. Fewer than one quarter can write a persuasive letter.
- Virtually all nine year olds can name Columbus's ships but can't explain why they sailed.
- Virtually all 13 year olds can describe (in graphic detail) how Lincoln died but can't explain why he fought the Civil War.
- American children who are not white or are poor are, on average, six months below grade level by the time they reach third grade, and are three years behind by twelfth grade.

How can we address this problem which seems so frighteningly huge? In the political realm, we can recognize and applaud the actions taken by the Clinton Administration and demand more of the same. The President's national youth service initiative created Americorps, the new domestic service corps. Teach For America has become one of the member organizations of Americorps, and so I can vouch for the efficacy of this government program. Also, George Stephanopoulos predicted that Americorps would be an easy target. It's new and it's small, he said, and there is already grumbling about canceling it. In the personal realm, we can be volunteers in local schools, be tutors, and pay attention to the needs of all the children in our towns, not just the ones in our houses. We can, in sum, be visible and be involved.

Those of us who care about children, and, pragmatically speaking, that should be all of us — must raise our voices. If we don't, the education of all children will continue to deteriorate. Ignorance is much more expensive than education. I learned in Los Angeles, from some of America's most disadvantaged children, that all children can learn if we will teach them. All children are worth it. There is an African proverb which says, "It takes a whole village to raise a single child." I add to that my assertion that it only takes a single child to save or destroy the village. We must choose whether to be saved or destroyed, and we must choose loudly. There is not a moment to lose.

Abigail Breiseth
Wilkes-Barre



TIMES LEADER, CLARK VAN ORDEN

Christopher M. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, speaks at a press conference Thursday during which 10 area college presidents indicated their support for the proposed arena/convention center.

Arena a confidence builder, area college presidents say

By MITCH MORRISON

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Not only will it create jobs, but the proposed arena/convention center will cut the shackles of negativism that weighs down the region, Wilkes University's top official said Thursday.

"The arena offers the opportunity to break through a blanket of negativism, a blanket of lacking self-confidence," Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth said at a news conference during which leaders from 10 colleges in three counties endorsed the \$41.2 million civic center. The endorsement was held at the university's Marts Gymnasium.

Voters will decide the project's fate in the May 16 primary.

Since the death of coal and railroads, Northeastern Pennsylvania's economic growth has been frustrated by an embedded inferiority complex, Breiseth said.

The opposition against the arena is not based on the project's merits, Breiseth said, rather on the region's skepticism that every major project will fail.

A vote against the arena will deepen that mistrust. "There's a psychological consequence of losing this vote," Breiseth said. "The symbol of this vote is huge."

Arena backer and state Rep. Kevin Blum, D-Wilkes-Barre, hailed the endorsement.

"Who more has something to do in preparing people for the future than these 10 college presidents?"

Despite the endorsement, none of the colleges intends to contribute financially toward the arena's construction.

"We haven't been asked to make a contribution," Lackenmiere said. "We don't intend to do so."

Frank Oliver, representing College Misericordia, called the arena a vital regional project.

In addition to Breiseth, nine other college presidents from Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties backed the project. They are: Raymond Angeli, Lackawanna Junior College; James Lackenmi-

Blum offers answers to questions about arena

Questions to and answers from state Rep. Kevin Blum, D-Wilkes-Barre, who is vice chairman of the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority.

Q: How safe is the arena from mine subsidence and mine fire?

Rita George

Wilkes-Barre

A: One-hundred percent safe. No problem. The building will sit on 400 feet of rock. It's a terrific site. We've had engineers review the site in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and U.S. Office of Surface Mining.

Q: If the arena is built and turns out to be a money-maker, will taxes be lowered?

Tom Williams

West Pittston

A: The facility will be a money-maker. Our first responsibility would be to build a reserve fund for capital improvements and infrastructure. Beyond that, we would consider paying the debt off at an accelerated rate and turning excess funds back to the county.

Q: What was the total cost of building and opening "The Mark" arena in Moeline, Ill. in 1993?

Tony Ciotola Jr.

Hazleton

A: Between \$35 million and \$36 million for the entire facility.

er, King's College; James Gallagher, Penn State University's Worthington-Scranton campus; Carol Jobe, College Misericordia; Charles Kennedy, Keystone College; Thomas Moran, Luzerne County Community College; J.A. Panuska, University of Scranton; Mike Thompson, Baptist Bible College and Thomas Winter, Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

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College, university presidents back arena

Group urges electorate to vote 'yes' on election day

By SHANNON McNULTY

Contributing Writer

Ten presidents of local colleges and universities jointly showed their support for an arena in Luzerne County by signing a letter to state Rep. Kevin Blum Thursday.

"I don't think you could fool these people," said Blum. "These are college presidents. If the project did not add up and did not make sense, they would not feel the need to come together as one to show their support."

Representatives from five of the 10 schools met at a press conference Thursday at Wilkes University to announce their decision.

Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes, noted that the college heads were speaking on their own behalf, not on behalf of the institutions they represent.

The letter included the following statement: "While we cannot commit our institutions on a political matter, as individuals carrying responsibilities for leadership both on our campuses and in our communities, we think our personal perspectives may be helpful to others weighing this important matter."

"We urge the voters of Luzerne County to vote 'Yes' on the arena question in the forthcoming election."

Those who signed the letter, in addition to Breiseth, are Rev. James Lackenmier, president of King's College; Dr. Carol A. Jobe,

president of College Misericordia; Thomas J. Moran, president of Luzerne County Community College; Dr. Thomas G. Winter, acting executive director of Penn State Wilkes-Barre; Rev. J.A. Panuska, president of the University of Scranton; Dr. James D. Gallagher, executive officer, Penn State Worthington Scranton; Raymond S. Angeli, president, Lackawanna Junior College; Charles Kennedy, president of Kutztown College; and Dr. Milo Thompson, president of Baptist Bible College.

"We need to support common goals," said Dr. Winter, adding that the arena is an opportunity to bring new expansion and new people to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"We see it as an economic issue," said Frank Oliver, speaking on behalf of Dr. Jobe. "It's a piece of a larger pie and it will improve the quality of life in Luzerne County."

The college officials said an arena would benefit their campuses as they try to recruit students, faculty and administrators; they say it will and enhance the entertainment and cultural climate of this area for its current residents.

Glenn Pellino, vice president of planning for the University of Scranton, said the president of the university is supporting the project because it benefits not only Luzerne County, but all of Northeastern Pennsylvania.



College press conference

Area educators announce their stance on planned project

Announcing their support for the arena, from the left are Dr. Thomas G. Winter, Penn State Wilkes-Barre; Frank Oliver, College Misericordia; Rev.

James Lackenmier, King's College; and Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University.

"It's brought a spark to this community. We can see it on our campus," said Pellino.

Father Lackenmier of King's said he's been criticized for supporting the arena because he is Catholic priest.

"Some people think clergy have no business publicly speaking out on these issues," he said. "But I see this as an opportunity for progress for our students who study here and who want to live and work here in the future."

He said some believe that a priest should have no secular role

in the community.

"There are those who think we should be in the sacristy only," said Lackenmier. "Some thought my role with the United Way was inappropriate too. They were wrong."

Dr. Breiseth said the economic effect of losing the arena vote would be devastating, but not as devastating as the psychological effect it would have on this region.

"I would go so far as to say a vote for the arena could lift the blanket of negativism and lack of confidence that covers this area

It will show us how important we are culturally and economically to this nation and the mid-Atlantic region," said Breiseth.

In thanking the college officials for their support, Blum said,

"We need an overwhelming 'yes' vote so we can move ahead with the project. If not, some other section of the state will benefit. We never got this kind of money from the state before and we're never going to get it again. I think we all know why we go it. We got a 50 percent down payment on the house we're going to build."



ELECTRICAL WORKERS 163 PRESENTS CHECK — The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers recently presented a check to Wilkes University for the University's Annual Fund. Standing from left, are: Sandra Beynon '85, executive assistant to the vice president for development; Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth; Joseph Capece, business manager and financial secretary, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 163; and Claire S. Fox, director of annual giving.

\$7 Million classroom building going up on Wilkes University campus

Construction crews are hard at work at Wilkes University building a \$7 million classroom building on South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

"Construction is progressing on schedule, we fully expect to occupy the building by August," said Paul. O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises.

The 55,000 square foot facility will house the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the School of Business, Society and Public Policy, along with common facilities, such as computer labs, classrooms, and student and facul-

ty lounges.

Currently, the departments within each school are located across the University's historic downtown campus.

The new facility will help create a stronger physical identity for both schools.

Faced in a deep reddish-brown blend of brick, the structure will blend in with the distinguished older buildings and the new buildings on campus.

Multiple gables on the street side of the building have been designed to continue the scale and rhythm of the grand old houses.

On each end of the building is an entryway which leads visitors into the Dean's office suites for each of the schools.

"The style of the building will fit into the look of historical downtown Wilkes-Barre and will do a great deal to enhance the campus," said O'Hop.

The construction of this facility is the latest step in a \$25 million campus development project Wilkes University announced in August 1993.

In addition to the classroom and office building, Wilkes will renovate the Stark Learning Center and its laboratories to accommodate the new Doctor of Pharmacy Program and also build a new student center and dining facility.

The campus building project will divide the 27-acre campus into two distinct areas.

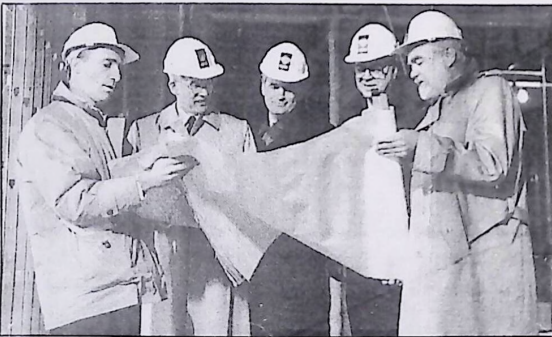
The northern half of the campus will encompass an academic

quadrangle, housing the majority of the classroom, faculty offices, and laboratory buildings.

The southern half will form the residential quadrangle where many of the student residence halls are located.

The plan also calls for additional parking facilities within the southern quad as well as a "greenway" through the middle of campus.

"The look of the quadrangle will give Wilkes University a real collegiate feel, which is quite an achievement for a campus in an urban setting," said O'Hop.



Checking over the plans with the architect

The classroom building construction plans are checked over as construction proceeds on the structure. From the left are Robert Saffian, the staff architect; Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president for development; Paul A. O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises, and Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs.



WILKES HONORS KINGSTON MAN — Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth recently conferred an honorary doctorate of science degree to Dr. Charles Burns Sr., Kingston, during the university's annual winter commencement/convocation exercises. Pictured, from left, are: Charles Burns Jr., Dr. Charles Burns Sr., Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth and Thomas V. Tinsley. *TL 2424/95*

Wilkes confers honorary Doctorate of Science to Kingston physician



Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth recently conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree to Dr. Charles Burns Sr., class of 1935, of Kingston, during the university's annual winter commencement and convocation exercises.

"Dr. Burns' continuing generosity to Wilkes ranks him near the very top of all alumni," said Breiseth. "As a symbol of hard work and caring, of warmth and wit, of production more than consumption, we honor Dr. Burns for a lifetime of intelligent service."

A reception was held following graduation ceremonies for the Wilkes community to greet Dr. Burns, his friends and family.

Dr. Burns is a 1935 graduate of Bucknell Junior College which became Wilkes College in 1947 and Wilkes University in 1990.

A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Dr. Burns is considered the first physician member of the Wilkes alumni body. Dr. Burns, whose specialty is urology, has a practice in Kingston.

In 1987, Wilkes University saluted Dr. Burns by dedicating the Burns Alumni Tower and Carillon in his honor. The 61-foot Bell Tower is a focal point on the Wilkes campus and stands as a symbol of high ideals for students, alumni, faculty, staff and trustees.

From the left, at the presentation, are Dr. Charles Burns Jr., Dr. Charles Burns Sr., Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth and Thomas V. Tinsley, a friend of Dr. Burns.

Schools & Colleges

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Wilkes hosting Japanese students from Tamagawa University



Department of Education providing American culture and experience to visitors

For the fourth consecutive year, the Wilkes University department of Education is hosting 15 students from Tamagawa University, Japan. The students are education majors who travel to Wilkes-Barre and visit public and private schools, attend classes and seminars at Wilkes University and experience American education and culture.

Some of the schools they will visit include Wyoming Seminary Lower School, Martin L. Murray Elementary School, Montessori Elementary School and Lake Noyan Elementary School.

The Tamagawa students are staying with Wilkes students in residence halls for the two-week visit. They also are assigned to host families from Wyoming Valley who will spend a few evenings with them for traditional American activities. On weekends, the students will go the New York City and Philadelphia.

Tamagawa University, in Tokyo, a private school, kindergarten/university level, was founded in 1929 by the Ubara family.

First row, from left: Heiko Saito, Takako Paragouri, Mariko Kyogaku, Junko Hayami, Kiyomi Takayama and Yoshie Aizawa, second row: Dr. Robert S. Heaman, dean of the school of liberal arts and human sciences; Dr. Nancy Davis, director, teacher extension program; Michiya Fujikashi, Yoshiu Inoue, chaperones, Mo Oh, Kuna Kikyo, Dr. Christopher Breiveth, president, Wilkes University; Dr. Douglas Lynch, chairperson, Department of Education, and Dr. Diane Polachek, associate professor of education; third row: Masayo Hayakawa, Noriko Tsuruki, Hiroko Kameya, Yoshie Kanazaki, Naoko Minato, Tomoko Noguchi and Hiromi Ozawa.

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\$7 Million classroom planned at Wilkes campus

Construction crews are hard at work at Wilkes University building a \$7 million classroom building on South Franklin Street.

The 55,000 square foot facility will house the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the School of Business, Society and Public Policy, along with common facilities, such as computer labs, classrooms, and student and faculty lounges. Currently, the departments within each school are located across the university's historic downtown campus. The new facility will help create a stronger physical identity for both schools.

The construction of this facility is the latest step in a \$25 million campus development project Wilkes University announced in August 1993. In addition to the classroom and office building, Wilkes will renovate the Stark Learning Center and its laboratories to accommodate the new Doctor of Pharmacy Program and also build a new student center and dining facility.

The campus building project will divide the 27 acre campus into two distinct areas. The northern half of the campus will encompass an academic quadrangle, housing the majority of the classroom, faculty offices, and laboratory buildings. The southern half will form the residential quadrangle where many of the student residence halls are located. The plan also calls for additional parking facilities within the southern quad as well as a "greenway" through the middle of campus.

In the photo are, from the left, Robert Saffian, staff architect; Wilkes University president, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth; Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president for development; Paul A. O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises; and Dr. J. Michael, vice president for academic affairs.

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Interfaith Council To Cite Head of Wilkes University

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The Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council will recognize Christopher N. Breiseth, Ph.D., president of Wilkes University, at a luncheon Tuesday at noon at the East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre, for his ideals of human dignity, compassion and friendship among all peoples.

Breiseth will receive the council's Citation of Distinction for Devoted Service to the Cause of Human Welfare at the luncheon.

President of Wilkes since 1984, Breiseth has had an impact on the university and the community as a constant advocate for the strong alliance that exists between the two.

He has been a leader in many



**CHRISTOPHER
N. BREISETH**
*Achievements
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civic organizations which include the Osterhout Free Library, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the United Way and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership. Within the business community he has worked to foster development and economic growth in northeastern Pennsylvania.

He has also been instrumental in developing ways in which

educational institutions in the Wyoming Valley can work together to pool resources for the benefit of all students. His leadership is credited with the achievement that moved Wilkes to university status in 1990.

The Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council was established in 1977 by leaders of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith. The council celebrates the diversity of the Wyoming Valley, while educating the public on social values and providing a structure to strengthen ecumenism.

The luncheon cost is \$15. Checks may be sent to Martin Popky, PO Box 1112, Kingston, 18704-0112.

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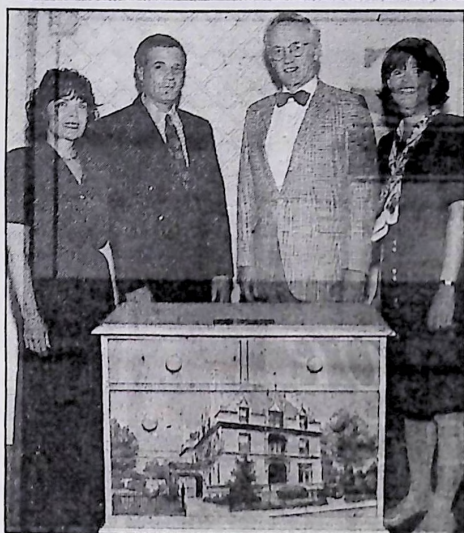
Dr. Robert A. Fumanti, Superintendent of the Wyoming Area School District, was recently honored by United Way of Wyoming Valley for the leadership role he played in this organization's fund-raising efforts.

Fumanti served as co-chairman of the Education Division of United Way's 1995 Campaign. The division raised \$241,138 from employees and students of public, private and parochial schools and local colleges and universities, toward United Way's \$3.94 million campaign in 1995. That amount is the largest ever raised in the education division.

Wyoming Area School District employees and members of the PSEA and ESPA were also cited for attaining United Way's Rainbow Award. The district employee workforce collectively raised \$7,520 or 32% more than the previous year.

Shown above from left are Education Division Co-Chairman and recent honorees: Walter Glogowski, Pennsylvania State Education Association; Fumanti; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University and United Way representative Walter Klopaski. U

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From left are Janet L. Hoffman, David C. Hoffman, Dr. Christopher N. Brelseth, president, and Claire S. Fox, director of annual giving, Wilkes University

Local businessman donates winslow chest to Wilkes

Wilkes University recently received a winslow chest bearing a hand-painted portrait of the University's Weckesser Hall from David C. Hoffman, class of 1970, of Town & Country Furniture.

Hoffman of Kingston, donated the chest to Wilkes in appreciation for his education at the University. "Wilkes gave me a good education," he says, "and I'm proud to give something back."

The chest was originally displayed in the window of Town & Country Furniture, South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. It is now permanently on display in the Wilkes University President's Office in Weckesser Hall.

The gift was presented on behalf of Hoffman, his wife, Janet, their daughter, Erin R. Hoffman, class of 90, the Hoffman family and Town & Country Furniture.

Business/News

Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Wilkes campaigns to achieve Annual Fund goal

Wilkes University is conducting a community/business campaign to raise funds toward the University's 1996-1997 Annual Fund goal of \$995,000.

More than 40 volunteers will be asking 300 local businesses for their support in Wilkes' fund raising effort. Lee Ciarmatori, who graduated from Wilkes in 1972 and received his master's degree in 1978, is volunteer chair of the University's Community/Business Campaign. Sandra S. Piccone, a 1977 graduate of Wilkes University has been named chair of the school's 1996-97 Annual Fund Campaign.

From the left, front row, Dr. Gary Giamartino, dean, School of Business, Society and Public Policy, Wilkes University; Mark Van Loon, class of

1975, Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald; Joseph Compierchio, 1991, PP&L; Elizabeth Hanza, 1990, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Thomas Semanek, 1995, Luzerne National Bank; Caryn Cheyfitz, assistant director of annual giving; Claire Fox, director of annual giving, Wilkes University.

Back row, Paul Strunk, vice president for alumni, development and university relations, Wilkes University; Marilyn Snyder, 1962, real estate; Sandy Richardson; Joe Leandri, 1993, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Lee Ciarmatori, community/business campaign volunteer chair; Scott Barth, 1990, Triple A Security Systems; Gary Williams, 1972, with a master's degree in 1982, PNC Bank.



University of Belgrade Professor Lectures at Wilkes

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Wilkes University recently hosted Dr. Miroljub Radojkovic, professor of Political Science at the University of Belgrade. Radojkovic whose concentrations are Comparative Mass Media Systems and International Communications, presented a public lecture while at Wilkes and visited many of the University's Political Science and Communications courses. While in the United States, Radojkovic was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. Michael Lennon at the Corbett House, an ecologically, friendly home located in Ross and Union Townships allotted to the University by Colonel William H. Corbett. Dr. Lennon is vice president of academic affairs at Wilkes. Radojkovic also was honored at a dinner held in the University's Weckesser Hall. Shown, from left, are: Dr. Dennis Hupchick, assistant professor of history; Donna Lennon, Pauly Friedman, member, Wilkes University Council and Friedman Foundation; Ann Glauber, Friedman Foundation; and Rabbi James Michaels, Temple Israel. Second row: Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president; Dr. Miroljub Radojkovic and Jane Breiseth.

Wilkes does work with W-B schools

Editor:

I write in response to an error of fact in your editorial of August 22. Wilkes University, like King's College, makes a voluntary contribution to the city of Wilkes-Barre in consideration for services and has done so for years. This gift is made not in lieu of taxes, but rather in cooperation with the city.

The matter currently under discussion with the Wilkes-Barre School District is separate and distinctly different. Wilkes University is pleased to work in partnership with the Wilkes-Barre School District in the preparation of new teachers and in professional development activities for district teachers. Wilkes also contributes thousands of dollars in direct financial aid to graduates of Wilkes-Barre Area high schools. These efforts suggest the type of services Wilkes contributes to the district.

We are overwhelmingly dependent on tuition income for operating Wilkes. To tax or otherwise levy a fee on the university would result in a raise in tuition or fees for our students, including the large number who come from the Wilkes-Barre School District. If this matter is pursued, we are prepared to discuss, and if necessary, defend our position in court.

The law defining public charities that grants tax exempt status is currently under review in the state legislature. Wilkes University clearly meets the criteria currently under discussion.

Wilkes University is committed to our students, our city, and our region, including being an active partner with the Wilkes-Barre School District in improving education for all our children. This commitment is based on cooperation with and consideration for all involved.

Christopher Breiseth
President
Wilkes University

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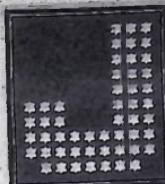
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HARRIS EXECUTIVE SPEAKS TO WILKES ALUMNI- Don Burke, director of engineering for power discreet product development at Harris Semiconductor, Inc., discussed "The Success and Expansion of Harris Semiconductor, Inc." during the recent Wilkes University Alumni Breakfast Program at the Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre. Shown during the program from left, are Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president; Sandra Beynon, executive director of alumni and development; Don Burke, Mountaintop; and William Goldsworthy, Wilkes University Alumni Association president.



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Leadership Wilkes-Barre welcomes new class

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Also members of the class are W. Kenneth Freeman, Capt. Anthony Grove and Gordon Wilkinson.

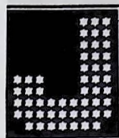
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IN YOUR TOWN



Wilkes University announces new faculty members

Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Bretz and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. J. Michael Lennon recently introduced 18 new faculty members to the University. They are: Dr. Patricia Siplon, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Mark Addison Ames, assistant professor of English; Dr. Barbara Bellucci, Director of Student Teaching; Paula Bianco, assistant professor of Spanish; Adam Hill, artist-in-residence; Mary Kropiewnicki, visiting assistant professor of education; Victor Lira, visiting assistant professor of music; Dr. Robert Lucid, adjunct professor of English; Dr. Helen Scott, assistant professor of English; Kyle Snow, visiting assistant professor of Psychology; Dr. Maureen Bronson, associate professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. William P. Johnson, associate professor of Pharmacy; David Maise Jr., assistant professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. Anthony Kapolka, assistant professor of Computer Information Systems; David Sawyers, Jr., assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering; and Major Marian Watkins, assistant professor of Aerospace Studies. First row, from left, are: Dr. Bronson, Dr. Lira, Dr. Siplon, Dr. Barbara Bellucci, Dr. Scott, Bianco, and Dr. Bretz. Second row: Kropiewnicki, Dr. Kapolka, Sawyers, and Dr. Hill. Third row: Major Watkins, Snow, Dr. Lennon, and Dr. Ames.



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Historian recounts plight of Jews in Denmark

Dr. Judith Goldstein, historian and author, appeared recently at the Rifkin Resource Center of the Jewish Community Center for a lecture. The program was a joint presentation with Wilkes University and the Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley. Goldstein spoke about the myths and facts of Denmark's rescue of nearly all of its Jewish citizens during the Holocaust.

Danes from all walks of life led the Jews to safety in Sweden and foiled the attempt to seize and gather approximately 8,000 Jews for death in the concentration and extermination camps. Of these 8,000 Jews, approximately 418 were captured.

"The greatest myth is that ordinary people had to abandon decency," Goldstein said. The Danes refused to exchange traditional tolerance for racial and anti-Semitic behavior and made a concerted effort to convince the Germans not to mistreat the Danish Jews. A Torah was hidden and protected in a crypt of a nearby church. Danish Gentiles prepared themselves and were willing and ready to face the same dangers that faced the Jews.

Goldstein is executive director of "Thanks to Scandinavia," a foundation which provides scholarships for Scandinavian students to attend graduate school in the United States. The New York City foundation has provided more than 1,000



Row 1, l-r: Theodore Koton, friend of Judith Goldstein; Robert Greenwald, president of JCC; Dr. Judith Goldstein; Jane Breiveth, co-sponsor of event from Wilkes; Dr. Christopher Breiveth, president of Wilkes University; Shula Koton; Row 2, l-r: Dan Cooper, community executive director, Dr. Robert Capin, JCC board member and president emeritus of Wilkes University and nephew of Theodore and Shula Koton.

scholarships in honor of heroic efforts of Scandinavians during the Holocaust.

The Rifkin Resource Center, donated by Sandy and Arnold Rifkin, is dedicated to their Lantz, Rifkin and Brusilow children and grandchildren with the hope that they, together with young people everywhere, will live in freedom in a peaceful world.

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Pay and Benefits of Leaders at 479 Private Colleges and Universities: a Survey

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THE TABLE BELOW shows the pay and benefits received by the chief executive and the five highest-paid employees (other than the top officer) at each of 479 private colleges. Pay figures are given for the last two available fiscal years, which in most cases are 1993-94 and 1994-95. The information about benefits covers only the later fiscal year.

The Chronicle compiled the information from the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 filed by each institution in the past two years. The survey includes nearly all private institutions classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as Research Universities I and II; Doctoral Universities I and II; Master's (Comprehensive) Universities and Colleges I and II; and Baccalaureate (Liberal Arts) Colleges I. The omissions are a handful of colleges that claim religious exemptions from filing Form 990: Brigham Young University, Harding University, Marygrove College, Pepperdine University, and Saint John's University (Minn.).

The Form 990 requires colleges to list, among other things, the pay and benefits of their officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. It also requires a listing of the five highest-paid employees, other than those top officials who earn more than \$50,000.

The expenditure line for each institution, taken from Line 17 of Form 990, shows the college's total expenses in the fiscal year. The figure is rounded to the nearest million dollars.

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS I AND II

	93-94 pay	94-95 pay	94-95 benefits
BOSTON UNIVERSITY			
1994-95 expenditures: \$193-million			
Chief executive, president	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$145,018

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

1994-95 expenditures: \$261-million

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY			
1994-95 expenditures: \$1,389-million			
Pres. W. T. Steyer, president	\$127,201	\$129,418	\$165,209
Cardiothoracic surgery	1,747,800	1,728,709	46,371
Zey Rosenbaum, professor, obstetrics and gynecology	1,134,947	1,272,312	38,087
Gregory A. Harman, assistant professor, cardiology	1,189,810	1,213,020	10,497
Karl Savage, professor, cardiothoracic surgery	1,428,800	1,181,523	19,389
Samuel Lang, associate professor, clinical cardiothoracic surgery	1,289,455	997,908	14,120

	93-94 pay	94-95 pay	94-95 benefits
DUKE UNIVERSITY			
1994-95 expenditures: \$1,353-million			
Harold D. Keshner, president	\$280,000	\$290,000	\$25,321
Ernest J. McDonald, executive VP	320,200	333,000	25,899
Paula Goodman, treasurer	344,200	289,200	25,035
John A. Sullivan, VP, director, athletics	244,700	254,500	24,840
Blair H. Gussner, associate dean and professor, business school	245,224	24,050	
Michael W. Koppelman, basketball coach	238,722	24,029	

	93-94 pay	94-95 pay	94-95 benefits
EMORY UNIVERSITY			
1994-95 expenditures: \$1,239-million			
William M. O'Neil, president	\$21,833	\$210,000	\$25,000
Charles R. Matheson, Jr., VP, health affairs	339,480	358,744	35,814
John A. Rick, chair and professor, obstetrics and gynecology	323,667	354,228	30,423
John D. Henry, Jr., CEO, Emory Hospital	285,871	28,587	
John Kubes, professor and chair, medicine	251,955	254,735	28,414
Jeffrey L. Mink, dean, school of medicine	235,225	253,684	25,368
1 Was president part of 1993-94.			

	93-94 pay	94-95 pay	94-95 benefits
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY			
1994-95 expenditures: \$545-million			
Stephen J. Trachtenberg, president	\$305,000	\$340,040	\$38,832
Robert J. Sullivan, professor, obstetrics and gynecology	313,630	430,567	47,171
Largus N. Smith, professor, obstetrics and gynecology	434,043	414,017	15,087

	94-95 pay	94-95 benefits		93-94 pay	94-95 pay	94-95 benefits
WHEELING JESUIT COLLEGE						
1994-95 expenditures: \$45-million						
81	\$81,681	\$9,597	Rev. Thomas S. Acker, S.J., president	\$84,084	\$86,607	\$4,330
94	72,887	1,816	Lee W. Rivers, executive director, National Technology Transfer Center *	-	127,308	6,365
95	70,961	8,479	Joseph P. Allen, director, marketing and economic development	103,000	106,090	5,305
100	62,557	7,197	Jerome S. Bortman, director, new program development	103,000	106,090	5,305
	62,280	8,287	Eugene Gilbert, administrative director *	-	85,000	4,250
	57,616	6,598	Andrew Wowczuk, director, training and institutional design *	-	80,000	4,000
WHITWORTH COLLEGE						
1994-95 expenditures: \$29-million						
100	\$203,000	\$25,250	William P. Robinson, president	\$110,003	\$110,004	\$23,258
	90,000	9,000	Kenneth W. Shipp, provost *	89,260	92,724	16,206
	82,500	7,475	Thomas A. Johnson, VP, business affairs *	73,428	76,368	13,841
100	75,000	6,750	James E. Ferguson III, VP, development *	68,184	70,908	12,596
100	75,000	7,500	Kathleen H. Storm, VP, student life	55,821	57,816	10,845
100	70,875	6,379	Hans E. Dynagie, director, library	-	56,433	10,775
from 1992-93 and 1993-94.						
WIDENER UNIVERSITY						
1994-95 expenditures: \$92-million						
	\$35,206	\$0	Robert J. Bruce, president	\$187,500	\$200,000	\$19,812
989	34,989	0	Arthur N. Frakt, dean, law school	166,500	180,000	18,000
989	34,989	0	W. David Eckard III, VP, administration and finance	113,000	118,000	11,800
989	34,989	0	John Geddis, associate dean, law school	110,000	113,575	11,357
989	34,989	0	Lawrence P. Buck, VP, academic affairs	102,000	108,000	10,260
			Thomas J. Reed, faculty, law school	-	103,828	10,383
WILKES UNIVERSITY						
1994-95 expenditures: \$40-million						
100	\$83,842	-	Christopher N. Breiseth, president	\$109,329	\$109,088	\$9,336
100	71,660	-	Joseph T. Bellucci, director, Information Technology Education for the Commonwealth	77,063	95,902	7,598
100	62,886	-	Umid R. Nejib, dean, school of science and engineering	84,898	93,041	8,198
100	61,776	-	J. Michael Lennon, VP, academic affairs	81,327	83,769	8,564
100	61,398	-	Paul A. O'Hog, VP, business affairs	77,517	81,523	8,407
	60,774	-	Gary A. Giamartino, dean, school of business, society, and public policy	67,365	79,837	8,589
fiscal year 1995.						
WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE						
1994-95 expenditures: \$16-million						
					\$106,050	\$19,879
					5,622	



Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of '97 members shown, first row from left, are: Lynn McPherson Tweedie, Esq., Michael A. Shucosky, Esq., Patricia A. Wiatrowski. Second row: Steven R. Kafrissen, MD, Neela S. Patel, Susan Dantona Jolley, Dorothy P. Lane, Daniel W. Scott, Nadine L. Hromlain, CPA, Donna L. Evans, Carol D. Robbins, Esq., Mark M. Robbins, John J. Mulhern Jr. Third row: Melissa J. Owens, Diane S. Nardone, Barbara J. Eyet, Janine M. Becker, Susan Adams Shoemaker, Esq., Rebecca A. Yoskoski, Maria K. Scappaticci, Margaret A. Steele, Brian L. Grove, Richard M. Williams, Esq., Christine M. Buchina. Fourth row: John M. Hellinski, Gary H. Wirth, Thomas A. Dennis, Farhang "Tony" Astaneh, John D. Losa, Michael A Ward, Donna J. Treblicox, Joseph A. Tedesco, and Wayne E. Whitaker Sr. Also members of the class are W. Kenneth Freeman, Capt. Anthony Grove, and Gordon Wilkinson.

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Leadership Wilkes-Barre class attends orientation program

The 1996-97 Leadership Wilkes-Barre class held their opening retreat at the Kirby Episcopal House on September 5-6. The orientation included a history of the Greater Wilkes-Barre area presented by Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, a brainstorming session for project ideas which address needs in the community, and personal assessment exercises to increase participants' self-knowledge. The Corporate Institute Training Program of Bloomsburg University conducted the Outdoor Team Building portion of the program at the Kirby Episcopal House. Prior to the opening retreat, the class worked at a Habitat for Humanity house on Bowman Street in Wilkes-Barre to begin the team building process for the ten-month program.



Wilkes' phonathon in progress *TL 10/29/96*

Wilkes University's Annual Fall Phonathon is in progress and will continue throughout November with a goal to raise \$128,000 for the University's 1996-97 Annual Giving Campaign. The phonathon which has reached 53% of its goal, had a record number of alumni and faculty calling nights raising between \$11,000 and \$15,000 respectively. The Annual Fund helps support the general operating budget of the University, improve facilities, expand library resources and fund scholarships. Shown, seated, from left are: Maggie Kenzakowski, Class of 2000; Christopher M. Spencer, Class of 1992; and Thea M. Escarge, Class of 1970. Standing: Paul Strunk, vice president of alumni, development and university relations; Andrea Petrasek, Class of 1969; Sandy Piccone, Class of 1977, chairperson, 1996-97, Annual Fund Campaign; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president.

Paper missed the good news about education in the Wyoming Valley

Editor:

TL 10/29/96

We write in a spirit of disappointment that the *The Times Leader* gave no coverage to the remarkable "Project Learn" activities on Oct. 18 at the King's and Wilkes campuses. Nearly 4,000 area teachers — from kindergarten through university — gathered in workshops where they shared state-of-the-art approaches to learning and teaching. This was a story of educational initiative, innovations and creativity on the part of our school and college faculties, which should be a matter of pride to our community.

While we applaud your warm support for the concept of Wilkes-Barre as a college town, we regret that you chose

not to cover this tangible example of educational leadership by both colleges and schools to better serve the young people of this area and prepare them more effectively for the changing world of work.

While giving dramatic front-page coverage to the Dallas football situation and to the Pittston Area teachers' strike on Oct. 19, there was nary a word about an effort that was 1 1/2 years in its planning and that involved one of the leading teachers in the nation, Bill Page, whose keynote address in the Kirby to two audiences totaling 3,600 was itself filled with insights about how teachers can more effectively reach and teach students of all ages.

Our fears that "good news is no news" when it comes to local education, a conclusion which hardly encourages teachers and administrators to put forth extra effort to improve our schools. In short, the newspaper could have shown our area teachers sharing with each other the latest and most effective techniques for teaching our children. It would have recognized not only efforts, but also that professionalism which so many stories in the paper seem to deny.

Christopher N. Breisath
President
Wilkes University
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Wyoming Valley West

Editorial

A choice: Classrooms or prisons?

9/30/96

Half a century ago, an American labor leader, putting forth his principles, included this one: "Fewer prisons and more schools."

His words, ironically, were echoed this week by a conservative writer who, in an essay on higher education, said, "One reason for the tuition increase at public schools is that the states are spending more taxpayer money on other projects, such as prisons, and less on their university systems."

Recently, during visits to this newspaper to discuss higher education locally, the presidents of our colleges and universities — King's, Wilkes, Misericordia and Penn State Wilkes-Barre — all expressed concern about Pennsylvania's support for schools.

Coincidentally, this state has been spending significant funds in recent years on prison construction.

Priorities?

Maybe the labor leader of old was ahead of his time.

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Chest donated to Wilkes

Wilkes University recently received a winslow chest bearing a hand-painted portrait of the University's Weckesser Hall from David C. Hoffman '70, of Town & Country Furniture.

Hoffman, of Kingston, donated the chest to Wilkes in appreciation for his education at the University.

"Wilkes gave me a good education," he stated, "and I'm proud to give something back."

The chest was originally displayed in the window of Town & Country Furniture, South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. It is now permanently on display in the Wilkes University President's Office in Weckesser Hall.

The gift was presented on behalf of Hoffman, his wife, Janet, their daughter Erin R. Hoffman '90, the Hoffman Family and Town & Country Furniture.

Shown here, from left, are Janet L. Hoffman, David C. Hoffman, '70; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president; and Claire S. Fox, director of annual giving, Wilkes-Barre.

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RECORD ALUMNI GIFTS POWER WILKES ANNUAL FUND

WILKES- BARRE- Record contributions from Wilkes University Alumni powered the 1995-96 Annual Fund total to \$910,000. "Our alumni were the driving force behind the success of the annual fund. Their financial support is a major factor in the continuing success of the University," said Christopher N. Breiseth, president.

The annual fund represents about 30% of the more than \$3,312,000 raised at Wilkes during the 1995-96 fiscal year. Annual fund donations are an important supplement to tuition dollars and provide funding for university operations.

Final figures for the fiscal year that ended May 31 show more than 3,000 Wilkes alumni made gifts to the annual fund, a 7% increase over last year and a record for alumni participation. More than 4,000 total donors contributed during 1995-96, also a new annual fund record.

"This participation from our alumni and friends shows confidence in

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the students, programs and future of Wilkes University, " said Breiseth.

The annual fund also successfully met a challenge from the George I. Alden Trust which pledged a \$20,000 grant if at least \$40,000 was raised in new alumni gifts to the annual fund. Wilkes alumni in fact contributed more than \$130,000 in new and increased gifts easily meeting the requirements of the challenge grant.

"Wilkes alumni are responding in record numbers; their participation helps us in so many ways. Our alumni have demonstrated that they believe in the value of a Wilkes education and are prepared to help ensure a quality education for today's students," said Claire Fox, Director of Annual Giving at Wilkes.

Alumni support is enhanced because many companies have matching gift programs, whereby a gift is frequently doubled or tripled by an employer resulting in additional financial support. Nearly \$52,000 in matching gifts was raised for Wilkes during this year's campaign.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the annual fund and Wilkes is very fortunate to have such outstanding volunteers," concluded Ms Fox. " A small army of more than 70 people enthusiastically gave their time to support our effort."

(PHOTO) This year's campaign was chaired by Carl Postupak of Shavertown (center) from left : Maureen Burke of Plymouth, Assistant Director of Annual Giving; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes President; Gordon Roberts '60 of Plains Township; Elizabeth Roche Ward '72 of Dallas; Sandra Beynon of Kingston, Interim Vice President of Alumni, Development and University Relations; Postupak; Jacqueline Carroll '85, M'88 of Mountaintop; Bob Edgerton M'75 of Shavertown and Claire Fox of Dallas, Director of Annual Giving.



CENTER DIGEST

Brader, active in JCC over 40 years, honored

In what proved to be an extraordinary affair, a crowd-packed auditorium at the Jewish Community Center was the site of a tribute paid to Len Brader, a septuagenarian who founded the 5:30 Basketball Club at the JCC 40 years ago.

Homage was paid to Brader, a World War II veteran with service in Africa and Italy, for his more than four decades of participation in his community as chairman of the judges of various beauty pageants, as a behind-the-scenes volunteer to several organizations, including the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, and as a fun-loving High Commissioner and founder of the 5:30 Basketball Club at the JCC -- composed of active adult sportsmen. Resolutions from the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania by Senators Charles Leimond and Ray Musto and Representatives Kevin Blaum and Phyllis Mundy, respectively, were read at the occasion, as were resolutions by the Luzerne County Commissioners and the Mayor of the city of Wilkes-Barre, both of whom declared Sunday, June 23, as "Len Brader Day."

Dignitaries at the brunch included the Honorable Max Rosen, U.S. Third Circuit Judge; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University; Rex Parker, chief postal inspector of Philadelphia; Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, chairman of the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees; Judge Gifford Cappellini; Dr. Robert Capin, former



Pictured is the planning committee, l-r: first row: Bob Gelb, toastmaster, Rick Evans, assistant JCC director, Len Brader, Betty Schuler, Max Bartikowsky, co-chairman, and Lou Goeringer, second row: Lee Vincent, Dave Tieg, Ralph Capristo, Doug Palmieri, Dr. George Moses, Don Cooper, community executive director, and Joe Savitz, co-chairman.

Wilkes college president; Tom Pugh, vice president of the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine; and Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, who read a letter from President Bill Clinton congratulating Brader on his humanitarian efforts. Congressman Kanjorski commented that this tribute to Brader was the essence of Americans in honoring a common man who has performed humanitarian and philanthropic services over a period of four decades, behind the scenes, and without looking for personal reward or honors.

Participating in the program were co-chairmen Joe Savitz and Max Bartikowsky; Robert Gelb, toastmaster; Lee Vincent, former partner of Brader in their theatrical agent business; Frank Loch, who was Brader's Army captain in Bari, Italy, and who reminisced about some war-time experiences when Brader was in charge of entertainment and hosted the Andrews Sisters, Joe Louis, Frank Sinatra, Phil Silvers, Alan Jones and other personalities; Lou

Goeringer, who made a special presentation of a photo album prepared by Betty Schuler and had special gourmet cans made up with imprints of the program; Dr. George Moses who delivered one of his famous "toasts" of his longtime friend, and Savitz, Brader's legal affairs advisor, who narrated the video prepared by Ralph Capristo Studios revealing some past events in Brader's life.

Don Cooper, JCC community executive director, made a special presentation of a plaque dedicating the Health Club Locker Room at the JCC in honor of Brader. Bartikowsky, of Bartikowsky Jewelers, presented a gold clock with a dedicatory inscription to make sure that Brader gets to his appointments on time.

The audience often burst into laughter and praise as the life of Brader, who turned 79 on June 24, was revealed. For his birthday, he was presented with a huge birthday cake in the shape of a basketball court.

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\$7 MILLION CLASSROOM BUILDING GOING UP ON WILKES CAMPUS

WILKES-BARRE -- Construction crews are hard at work at Wilkes University building a \$7 million classroom building on South Franklin Street.

"Construction is progressing on schedule, we fully expect to occupy the building by August," said Paul A. O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises.

The 55,000 square foot facility will house the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the School of Business, Society and Public Policy, along with common facilities, such as computer labs, classrooms, and student and faculty lounges. Currently, the departments within each school are located across the University's historic downtown campus. The new facility will help create a stronger physical identity for both schools.

Faced in a deep reddish-brown blend of brick, the structure will blend in with the distinguished older buildings and the new buildings on campus. Multiple gables on the street side of the building have been designed to continue the scale and rhythm of the grand old houses. On each end of the building is an entryway which

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leads visitors into the Dean's office suites for each of the schools.

"The style of the building will fit into the look of historical downtown Wilkes-Barre and will do a great deal to enhance the campus," said O'Hop.

The construction of this facility is the latest step in a \$25 million campus development project Wilkes University announced in August 1993. In addition to the classroom and office building, Wilkes will renovate the Stark Learning Center and its laboratories to accommodate the new Doctor of Pharmacy Program and also build a new student center and dining facility.

The campus building project will divide the 27-acre campus into two distinct areas. The northern half of the campus will encompass an academic quadrangle, housing the majority of the classroom, faculty offices, and laboratory buildings. The southern half will form the residential quadrangle where many of the student residence halls are located. The plan also calls for additional parking facilities within the southern quad as well as a "greenway" through the middle of campus.

"The look of the quadrangle will give Wilkes a real collegiate feel, which is quite an achievement for a campus in an urban setting," said O'Hop.

PHOTO: Standing from left to right: Robert Saffian, staff architect; Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth; Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president for development; Paul A. O'Hop, vice president for business affairs and auxiliary enterprises; and Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs.

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Lifestyle



Bucknell Junior College alumnae gather for reunion

More than 30 alumnae of the Bucknell University Junior College, precursor to Wilkes University, gathered in July for their annual reunion with former dean of women, Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski ("Sangy") of Mountaintop. She funds four scholarships at Wilkes and is a member of the Wilkes University Council, a national organization of outstanding alumni and friends who serve as advisors to the president of Wilkes.

Women from the classes of 1938 through 1952 gathered for the luncheon held in Conyngham Hall on the Wilkes campus. They were joined by Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth and his wife, Jane.

From the left are, first row: Dr. Breiseth, Sandra Beynon M'85, executor director of alumni and development, Wilkes; Betty Bencotter Frank, '40; Katherine P. Freund, '42; Norma Sangiuliano

Tyburski, Lillian Greenhut, '41; Muriel Rees, '41; Loretta Farris, '44; Jane Breiseth; second row, Lilyanne (Lee) Babskie Quinn, '40; Lydia Greenbaum Berman, '40; Olive Thomas Pearn, '42; Elizabeth Womelsdorf Mitchell, '42; Dorothy T. Carroll, '40; third row, Dr. Phyllis Eichler Berger, '42; Ilaria Zubritzky, '38; Sallyanne Rosenn, '42; Louise Saba Carol, '45; fourth row, Genevieve Brennan Davis, '39; Janet Post Phillips, '44; Kathryn Hiscox Quinn, '44; Ruth Teschler Voelker, '44; fifth row, Louise S. Hazeltine, '45; Marion Martin Frantz, '39; Priscilla Sweeney Smith, '50; Rita Seitchek Dicker, '42; Charlotte Reichlin Cutler, '42; sixth row, Hannah Jacobs Friedman, '38; Helen M. Janoski Parker, '44; Marion Waters Bressler, '41; Barbara Medland Farley, '50; Treveryan Speicher Kramer, '43; seventh row, Helen Bitler Raltson, '52; Karen Jones, alumni office secretary, and Hilary Zubritzky.



UNITED WAY THANKS ITS SUPPORTERS — The United Way of Wyoming Valley honored parochial, public, and private schools which participated in a fund raising campaign to benefit the organization. Benjamin Morris, of the Wyoming Valley West Education Association, received the Unsung Volunteer Hero Award for his 25 years of dedication and service to the United Way's annual campaign. Pictured from left are: Dr. Robert Fumanti, Wyoming Area School District; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University; Walter Klepaski, United Way Education Division member; and Walter Glogowski, Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Brader honored for service to JCC, community

A well-known basketball personality was recently honored at the Jewish Community Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Len Brader was recognized for his founding of the basketball club at the Jewish Community Center 40 years ago.

Brader, a veteran of World War II, served in Africa and Italy. He has been chairman of the judges of various beauty pageants and a behind-the-scenes volunteer to several organizations including the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine. He was the recipient of resolutions from the State House of Representatives and Senate, the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Luzerne County Commissioners.

Dignitaries at the luncheon included the Honorable Max Rosen, U.S. Third Circuit Judge; Dr. Christopher Breisch, president of Wilkes University; Rex Parker, Chief Postal Inspector of Philadelphia; Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, chair of Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees; Luzerne County Judge Gifford Cappelloni; Bob Capin, former Wilkes College President; Tom Pugh, vice president of the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation



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four decades, behind the scenes, and without looking for personal reward or honors.

Participating in the program were Attorney Joe Savitz and Max Bartukowsky, chairpersons; Robert Gelb, toastmaster; Lee Vincent, former partner of Brader in their theatrical agent business; Frank Loch, who was Brader's Army Captain in Bari, Italy.

Longtime friend Dr. George Moses delivered one of his famous roasts. Don Cooper, JCC community executive director, made a special presentation of a plaque dedicating the health club locker room in honor of Brader.

Seated from left are Bob Gelb,

toastmaster, Rick Evans, assistant director JCC, Len Brader, Betty Schuler, Max Bartukowsky, co-chairman; Lou Goeringer, standing; Lee Vincent, Dave Teig, Ralph Caputo, Doug Palmieri, Dr. George Moses, Don Cooper, executive director of the JCC, and Attorney Joe Savitz, co-chairman.



United Way fetes area schools ^{6/14/96}

All local learning institutions who provided support towards the recent United Way of Wyoming Valley fund raising campaign were honored at a special recognition program held at Wilkes University.

Parochial, public and private schools, as well as local colleges and universities, received special certificates of appreciation for their record-breaking employee campaign contributions. Those contributions totaled \$241,138. The dollars pledged by the school employees will help to address critical human service needs for area residents.

Walter Klepaski, United Way Education Division staff member,

extended a special thank-you to all school employee contributors and those who served as campaign solicitors. He also honored the Education Division Co-Chairmen.

From left, with Klepaski (far right) are: Walter Glogowski, PA State Education Association (left); Dr. Robert A. Fumanti, Wyoming Area School District; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University.

An "Unsung Volunteer Hero" award was presented to Benjamin Morris of the Wyoming Valley West Education Association, for providing over 25 years of humble and dedicated service to the United Way's annual campaign.

We all became winners in Wilkes University's championship season

Editor:

With the close of the greatest men's basketball season in the history of Wilkes University, I want to thank the media for their extensive coverage of this hometown team.

In addition, I want to thank the fervent and loyal fans from the Wyoming Valley who supported the team during the season, the MAC playoffs and the NCAA Tournament.

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ness.

Their successful record of 28 wins and two losses, even with their defeat to F&M in the Elite Eight contest, enhanced our pride as a university and as a Wyoming Valley community.

We thank the members of the team for this gift as well as for a season of memorable basketball.

Christopher N. Breiseth

President
Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre

Town and Gown inspired Wilkes' 'Dream Team'

Editor:

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Christopher N. Breiseth
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WILKES CONDUCTS COMMUNITY/BUSINESS CAMPAIGN — The Wilkes University Annual Giving Office is currently conducting its Community/Business Campaign. Funds raised will help to achieve the University's total Annual Fund goal of \$1,050,000. More than forty volunteers will be asking 300 local businesses for their support through March. Robert Edgerton, Franklin First Savings Bank, is volunteer chairman. Seated, from left, are: Sandra Piccone, John J. Jablowski, Jr., Kathleen Dunsmuir, Janet Jones, Edgerton, Marilyn K. Snyder, Helen B. Edgerton, assistant dean, Admissions, Wilkes

University; Jocelyn Piccone, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University. Standing: Claire S. Fox, director, Annual Giving; Maureen A. Burke, assistant director, Annual Giving, Wilkes University; Linell Lukesh, Carl Postupak, Sr., William Leandri, Carl Postupak, Jr., Steve Cook, Gary Williams, John I. Moore, Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president of alumni, development and university relations; Sandra A. Beynon, executive director of alumni and development, Wilkes University.

Arena supporters toss another pitch for state funding

■ *The governor's task force, which gathers input on sports facilities, was in Scranton on Friday. Throughout much of the hearing, Luzerne County leaders sought support for the proposed arena.*

By CECIL TODD

Times Leader Staff Writer

SCRANTON — Like Lazarus, the arena just won't stay dead.

During a hearing Friday in Scranton, community leaders from Luzerne County brought the issue back to life.

Kingston Mayor Gary Reese was one of the first to testify before Gov. Tom Ridge's Sports & Exposition Facilities Task Force.

"Our population keeps getting older

and older and older. We have a number of universities, but our young people really have nothing to do," Reese said.

An arena/convention center, he said, would "make life better for people."

The hearing, one of seven being held around the state, allowed the governor's task force to gather input about the sports and exposition industries in Pennsylvania.

About a dozen people attended the hearing. A lottery of submitted written testimony determined who was allowed to testify during Friday's hearing. Those not chosen will have another opportunity in late April at a closing forum in Harrisburg.

Ridge formed the task force in October to explore ways the state could support community assets such as stadiums, exposition centers and cultural attractions.

Most of the Scranton hearing dealt

with a Luzerne County issue: the arena.

Reese said the arena failed when put before a vote of the people because "we tried selling it in terms of business and industry. But if it just makes life better for people, it's worth it."

The Kingston mayor said the state should help with the project because "we are the state. We're talking about the dollars we invest every day, the dollars our taxes send to Harrisburg ... You're investing in yourself no matter where you live."

Dr. Michael Jackson, a member of the task force, questioned whether Luzerne County could maintain the arena if the state funded its construction.

He asked, "Can you draw enough people to maintain it after five to 10 years? As time passes, the attraction of the facility can wear off and it can become a financial burden."

Local promoter Thom Greco said the

state should pay for the entire arena and then let the county be responsible for operating expenses.

"The quality of life is going to keep people here and get business to invest," he said.

Greco said the state also needs to devise a way to protect local promoters because when centers such as the arena are built, out-of-state promoters try to steal business away from the local promoters.

In the absence of an arena, the state should require local colleges and universities that receive state funding to open their doors to events, Greco said.

"We have shown all the time, but the colleges close their doors," he said. "There are immediate solutions where there is already a public investment."

Wilkes University President Christopher Breideth focused the forum's attention on the "parochialism" of the area

and the difficulty in getting people of different communities to work together for the whole area.

He pointed out that it was Hazleton voters who actually defeated the arena referendum last May.

Young people were disappointed and discouraged by the vote, he said.

"The arena drew in tremendous numbers of young people to vote," Breideth said. "When it lost, the negative feelings by young people was overwhelming. The number of young people who said, 'I'm not staying' was very disheartening."

Steve Barrouk, president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, told the task force that the latest effort to build a Luzerne County arena "is close to succeeding."

Legg Mason, a Philadelphia consulting firm, is developing a financing plan that should be ready by early April. The plan calls for a \$36 million arena.

Study dam, Wilkes, with impartiality

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Editor:

I am writing to express my disappointment with Dr. Christopher Breiseth's decision to encourage public support of Congressman Paul Kanjorski's plan to construct an inflatable dam in the Susquehanna River in Wilkes-Barre. Since this project has been the subject of some controversy, I believe that Dr. Breiseth could have better served the Wyoming Valley community by remaining neutral on this subject while facilitating an open discussion of the issues that surround the dam project.

As a graduate of both bachelor's and master's degree programs at Wilkes College, and as a current student at the University, I am well aware of the caliber of Wilkes' faculty. The members of the various departments that are housed by the School of Science and Engineering possess the knowledge and expertise that allow them to speak intelligently and objectively about issues that have been raised concerning potential impacts of the inflatable dam. They could thus help to present a balanced view of this project, thereby providing the residents of the Wyoming Valley with information that would allow the community to fairly judge the merits of the inflatable dam. Dr. Breiseth's decision to openly support the dam, however, will likely have the unfortunate consequence of breeding reluctance among Wilkes' faculty members who have concerns about the dam to openly express those concerns.

While Dr. Breiseth's open support of the inflatable dam is unfortunate, I believe that Wilkes still has an opportunity to serve the Wyoming Valley community. I therefore urge him, as the University's chief educator, to encourage his faculty members to participate in an open dialogue for the purpose of educating the community at large. The residents of the Wyoming Valley, and of Luzerne County, deserve to hear all sides of this issue before deciding whether the project's alleged benefits are worth risking its potential costs. I hope that Dr. Breiseth will seize the opportunity to participate in their education.

Robert Wasilewski
Wilkes-Barre



COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS DISCUSSES LECTURE — The Council of Presidents met recently at Wilkes University to discuss the 1996 Cooperative Lecture. This year's lecture will feature one of America's foremost authorities on the Holocaust, Yehuda Bauer. The lecture will be Sunday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilkes University in the Edward Darling Jr. Theatre of the Performing Arts. Bauer's talk, "Remembering for the Future: Failures, Lessons and Hope," is free and open to the public. For details, call 831-4773 or 1-800-WILKES-U, ext. 4773. Members of the council are seated from left: Dr. Albert Anderson, the Rev. James Lackenmier, and Dr. Thomas Winters. Standing: Thomas J. Moran and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

Area colleges sponsor talk by Holocaust expert

The Council of Presidents met recently at Wilkes University to discuss the 1996 Cooperative Lecture, which will feature an authority on the Holocaust, Dr. Yehuda Bauer. He is the Ida E. King Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Holocaust Studies at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

The lecture will be held at Wilkes University on Sunday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Edward Darling Jr. Theatre of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Bauer's talk, "Remembering for the Future: Failures, Lessons and Hope," is free and open to the public.

The Cooperative Lecture is sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, Wilkes University, College Misericordia, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State University-Wilkes-Barre Campus and Wyoming Seminary.

For more information, call the Wilkes University Relations Office at 831-4773 or 1-800-WILKES-U, ext. 4773.

Members of the Council of Presidents are, seated from the left, Dr. Albert Anderson, president, College Misericordia; Rev. James Lackenmier, CSC, president, King's College; and Dr. Thomas Winters, campus executive officer, Penn State University-Wilkes-Barre Campus; standing, Thomas J. Moran, president, Luzerne County Community College, and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University.



Unique honor comes to giant of law

■ *Judge Max Rosenn's friends and colleagues reflect on the life of service that will be recognized Monday.* *RL 5/12/96*

By JERRY LYNOTT

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — After Monday, when he pads up the eight stone steps and passes through the front doors into the lobby, Senior U.S. Circuit Judge Max Rosenn will be inside his courthouse.

It's a rare occurrence when Congress and the president of the United States agree to name a federal building for someone who is living.

But Rosenn, 86, is that rare person deserving such a tribute, say those who know the Kingston resident.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has set a special session for Monday to dedicate the building for Rosenn, who has been on the appeals bench since his appointment in October 1970 by President Nixon.

Active and senior members of the federal court, family, friends, former law clerks of the judge, admirers and a few others with invitations will squeeze into the larger of the two small courtrooms on the second floor of the building on South Main and West South streets in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

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TIMES LEADER/CLARK VAN ORDEN

The federal building on South Main and West South streets in downtown Wilkes-Barre will be known as the Max Rosenn United States Courthouse. Rosenn, 86, of Kingston has been on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court for more than 25 years.

Rosenn

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While they are housing the judge for his service, his intellect and his fairness, they also will be housing the man.

Initial appointment lives in memory

Not much will change after Monday's ceremony. There will be a plaque affixed to the building. But the judge's elevator ride upstairs won't be any quicker. His walk down the hallway won't be any shorter. And the name on the door to his office won't be any bigger.

"I have no proprietary airs on it," said Rosenn, forsaking a smile during an interview last week.

Fausting to choose his words, he thanked those who have worked hard for the dedication. "I think it's a very nice development and acknowledgement and I appreciate it very much."

The recognition is significant but not the result of his public life.

"Probably the high point of my career is my appointment to the bench," said the Wyoming Valley native.

Legal work broadened into public service

That's Max Rosenn, "modest, affable, courteous," in a snapshot description provided by attorney Joseph Savitz, his close friend for more than 40 years.

The 72-year-old Savitz, a senior member of Rosenn's Jenkins & Greenwald, the firm the judge started with his brother, Harold Rosenn, recalled meeting his mentor.

Fresh out of law school and looking for a lawyer to serve a clerkship with in 1945, Savitz asked his brother and uncle for advice. "They said there's only



Max Rosenn

Servant to U.S. circuit judge

one lawyer to go to, Max Rosenn," Savitz said.

Rosenn, a 1932 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, had his own general practice at the time. He and Savitz developed a teacher-student relationship that went beyond the law.

He also stressed the importance of giving something back to the community," Savitz said.

Rosenn's life story has been one of giving, not only to his community, but to his state and country as well. He continues to earn approximately \$142,000 a year as a senior member of the court. But friends say he repays that money three ways by the example he sets as judge, scholar and gentleman.

In a way, Judge Rosenn epitomizes the concept of "The Valley with a Heart," said U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Bastrop. "I'm just proud that he represents the Wyoming Valley to the rest of the nation."

Former Gov. William W. Scrantom said, "Not only has he mentored an extraordinary career in

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ming Valley in 1972.

Role as mentor went beyond family

Just as Rosenn nurtured a young Savitz almost 50 years ago, the judge and his late wife, Tillie, raised two sons, Daniel, a doctor in Boston, and Keith, a law professor at the University of Miami. The couple also cared for the house of law clerks that came and went year after year.

"When I look back on my career, Max Rosenn is one of the very few people who stands out as a role model on how you conduct yourself," said Richard Gelland, a Northwestern University Law School graduate who clerked for Rosenn almost 17 years ago. "As a 23-year-old, you really had the opportunity to get close to and experience the inner workings of a first-class mind and first-class intellect," Gelland said.

Today, the 40-year-old Gelland is chief executive officer of IMAX in New York City.

"Being in William's home added to the experience," Gelland said. "Because it was a small town, you had a sense of family from the judge and Mrs. Rosenn. In a large city it would have been harder to forge that closeness."

The judge's wife "was an integral part of the experience," Gelland said. "She brought a certain warmth, an openness, a sense of a real living side that complemented him."

Community searches for ways to say thanks

As a way of saying thanks and recognizing Rosenn's 10th anniversary on the bench in 1995, Gelland and other clerks decided to honor him by writing a lecture series at William University.

With the help of the school, the

Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald firm, family and friends of the judge, the Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities continues. During his 15 years, the series has featured former NBC News correspondent Edwin Newman, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin and Chief Justice Emeritus of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.

Williams University President Christopher Bruthardt paid high tribute to the series, calling it the premiere event of the school year. Bruthardt said he treasures the friendship and input of the judge who serves as trustee emeritus at the school.

"When I get a really complex problem at the university, one of the people I always think of going to is Judge Rosenn," Bruthardt said. "He's so perceptive. He's not someone who gets flustered by a problem."

As a sitting judge, "there's virtually nothing in the human condition he doesn't see," Bruthardt added.

The national recognition is "particularly fitting," Bruthardt said.

For years the people of the valley have known about an asset the judge is. Bruthardt said, "It's one of those happy coincidences where the prophet is with honor in his home town."

W. J. of Rosenn's value has spread throughout the federal court system, too.

The always felt he had a true appreciation of what random trial judges. He wasn't a second-guesser," said former U.S. Judge William Nealon.

Unlike Rosenn who hears arguments on appeals of cases from lower courts, Nealon presides

A closer look at Max Rosenn

■ **Born:** Feb. 4, 1910, in Plains, Wyoming.

■ **Education:** Rosenn attended local schools and graduated from Cornell University before going to law school. He is a 1932 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

■ **Career highlights:** He served in the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office before joining the U.S. Army and serving in the South Pacific.

Appointed to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in October 1970 by President Nixon.

■ **Family:** He and his late wife, Tillie, raised two sons, Daniel, a doctor in Boston, and Keith, a law professor at the University of Miami.

over both civil and criminal cases in Scranton.

The two men might soon share the uncommon distinction of having buildings dedicated for them.

U.S. Rep. Joseph M. McDade, R-Scranton, has introduced legislation to have the federal courthouse in Scranton named after the 73-year-old Rosenn.

Last year, Kanjorski introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives for Rosenn, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pennsylvania, asked the effort and the two men succeeded in getting the bill passed and prepared for signature by President Clinton.

"Judge Rosenn is a model. He's one of what the courts ought to be," Specter said.

Even with a plug like that, the veteran lawmaker acknowledges the building dedication was a hard sell.

"Frankly it takes a lot of push to get it through," Specter said. "You're fighting a bias against old things."

College head's endorsement of dam shouldn't squelch informed debate

Editor:

I am writing to express my disappointment with Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, for his public support of Congressman Paul Kanjorski's plan to construct an inflatable dam in the Susquehanna River in Wilkes-Barre.

Since this project has been the subject of some controversy, I believe that Dr. Breiseth could have better served the Wyoming Valley community by remaining neutral on this subject while facilitating an open discussion of the issues that surround the dam project.

As a graduate of both bachelor's and master's degree programs at Wilkes College, and as a current student at the University, I am well aware of the caliber of Wilkes' faculty.

The members of the various departments that are housed by the school of science and engineering possess the knowledge and expertise that allow them to speak intelligently and objectively about issues that have been raised concerning potential impacts of the inflatable dam. They could thus help to present a balanced view of this project, thereby providing the residents of the Wyoming Valley with information that would allow the community to fairly judge the merits of the inflatable dam.

The president's decision to openly support the dam, however, will likely have the unfortunate consequence of breeding reluctance among Wilkes' faculty members who have concerns about the dam to openly express those concerns.

While President Breiseth's open support of the inflatable dam is unfortunate, I believe that Wilkes still has an opportunity to serve the Wyoming Valley community.

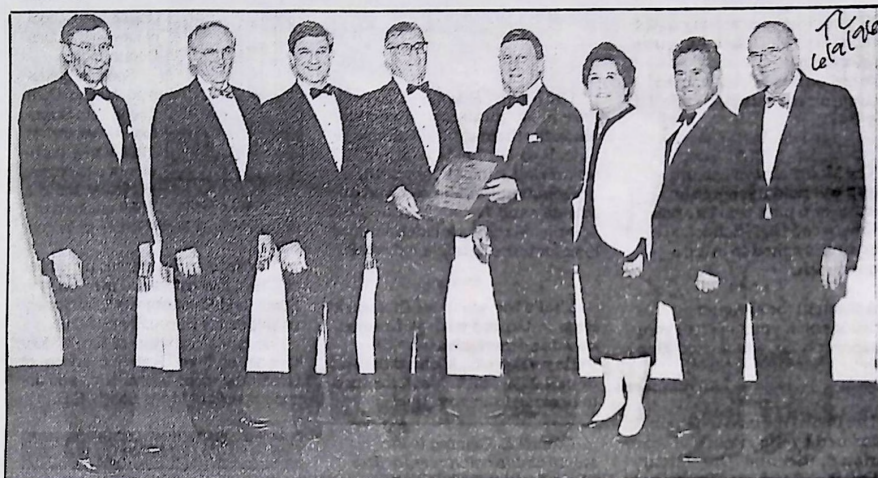
I therefore urge him, as the university's chief educator, to encourage his faculty members to participate in an open dialogue for the purpose of educating the community at large.

The residents of the Wyoming Valley, and of Luzerne County, deserve to hear all sides of this issue before deciding whether the project's alleged benefits are worth risking its potential costs.

I hope that he will seize the opportunity to participate in their education.

Robert Wasilewski
Wilkes-Barre

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ROBERT A. FORTINSKY RECEIVES ADL AWARD — Over 275 people were in attendance as Robert A. Fortinsky, Kingston, was presented the Distinguished Community Service Award by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Society of Fellows, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Citations were also presented by local, state and federal governments including those from President Bill Clinton, Congressman Paul Kanjorski, Senator Robert Dole, Governor Tom Ridge, former President Ronald Reagan, and Representative Phyllis Mundy. From left are: Rabbi James R. Michaels, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Dr. Graham Spanier, Atty. Allan M. Kluger, Fortinsky, Esther B. Davidowitz, Stephen M. Alinikoff, and Dr. Wallace B. Stettler.

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School Campaigns Set United Way Record

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Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Dr. Robert A. Fumanti and Walter Glogowski, who co-chaired the Education Division, proudly reported that \$240,035 was pledged. This figure represents the most dollars ever raised and the largest increase ever over the previous year. The Division's \$225,000 goal was exceeded by \$15,035.

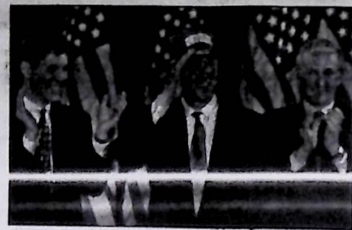
Shown above, left to right, at the final report meeting of the Education Division are the following Steering Council volunteers and United Way staff, seated, Walter Glogowski, Pa. State Education Association; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University; and Dr. Robert A. Fumanti, Wyoming Area School District. Standing: Walter Klepaski, United Way; Gene Sirni, United Way; H. Jeremy Packard, Wyoming Seminary; Benjamin Morris, Wyoming Valley West Education Association; Anthony F. Kane, Jr., Wyoming Valley West Education Association; and David Lee, United Way.

Absent were Steering Council volunteers William Biniek, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Patrick Cawley, Diocese of Scranton; Frank Majkes, Bishop Hoban High School; and Kevin O'Connor, L.I.U. 18.



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WILKES HOSTS LOCAL GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION — Wilkes University Admissions Office recently hosted a visit of the Luzerne County Guidance Counselors Association. The group met with Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of the University, as well as with other representatives of the Wilkes' Administration. Pictured, from left, are: Breiseth, Maureen Voitek, Lucy Bologa, Carl Rosencrance and Bob Zavada.



Associated Press

Clinton salutes a cheering crowd at King's College. He is flanked by student President Patrick Murphy and college President Christopher Breiseth.

Happy fans welcome Clinton to coal town

By Amy Westfeldt
Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE — Carrying their camcorders and autograph books, they flocked by the hundreds to the water that nearly wiped out their homes for a glimpse of the president.

And they weren't disappointed.

"The man makes you feel really, really, really relaxed," says John Stalcwski, who after losing his basement to

last month's flood has no reason to be relaxed.

"He's cool," said Stalcwski's grandson, 11-year-old Charles, who plays the saxophone like the president.

"He's popular."

"He was very good at autographs," said Bill Coolbaugh, 57. "He's a lot taller than I thought he was."

President Clinton chose as his audience Friday a friendly working class Democratic community so starstruck by

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Clinton presses the flesh during a tour of flood damaged neighborhoods, accompanied by Gov. Tom Ridge, far left, and Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom McGroarty, left in center.

Coal town welcome; Clinton

CLINTON From Page 1
his appearance they almost forgot the devastation that brought him here.

After shaking Clinton's hand or watching his motorcade from blocks away, most residents of Wilkes-Barre's Pennant neighborhood said they believed the president was sincere in his promise to help flood victims recoup their losses.

And they believed that after the hoopla, Clinton's appearance had to translate into tangible help for those who can't afford to replace what they've lost.

"What (the appearance) is supposed to do is get some money to our homes and bring back the stable life we used to have," Ray Mayo said. "I think Clinton is going to help us."

The president promised \$10 million in emergency relief for the state, adding to \$65 million spent by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He said sent their 34-foot foundation down Mill Creek. FEMA figure



Clinton emphasizes a point during the speech at King's College.

tion has approved about \$11.5 million for home and business repairs and about \$1 million would repair the roads.

John and Jane Stalcwski were still unsure what they qualified for one month after water rushed into their basement and sent their 34-foot foundation down Mill Creek. FEMA figure

as couple's small check at first the family wouldn't say for how much — but hasn't yet responded to requests for grants.

"From what they told me, I'm almost positive they qualified," said a 67-year-old retired machanic. But he didn't wait for a check.

His son and his grandchildren have helped him clean up his basement and the cost of the removal of his basement after the floods came, snapping his wooden door in half. He paid to have his foundation rebuilt.

Clinton said he would help a government and you can't ask for the city to do all your work. You have to help your own town. Stalcwski said their losses about \$4,000 so small to warrant federal attention. But they hoped Clinton's presence would help recoup their losses.

They had a few armchairs, gas grill and lawn mower disappeared from his yard when the water came. "It just went over the wall," he said.

Bookstore seen adding chapter on growth

■ Proposal to establish business on West Market Street targets college students.

By TOM OBRZUT JR. 2/21/96
Times Leader Business Writer

WILKES-BARRE — A proposal by a group of professionals for a downtown college bookstore could become the first step in the revitalization of West Market Street.

The proposal has been presented to community leaders during the past several months by members of Wilkes-Barre Tomorrow. Community leaders and representatives of King's College and Wilkes University have met three times in the past week to discuss the project.

"This is a wonderful first step towards providing another outlet and another activity in the downtown for both the students of the area and the regular community," said Gerry Mitchell, treasurer of Wilkes-Barre Tomorrow, a group of professionals encouraging economic and cultural growth in the region.

By becoming a destination point, he said, the bookstore would produce pedestrian traffic and, hopefully, other business growth. The bookstore's customer base would be the more than 1,800 full-time students at Wilkes and the 1,760 full-time students at King's.

"The proposal, only in its infancy stage, is that a site equidistant between the two schools might possibly be designated and then used to house a downtown activity center," said Todd Vonderheid, president of Wilkes-Barre Tomorrow and director of

Bookstore—

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marketing and development for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, which also supports the project.

The proposal has "The Collegiate" located next to Lowe's Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge on West Market Street.

The owner of the building planned for site, Gaetano Serpico, could not be reached for comment.

It says the block between River Street and North Franklin Street occupies an important position in relation to other significant revitalization projects, such as the riverfront and inflatable dam projects proposed by U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Banfilde.

"A revitalized bookstore would be a wonderful opportunity to get closer cooperation between the two universities and ... would bring back an opportunity for the city to start growing in that area," Kanjorski said. He said he met Monday with college officials and Wilkes-Barre Tomorrow members.

"It would set a nice psychological effect in the community," Kanjorski said. "It helps in making Wilkes-Barre a real college town."

The Army Corps of Engineers estimates a lake resulting from Kanjorski's dam project would attract more than 404,000 persons annually.

"The Collegiate," as it's proposed, would serve the traditional function of a bookstore, but also could include other features such as a restaurant, reading and studying space, and an Internet cafe, wherein students could browse the World Wide Web computer network while socializing.

Some officials have said the colleges might be opposed to the idea because it might hurt them financially because both bookstores are now located on campus. Both stores are run by Follette College Stores, Chicago, Ill.

Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom McGraw called the bookstore proposal "great," but said a lot of people are talking about doing something but haven't discussed financing.

"The problem is money, nothing other than money," he said. "We're not the Yellow Brick Road."

McGraw said the project was first suggested by former Mayor Lee Hanes about two years ago. McGraw said he initially met with King's College president the Rev. James L. Linderer three months ago to discuss the future of the project. He had another meeting with representatives from both colleges on Tuesday.

"We moved forward," McGraw said of Tuesday's meeting. "They'll be back in two weeks with ideas."

Linderer said Tuesday it was too early to comment on the

Bookstore details

What: The Collegiate bookstore for King's College and Wilkes University.
Where: Proposed block between River and North Franklin Streets.
Size: 12,000 square foot building used for Lowe's Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge on West Market Street.
Building: Three stories. One floor would house the bookstore, and other floors might house a restaurant, studying space and an Internet cafe.
Combined student population of both colleges: More than 3,500.
Potential benefits for Wilkes-Barre: More tax revenue, increased pedestrian traffic, economic growth.

proposal, but said community leaders are met routinely about projects that could foster downtown economic growth.

"We're still working," he said. "But not reaping."

Wilkes President Christopher Dreibeth could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Although the project has some hurdles to overcome, it is a task for development, Vonderheid said.

"This project is simply an attempt to use a captive paid of customers and increase pedestrian traffic for downtown Wilkes-Barre," he said. "That captive market is that of the two schools."

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WILKES CONDUCTS COMMUNITY/BUSINESS CAMPAIGN —

The Wilkes University Annual Giving Office is currently conducting its Community/Business Campaign. Funds raised will help to achieve the University's total Annual Fund goal of \$1,050,000. More than forty volunteers will be asking 300 local businesses for their support through March. Robert Edgerton, Franklin First Savings Bank, is volunteer chairman. Seated, from left, are: Sandra Piccone, John J. Jablowski, Jr., Kathleen Dunsmuir, Janet Jones, Edgerton, Marilyn K. Snyder, Helen B. Edgerton, assistant dean, Admissions, Wilkes

University; Jocelyn Piccone, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University. Standing: Claire S. Fox, director, Annual Giving; Maureen A. Burke, assistant director, Annual Giving, Wilkes University; Linell Lukesh, Carl Postupak, Sr., William Leandri, Carl Postupak, Jr., Steve Cook, Gary Williams, John I. Moore, Thomas B. Hadzor, vice president of alumni, development and university relations; Sandra A. Beynon, executive director of alumni and development, Wilkes University.



The Clinton hope: No more flooding in Valley

Nation's chief executive hears tales of heroism

By CAROL CRANE
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

When the Jan. 19 flood forced an evacuation of Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, hospital employee Jean Wild took immediate action, helping to move more than 100 patients.

Only in office for two weeks, Luzerne County Commissioner Chairman Tom Makowski saw the Susquehanna River was reaching dangerous levels on Jan. 19 and he took immediate action, ordering the evacuation of 100,000 people.

When flooding overtook the western part of the state, 19-year-old world champion jet skier Eric Malone took immediate action, rescuing five people.

Wild, Makowski, Malone, and others were present at a round table discussion held at King's College in Wilkes-Barre yesterday. At the center of the table, listening intently to the tales of heroic action and split-second decisions, was President Bill Clinton.

Also participating in the discussion were Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom McGroarty, Congressman Paul Kanjorski, Gov. Tom Ridge, and Federal Emergency Management Agency director James Lee Witt.

Vivid enlarged photographs of the recent flood damage in the Wyoming Valley provided the backdrop at the King's College chapel for the round table discussion. The event was the president's second stop of his area visit yesterday.

Prior to coming to King's, Clinton surveyed creek damage on Parkin Street in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre and spoke with residents whose property sustained damage when a churning Laurel Run Creek spilled over its banks and into their homes.

Clinton sat at the head of the table with Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency director Jim Syracuse to his right. Syracuse led off the lively discussion by presenting a synopsis of the events leading up to the flood of Jan.

19 and 20 and the evacuation of 100,000 Wyoming Valley residents. As the FEMA director related the events leading up the evacuation, the president looked several times at the pictures behind him, telling the audience of about 250 dignitaries, "I am trying to visualize all you have been through."

Clinton related to the group details of his visit just minutes before with the residents of Parsons. "I was very moved by the spirit of the people there and the stories they told me," he said. "I have followed this problem with great interest."

But the president noted the Federal Emergency Management Agency has already kicked in \$5 million to Pennsylvania to help launch the recovery effort in addition to the more than \$11 million in low interest loans which will be provided by the Small Business Administration and the millions from the Department of Transportation for repairs to road and bridges which sustained heavy damage from the flood.

And, the president pledged, more help is on the way in the form of the Wyoming Valley Levee Haunting Project.

"I want to emphasize the Army Corps has now agreed to move forward with a contract. We want to make sure the Wyoming Valley will not be subject to a flood like that which came in 1972," the president remarked.

The president also heard from Wilkes College President Christopher Breiseth who took personal charge of evacuating that school last month when it appeared the Susquehanna would spill over the levees in Wilkes-Barre.

Attending to the ensuing recovery effort, Denise Ginger of Wilkes-Barre explained how her mother had applied for flood relief assistance and received a check only two days after federal inspectors visited their home. Ginger elicited a chuckle from the president after she related her mother was reluctant to cash the federal treasury check because she wasn't sure what it was for. Ginger said she called FEMA to verify the check was to pay for their claim

for a collapsed foundation wall and other damage.

After hearing the Ginger's account, Clinton joked, "If we had a million people like you, we could solve this country's problems."

Sandra Solovey, a small business owner who applied for a SBA disaster assistance loan and got it to repair her auto repair/used car business, also testified to the local recovery effort.

Makowski lauded the work of Syracuse and his FEMA staff during the recent flooding and also praised the response by federal authorities including the Army Corps of Engineers' announcement Thursday of final approval for the plan for the Wyoming Valley Levee Haunting Project. Addressing the president, Makowski said, "Your commitment over the past three years, that has made a difference in Luzerne County."

Ridge announced that a special session of the state Legislature will convene on March 11 to consider additional state action to help the state recover.

Kanjorski said the raising the dikes will provide additional security from floods for 400,000 people and praised the Clinton Administration seeing to it that the the project was taken off the back burner of the federal bureaucracy.

The president also listened with interest to Mayor McGroarty's accounting of his first month in office and quipped, "You sure got your feet wet." The president then heard impassioned pleas from several other mayors including Donald Hargraves Sr. of Moosauqua and John Jablowski of Ashley who asked that federal assistance be provided for their small towns. "Please do something for us, please," said Hargraves whose river front town is not protected by any levees.

Other mayors testifying including Jimmy Connors of Scranton, Basil Kobela of Nanticoke, Larry Gultson of Duryea, and Gary Reese of Kingston, Attorney Joseph Cogrove and state Rep. Stanley Jarolin (D-119).

A place to stay, out of harm's way

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Editor:

As life slowly returns to normal following our flood emergency, I want to thank College Misericordia and Martz Trailways. Their response to our request for help ensured the timely and safe evacuation of our campus. Our friends at College Misericordia graciously gave our students a place to stay and Martz responded immediately with buses to transport our students out of harm's way.

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Wilkes holds orientation meeting for its volunteer fundraisers



Community/business leaders will seek financial aid for university's Annual Fund goal of \$1,050,000

Wilkes University recently held an orientation meeting for its Community/Business fundraising volunteers at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Forty volunteers will ask local businesses for their support of the Wilkes Annual Fund in the upcoming months.

Funds raised in the Community/Business campaign will help to achieve the university's total Annual Fund goal of \$1,050,000. Volunteer drive chairman is Robert Edgerton, M'75, of Franklin First Savings Bank.

Front row, from the left, are Sandra Piccone, '77,

community volunteer; John J. Jablowski Jr., Mellon Bank; Kathleen Dunsmuir, PNC Bank; Janet Jones, '83, M'90, Mellon Bank; Robert Edgerton, M'75, the Community/Business chairman, Franklin First Savings Bank; Marilyn K. Snyder, '62, M'81, Marilyn K. Snyder Real Estate; Helen B. Edgerton, '87, assistant dean, admissions, Wilkes University; Jocelyn Piccone, M'89, Wyoming Valley Health Care System, and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University.

Back row: Claire S. Fox, director, Annual Giving;

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SOCIETY SCRAPBOOK

Wilkes scholarship donors thanked at annual luncheon

From left are first row: Mary Platt and Olga Davis, sponsors of Craig Platt Scholarship; Rebecca Baker, recipient of Harvey & Mildred Johnson Scholarship. Second row: Trudy Platt, sponsor of Craig Platt Scholarship; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president, and Kerrie Barney, recipient of Harvey & Mildred Johnson Scholarship.



Another table at the luncheon includes, from left, first row: Christopher Rebels, recipient of William Randolph Hearst Scholarship; J. Michael Lennon, vice president of academic affairs; Jessica Murray, recipient of Elizabeth & Albert Grabarek Scholarship, and William Umphred, trustee emeritus. Second row: Jason Majors, recipient of Robert McBride Memorial Scholarship; Joe and Mike McBride, and Tom Hadzor, vice president for development.



Wilkes University's recent scholarship donors' luncheon gave students the chance to thank the individuals and businesses who have helped make their education possible.

Shown in top photo at left are, first row: Ruth Melberger, Clifford K. Melberger, Wilkes University Board of Trustees member, and Doreen Diaz. Second row: Christopher Stoboda, recipient of Sidney and Paulina Friedman Scholarship; Margie Groszkiewicz, recipient of the Harry and Gloria Fierovorker Scholarship and the Harvey and Mildred Johnson Scholarship; Jeffrey Diaz, scholarship research specialist fund, and Claire Fox, Wilkes director of annual giving.

In lower photo at left are, from left: Dr. Sandy A. Furry, Wilkes University Council member; Ronald Honick, recipient of the Sandy Furry Scholarship and Ann Marie Blasiek, recipient of the Kenneth L. Pollock Scholarship.





Key personnel of education division

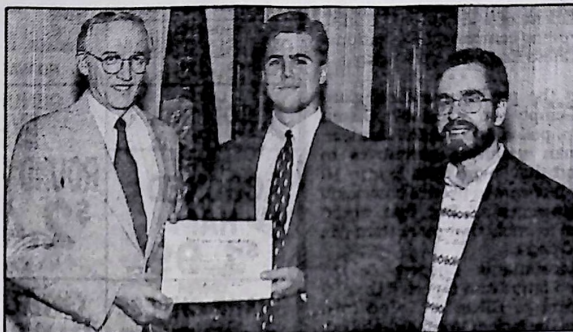
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Seated, from the left, are Glogowski, Pennsylvania State Education Association; Dr. Breiseth, Wilkes University; Dr. Fumanti, Wyoming Area School District; standing, Walter Klepaski and Gene Sirni, United Way; H. Jeremy Packard, Wyoming Seminary; Benjamin Morris, Anthony F. Kane Jr., Wyoming Valley West Education Association; David Lee, United Way.

Missing are William Biniek, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Patrick Cawley, Diocese of Scranton; Frank Majikes, Bishop Hoban High School; Kevin O'Connor, LIU 18.



WILKES NAMES 1995 PRESSER SCHOLAR — William Bratten, a senior Music Education and Percussion major at Wilkes University, has been selected by the University's music faculty as the 1995 Presser Scholar. Bratten is a percussion student of Wilkes faculty member Robert A. Nowak. Upon graduation from Wilkes, Bratten will pursue a career as a music educator. The Presser Scholar receives a cash award of \$1,500, presented by the Theodore Presser Foundation, and an additional \$750 scholarship from the University. From left are: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University; Bratten, and Dr. Bruce J. Reiprich, associate professor and acting chairperson, Music, Wilkes University. **TL 1/10/96**

Wilkes scholarship donors thanked at annual luncheon

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From left are first row: Mary Platt and Olga Davis, sponsors of Craig Platt Scholarship; Rebecca Baker, recipient of Harvey & Mildred Johnson Scholarship. Second row: Trudy Platt, sponsor of Craig Platt Scholarship; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president, and Kerin Barney, recipient of Harvey & Mildred Johnson Scholarship.



Wilkes University's recent scholarship donors' luncheon gave students the chance to thank the individuals and businesses who have helped make their education possible.

Shown in top photo at left are, first row: Ruth Melberger, Clifford K. Melberger, Wilkes University Board of Trustees member, and Doreen Diaz. Second row: Christopher Gleboda, recipient of Sidney and Paulino Friedman Scholarship; Margo Groskiewicz, recipient of the Harry and Gloria Fierwerker Scholarship and the Harvey and Mildred Johnson Scholarship; Jeffrey Diaz, scholarship research specialist fund; and Claire Fox, Wilkes director of annual giving.



Another table at the luncheon includes, from left, first row: Christopher Rebels, recipient of William Randolph Hearst Scholarship; J. Michael Lennon, vice president of academic affairs; Jessica Murray, recipient of Elizabeth & Albert Grabarek Scholarship, and William Umphred, trustee emeritus. Second row: Jason Majors, recipient of Robert McBride Memorial Scholarship; Joe and Mike McBride, and Tom Hadzor, vice president for development.



In lower photo at left are, from left: Dr. Sandy A. Furry, Wilkes University Council member; Ronald Honick, recipient of the Sandy Furry Scholarship; and Ann Marie Blasick, recipient of the Kenneth L. Pollock Scholarship.

Earth Conservancy: We're not going to take anyone's home

EC sends out bills seeking back rent; some compare it to the days of robber coal barons

By CAROL CRANE

Citizen's Voice Staff Writer

The ghosts of the coal barons have come back to haunt some Luzerne County residents.

Recently, homeowners living in Sugar Notch, Warrior Run, and other areas received bills from Earth Conservancy for back lease payments for lands that once were held by the defunct Blue Coal Corp. After more than 18 years in bankruptcy court, 17,000 acres of Blue Coal holdings were sold to Earth Conservancy.

In some cases, the residents who got billed for the back lease payments own the homes which sit atop the land now owned by Earth Conservancy. In other cases, bills for back lease payments are being sent to municipalities, churches, utilities, and others who have utilized and maintained parcels of Blue Coal land for years but never obtained title to it.

One resident who recently got a bill alleged that Earth Conservancy is using the old leases to strong arm people into purchasing the land at inflated prices so that Earth

Conservancy can sustain itself. Another resident expressed fear that people whose homes are sitting on the leased land could be forced to move them. Both residents asked to remain anonymous.

Earth Conservancy Executive Director Mike Dziak acknowledged that when EC purchased the Blue Coal holdings, the land leases which date back years were part of the package. He confirmed bills are now being sent out for back land lease payments but adamantly denied anyone is being pressured to purchase the land at an unfair or inflated price.

Dziak said many people and municipalities already have opted out of their leases in favor of purchasing the property from EC. And in many cases, the purchase was a bargain. For example, Earth Conservancy gave Ashley title to some land for a ball field for \$1.

The amount owed for the back lease payments is nominal, according to Dziak. He said those receiving bills are extremely delinquent in their payments. "These people knew that had the responsibility to pay. There are more bills going out as we go through all these leases," he explained.

As for claims EC is selling land at inflated prices, Dziak said sale prices are being set by certified land appraisers. "We are not making these prices extraordinary or overpriced for anyone," he emphasized. "We don't want to hurt anybody. We have been giving special breaks to municipalities and other non-profits. We're trying to be as fair as we can."

Dziak said EC would never foreclose on a home if the resident leasing the land beneath it cannot afford to make the lease payments. "If there is a hardship case, we will be more than happy to give these people special consideration. The door is always open. We will work with anyone. No one is going to lose their home," he insisted.

Dziak characterized the old lease agreements as "an administrative nightmare."

"These leases are something we inherited," Dziak concluded. "We have no intention of hurting anyone."

Earth Conservancy is a private non-profit research and development think tank which is the brainchild of U.S. Congressman Paul Kanjorski (D-Naticoke). More than \$21 million in seed money for Earth Conservancy was obtained by Kanjorski from the Department of Defense.

Earth Conservancy ^{CV} opens its meetings ^{8/8/97}

The Earth Conservancy Board of Directors, chaired by Dr. Christopher Breiseth, has announced that beginning with its meeting in September, meetings of the board and members will be open to the public.

It is the intention of the board that all Earth Conservancy activities be open to the public, except as they relate to personnel, contract negotiations, and other sensitive matters such as litigation, Breiseth said.

The board's action makes the many activities that Earth Conservancy is managing more visible to the community, he said.

The board's objective is to develop better community understanding and support of Earth Conservancy's activities and its mission, which is "to serve as the steward in the recalculation and utilization of degraded land in partnership with government, business, and education; and, to develop environmentally related technologies that improve the economic competitiveness and the quality of life of our community," Breiseth said.

Board and member meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. Board meetings begin at 8 a.m.; member meetings follow immediately afterward. The dates for upcoming board and member meetings are: Sept. 5; Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Dec. 5; Jan. 2, 1997; Feb. 6, 1997; March 6, 1997; April 3, 1997; May 1, 1997; June 5, 1997; July 3, 1997; Aug. 7, 1997; Sept. 4, 1997; Oct. 2, 1997; Nov. 6, 1997; Dec. 4, 1997.

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Once-secret conservancy opens meetings

By MITCH MORRISON

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ASHLEY — For four years, Earth Conservancy's Board of Trustees met behind closed doors, turning a deaf ear to media and public pleas to make the meetings public.

But the wax has been cleaned out, and the 10 trustees are ready to listen. Starting in September, the board will open its monthly sessions to the public. The board meets at 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at 101 S. Main St.

"We had to get some comfort with our own proceedings," said Conservancy Chairman Christopher Brisseth. "We've learned that we can conduct our business in an open session."

Chief Executive Officer Mike Dziak said, "It's the right thing to do and we have nothing to hide."

Formed in 1992, the conservancy spent more than two years fighting to acquire 16,300 acres of former Blue Coal Corp. land from U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The conservancy's purpose is to reclaim former mine land for development purposes and to develop environmentally related technologies.

At the time, the organization was criticized by many public officials and the media, which questioned U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski's ability to secure more than \$20 million in Defense Department funds to create the private company.

But the controversy surround-

ing the conservancy has waned — and with it, the board's reluctance to opening the meetings, said Dziak and Brisseth.

In early 1995, the conservancy opened the meetings of the Land Use Planning Committee, a citizens advisory group that is helping craft the organization's long-term goals.

"The experience of those meetings has opened us to the idea that you can have meetings that are open that don't inhibit your style," Dziak said.

"Some (board) members don't like to have quotes taken out of context and, I guess, some people have experienced that," he said, suggesting a reason as to the board's longtime reluctance to open the meetings to the public.

The new, feel-good attitude doesn't mean everything will be open to the public. Personnel and sensitive contract negotiations will be discussed behind closed doors.

"I've personally wanted the meetings open for quite some time," Dziak said. "We're doing a lot of things we want the public to know about."

Colleges feel Lion's breath

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■ **Local private schools not happy with Penn State's plans to expand degree programs at various campuses.**

By **MARY THERESA BIEBEL**

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WILKES-BARRE — You could say the Nittany Lion is waking up, stretching its claws, testing its strength — and making some of its neighbors nervous.

Within the next few years, Penn State University will offer a joint, four-year program in electromechanical engineering technology at the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton campuses. The Penn State Worthington Campus in Scranton plans a four-year business degree.

Officials at some independent private colleges look at the potential for explosive growth at Penn State and cry foul.

They say taxpayers' money keeps Penn State's annual tuition in the low \$5,000 range while their non-subsidized tuition tops \$12,000 per year — so how can they compete?

They needn't worry, says Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus Executive Officer Tom Winter.

The idea behind expanding programs at Penn State branch campuses is not to steal students from private schools, Winter said last week, but to ease the burden on overcrowded University Park, where many students transfer after two years to earn their baccalaureate degrees.

"University Park is pretty well maxed-out now," he says.

Local college costs

King's College	\$12,400
Misericordia	\$12,260
Penn State	
branch campuses	\$5,262
LCCC	\$1,700
Wilkes University	\$12,856

Still, some college presidents are concerned.

"It's unnecessary program duplication," says the Rev. James Lackenmier, CSC, president of King's College in Wilkes-Barre. "But my concerns are broader than that."

"Where are Pennsylvania state dollars going to best be spent? They would be better directed toward students through an enhanced scholarship program."

Give more grants and scholarships directly to Pennsylvania students and let them decide where they want to enroll, say Lackenmier and Christopher Bretz, president of Wilkes University.

Both presidents have expressed their concerns to Graham Spanier, president of Penn State, and to State Education Secretary Eugene Hickok. The education secretary will accept public comment until Sept. 3 before deciding whether to approve Penn State's plan.

Hickok has also heard from Brian Mitchell, president of the state's 82-member Council of Independent Colleges and Universities.

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"Higher education is already overbuilt," says Mitchell. "For the life of me, none of my colleagues in private higher education can understand why you would go through the expense of providing duplicate programs when we have thousands of additional spots that can be filled."

In a conciliatory gesture earlier this year, Penn State Wilkes-Barre abandoned immediate plans for a four-year business degree when other area schools objected.

"We had been very seriously considering offering a business program within the next two years," Winter said. "We had a variety of surveys of our own students and potential students. There was no question but that there is an interest."

"To be quite honest, (postponing the four-year business degree) has a lot to do with the concern of the local colleges. ... It's clear that we need to cooperate more than we have been."

At least one recently established Penn State program is leading to increased cooperation between a branch campus and a local private school.

Penn State Worthington has started a two-year program for certified occupational therapy assistants, and College Misericordia's Christine Hischmann couldn't be happier.

Hischmann, director of the occupational therapy program at College Misericordia, is developing a pilot plan with Penn State Worthington where a student from each program could be paired for internships at area clinics.

"We'll be laying the groundwork for peer collaboration," Hischmann said, exactly what the students will encounter in the real world.



BREISETH RECEIVES AWARD — Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council recently recognized Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth for his high ideals of human dignity, compassion and friendship. Breiseth was awarded the council's Citation of Distinction for Devoted Service to the Cause of Human Welfare. Pictured, from left, are: Monsignor Thomas Banick, Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council and pastor, St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception; and Breiseth. *TL 116196*