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Shickshinny, and Naomi Greenwald of Kingston. Kristyn Kelleher, a junior from Forty Fort, will ring the school's Cokesbury Bell.

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Greater Pittston members of the Class of 1998 are: Laura Bonita, Plains; Jennifer E. Borra, Plains; Laura Bruno, Plains; Cara Marie Cenera, West Pittston; Kelly A. Gilmore, Laflin; Edmund D. Jacob, Laflin; Jeannette Kaczorowski, Plains; David Matysczak, Exeter; Justin J. Monteforte, West Pittston; Maria Mullarkey, Pittston; Roshani Suman Patel, Moosic; Lara L. Pryor, Pittston; Christopher Scoda, Pittston; Janelle Stackhouse, Pittston; Kei Takahashi, West Pittston; Joseph Walsh III, West Pittston.



C.V. 6-4-98

# 85 receive diplomas at Northwest Area

By Roger Heydt  
Citizens' Voice Correspondent

A cool breeze and overcast sky were barely noticed compared to

"Ranger spirit" that ran through 250 guests, parents, and 85 graduates of Northwest Area High School Wednesday. Jamie Leigh Grace, salutatorian,

in her welcoming address, told the gathering at Ranger Field, Lewis/Miller Memorial Stadium that, "this is your day to chase your dreams and blaze your own paths."

Grace, who also received the Northwest Area Board of Education scholarship for outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and school and community spirit exemplification, praised both parents and teachers who have struggled to get our (students) attention.

"I'll always remember that this is the moment," she said.

Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University president, gave the commencement address, calling several cultural and societal challenges that he said will face the graduates.

Breiseth told graduates and audience that, when he was about to graduate in 1963, the world was

facing the threat of nuclear war.

While that threat has diminished considerably between the world's military superpowers, Breiseth continued, there are still many dangers in the world that must be overcome. Breiseth cited, among other threats, the recent nuclear testing in India and Pakistan, as examples of such dangers.

Breiseth said the graduates should learn and know how to apply principles of, "creative problem solving," and, "conflict resolution," at all levels of human interaction, from international conflict to daily family problems.

Breiseth noted that regardless of technological advancement, human contact will remain the most important element in society's advancement.

Following Breiseth's remarks,

Gerald Bau, Northwest Area superintendent, in introducing Kevin Lane, valedictorian, said he, "gets emotional at graduations," due in part to spending four years with the students that will no be moving out of the high school setting.

Lane's valedictory farewell remarks centered on the theme of, "friends."

Lane said, "episodes we have experienced have opened doors that will last a lifetime."

"By junior high, we all had friends, found new friends, and new-new friends. There will be new friends in the future, but the old friends will not be forgotten."



Amanda J. Franklin has a smile for her family

## — NORTHWEST AREA HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT —

### GRADUATES:

Baran J. Bach, Joseph Michael Baluski, Sean Paul-Maximillian Barchik, Joseph Bednarek, Nate Bevan, Michael J. Bleble Jr., Andrew Alfred Bloom, John Benjamin Brantleu, Shomel M. Brown, Amber Rose Bunge, Katrina Burger, Todd Patrick Bynon, Sally Ann Carey, Jeff A. Cashner, Stacia May Clak, Brian James Coleman, Jenna A. Coutts, George W. Davis Jr., Aurilla Mae Derby, Danielle Marie Eastman, Ryan R. Eckroth, Matthew R. Edwards, Eugene Joseph Everett, Amanda Jane Franklin, Elizabeth Mae Frey, Vikki L. Futoma, Melissa J. Gamett, Cara Lynn Letisha Gmitter, Jamie Leigh Grace, Amber Sandra Graham, Michael R. Graul, James D. Gregory, Anne Rodgers Hardy, Tracy Nicole Hartley, Lisa Ann Hartman, Tricia Lynn Hartman, Amy Hasinus, Melissa Helser, Rebecca Jo Hess, Zachery James Hildebrand, Jeremy Robert Hudack, Jennifer Lynn Hydier, Jason Lawrence John, Steven Joseph Kerick, Amanda Helene Kittelson, Jenelle Lee Kittle, Wayde Erik Kolb, Casey Joseph Lachenmayer, Kevin Charles Lane, Robert Lewis, Andrea Sue Litter, Tonya Lee Marvin,

### Northwest Area Junior Senior High School graduation

**Graduates:** 85  
**Valedictorian:** Kevin Lane  
**Salutatorian:** Jamie Grace  
**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University president

Rachel Joyce McGlynn, Ian V. Nelson, Michelle Lynn Perea, Daniel R. Petrowski, Davienne Lea Platt, Tasha Marie Platt, Rick A. Popek, Jacob Duncan Riggins, Amy J. Rosencrance, Michael John Rustay, David M. Schuckers Jr., Shannon Shields, Gary M. Siergeij, Silvana Andrea Simonella, Nathan Masters Sorber, Samantha Lee Spock, Ian Richard Starrie, Andrea Marie Sult, Terry Allen Sult Jr., Donald A. Swisher Ryan Scott Thomas, Tiffany Thea Thomas, Laura Elizabeth Thome, Joshua C. Townsend, Nicholas James Tucker, Rachel Antoinette Van Horn, Steve Vinciguerra, Elizabeth Carol Ann Watkins,



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**Northwest Area graduates receive their diplomas.**

“The class of 1998 is finishing a long and distinguished career. The seniors have gone through many good times, as well as bad. Over the years the seniors have grown together and are now ready to start a new journey: Life.”

— Tracey Hartley  
Sr. Class President

Chad Joseph Whitesell, April G. Theresa Marie Wolfe, Kimberly Ann Wolfe, Jennifer Michelle Wolfe, Wrba, T.L. 6-4-98





# Northwest High School grads have their 'greatest moment'

By SALLY BRADY  
Press Enterprise Writer

**SHICKSHINNY** — After forming a circle in the middle of the football field, the 85 members of Northwest's class of 1998 tossed their high school fears and anxieties into the air along with their navy caps.

"Cool" was the word graduate Brian Coleman used to sum up his feelings on graduating.

"We've been through a lot together," said graduate Lisa Hartman. "It went by really fast."

Now that they have successfully completed high school, graduates' fears of what lies ahead vary.

Shomel Brown said his biggest fear about graduating was "finding a job."

For Joseph Baluski, it is "trying to decide what to do with the rest of your life."

Aurilla Derby said she feared "the real world."

Although George Davis Jr. knows that he is going to college next year, he admitted that was his biggest fear.

President of the class of 1998, Tracy Hartley said she also fears "going to college with all new people and new experiences."

One Northwest graduate had to conquer many fears and challenges just to walk across the stage.

Gary Siergiej has been in John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation for more than seven weeks after a car accident last March.

"He worked really hard to get here," said Siergiej's mother, Brenda Siergiej.

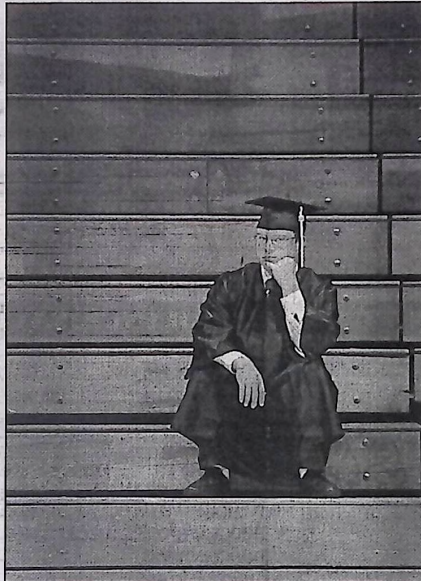
Siergiej's brother, Ryan, escorted Siergiej across the stage to receive his diploma.

Graduates' relatives also admitted their fears about graduation. "Our little baby's no baby anymore," said Katrina Burger's mother, Louise Burger.

Graduate Joshua Townsend's grandfather, Don Card, joked, "We didn't know whether he'd make it." He added, "We're real proud of him."

During her welcome address, salutatorian Jamie Grace told her fellow graduates, "It's time to go chase your dreams and blaze your paths."

Grace quoted lines from the musical "Jekyll and Hyde."



**CONTEMPLATING THE FUTURE** — Nick Tucker, a Northwest Area High School graduate, sits alone on the bleachers of the gymnasium before commencement Wednesday evening.

"This is the moment when all you have done becomes one," she said. "This is the moment. The greatest moment of them all."

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, addressed graduates on what their frontier will be like going into the 21st century.

"Your frontier is an intensely human frontier," he said. "You are one of the first generations to be fully human. Act on that."

Through the Internet or by jet plane, he told graduates that they will be the best-traveled younger generation in history.

That will "make you more informed and sensitive to the

world," Breiseth explained.

He also encouraged graduates to become politically active, even at a local level.

"The greatest enemy of our society is citizen apathy," he said.

Valedictorian Kevin Lane focused on one word in his farewell address — "friends."

"The episodes we have experienced opened doors for friendships," he said.

Before forming their circle on the football field, Lane reflected on memories that will never be forgotten.

"Nowhere in the world could they have made the kind of friends like the ones at Northwest," he said.



**NORTHWEST SPEAKERS** — Northwest Area High School held its annual commencement ceremony Wednesday night. Pictured from left are: J. Daniel Moss, high school principal; Nancy Plerontoni, school board president; Jamie Grace, salutatorian; Kevin Lane, valedictorian; Dr. Jerry Bau, superintendent of schools.



**AWARD WINNERS** — Northwest Area High School announced its annual major scholarship recipients Wednesday at the commencement ceremonies. From left: Jeremy Hudack, John Yurkoski scholarship; Nath Sorber, Northwest Area Education Association scholarship; Lisa Hartman, Kenneth Pollock scholarship; Tracy Hartley, Pollock scholarship; Michelle Perea, Pollock scholarship; Jamie Grace, Board of Education scholarship; Trz Wayde Kolb, Pollock scholarship.

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### Works of Polish poet at Wilkes University

Descendants of area anthracite coal miners can relive the struggles, work and sacrifices of their forefathers through the poetry of Polish emigre Anton Piotrowski.

Wilkes University's Polish Room Committee recently sponsored a book presentation on "The Poems of Anton Piotrowski" at the Eugene S. Farley Library at Wilkes University.

Anton Piotrowski was a Polish emigree who defected from Russian-occupied Poland and settled with his family in Nanticoke, to reap the wealth and prosperity of the coal mining industry. He experienced firsthand the dismal and life-threatening conditions of a

miner, often witnessing fatal explosions.

Piotrowski's poems reflect much of the hardships shared by anthracite coal miners in the Northeast. "The poetry is part of the story of both the Polish immigrant community and the anthracite coal industry of a century ago," said Dr. Harold Cox, chairperson of the Wilkes University History Department.

"The Poems of Anton Piotrowski" is available in the Wilkes University bookstore, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society and Nanticoke, and selected bookstores throughout the area.

From left Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president; Jule Znaniecki, Dr. Harold Cox



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## Environmental awards *PR25FF*

Honored at the Woodlands recently were winners of the 1998 Environmental Partnership Awards, seated from left, Kim Briggs, Monroe County Citizens for Open Space; Dave Jones and Ruth Jones, Kittany Canoes; Bill Eberhardt, winner of the 1998 Thomas P. Shelburne Award; Sue Pridemore, D&L National Heritage Corridor; Gerry Bastoni, D&L; Flo Mauro, Pocono Environmental Education Center; and Roseann Moskel, Mid-Valley Elementary; standing, Joanne Denworth and Ellen Alaimo, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Dr. Chris Breiseth, Wilkes University; guest speaker John Flicker, president, The Audubon Society; Mike Shisko, Harvey's Lake Environmental Advisory Council; John Riley, Monroe County Citizens for Open Space; Dr. Howard Jennings, Keystone College; Derry Bird, Pocono Environmental Education Center; John Fridman and Meg Welker, PP&L; Dr. Joseph Crotti, Mid-Valley Elementary; Drew Hadley, Procter & Gamble; and Howard Grossman, Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania. The awards recognize excellence in environmental protection or conservation.

## Dr. Breiseth will be cited

Attorney Steven P. Roth, president of S.J. Strauss Lodge 139 of B'nai B'rith, has announced the lodge has selected Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president, to receive its 54th annual Community Service Award.

The award will be presented at the lodge's annual Lincoln Day Dinner Sunday, March 8, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre.

The Community Service Award is presented each year to "an outstanding citizen who, by courageous leadership and dedication on behalf of humanity, has made a valuable contribution to the fabric of our community life," said Roth.

In 1984, Dr. Breiseth came to Wilkes as its president, and under his tutelage, Wilkes has gained recognition as a regional center for teaching, academic research, cultural affairs, and public service programs.

In addition to its university status, the face of the campus has changed with new programs and facilities.

Breiseth is affiliated with community, academic and civic orga-

nizations, including trustee of Deep Springs College; board member and chairman of Earth Conservancy; Pennsylvania Independent College and University Research Center; Osterhout Free Library; Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership; Committee for Economic Growth; chair emeritus of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council; Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship; chair of the MAC Athletic Conference; member, Torch Club; Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania; Executive Committee, Center for Agile Pennsylvania Education.

He resides in Wilkes-Barre and is married to the former Jane Morhouse. They have three children, Abigail, Erika, and Lydia.

The community is invited to attend, but reservations are required and may be made by contacting lodge Secretary, Mrs. Ben (Sophie) Cohen, at 823-4517.

Participation in the dinner's souvenir journal may be arranged by contacting lodge President, Attorney Steven P. Roth, at 826-5656.

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**Shown are Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University and Allan P. Kirby Jr., Wilkes University trustee.**

# Sculptures added to Kirby collection

The sculptures of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Edison have been purchased for the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, 65 South Street, Wilkes-Barre.

"These two busts of well know Americans are what I expect will be the beginnings of a collection of artwork to be lodged in the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship comprising portraits of early American entrepreneurs and scenes representing America's free enterprise system," said Allan P. Kirby, Jr, New Jersey.

He established the center and dedicated it to the memory of his late father.

The Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship opened in 1993. The gift memorialized the senior Kirby on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

In addition to the center, Kirby endowed the Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Jeffrey R. Alves, holds that title and directs all of the activities of the center and its students.

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## Wilkes University honors Dr. Tyburski

Wilkes University recently honored Dr. Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski, Mountaintop, former dean of women and faculty member at Bucknell University Junior College. Wilkes University officials, former students and friends came together in celebration of her 90th birthday. Dr. Tyburski, who founded the theater program at Bucknell University Junior College, was entertained with performances by current Wilkes music and theater students. She is a lifetime member of the Wilkes University Council, a national advisory group to the president. Tyburski has generously supported academic excellence at Wilkes through the establishment of four scholarships at the University. Shown above, from left: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University; Dr. Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski, Cmdr. Lee Tyburski and Sandra Beynon Nicholas, executive director for alumni, Wilkes University.

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## THE CITIZENS' VOICE Salutes



### Dr. Breiseth

Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher Breiseth has helped the university gain recognition across the state for teaching, academic research, cultural affairs and public service programs.

S.J. Strauss Lodge 139 of B'nai B'rith will present Breiseth its 54th annual Community Service Award at the lodge's Lincoln Day Dinner Sunday, March 8, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on Public Square.

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Breiseth came to Wilkes-Barre as its president in 1984. He serves as a board member of several community, academic and civic organizations, including the Earth Conservancy, Osterhout Library, Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership and the Committee for Economic Growth.

Breiseth resides in Wilkes-Barre. He is married to the former Jane Morhouse. They have three children, Abigail, Erika and Lydia.

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In 1984, Dr. Breiseth came to Wilkes University to serve as its president, where he has ably served the interests of the school and our community. Under Dr. Breiseth's tutelage, Wilkes University has gained recognition as an increasingly sophisticated regional center for teaching, academic research, cultural affairs and public service programs. Wilkes has continued to meet the challenges and demands for a dynamic future. In addition to the name change to Wilkes University, the face of the campus has changed with new programs and facilities to enhance student life and education: the Doctor of Pharmacy degree; the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and En-

trepreneurship; a campus-wide computer network; the newly refurbished Cunningham Student Center; the Arnaud C. Martz Sports and Conference Center, the Cobb Center, and the Thomas P. Sheldene Telecommunications Center are a few of the schools recent achievements.

Dr. Breiseth is also affiliated with numerous community, academic and civic organizations, including: trustee of Deep Springs College; board member and chairman of the Earth Conservancy; Pennsylvania Independent College and University Research Center; Osterhout Library; Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership; Committee for Economic Growth; chair emeritus of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council; Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship; chair of the MAC Athletic Conference; member Torch Club; Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania; Executive Committee, Center for Agile Pennsylvania Education.

Dr. Breiseth has been published in numerous journals, focusing principally on the topics of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War history, and has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades by colleges and social organizations.

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The Community is invited to celebrate Dr. Breiseth's acceptance of the Community Service Award. Attendance is restricted to advanced reservations, which may be made by contacting the Lodge's secretary, Sophie Cohen at 823-4517.

Participation in the dinner's souvenir journal is welcome and may be arranged by contacting the Lodge's president, Steven P. Roth, Esquire at 826-5656.

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Wilkes University recently hosted one of eight regional fall campaign kickoff events for FIC. Attending, seated, from left, were: Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University; Sister Mary Reap, IHM, president, Marywood College; Sister Nancy Surma, OSF, assistant to the president, Marywood College; Sandra Beynon, executive assistant to the vice president for development, Wilkes University. Standing, from

left: Carol Jobe, president, College Misericordia; Robert J. Sylvester, vice president for development and public relations, University of Scranton; John P. Lammers, director of development, Marywood College; James L. Caplinger, FIC president; Ed Engel, dean of institutional advancement, College Misericordia; Gerald Zaboski, assistant to the president, University of Scranton. Photo by C. Salonic © 1992.

Gorin of Oklahoma State University, found that W & J had 19 graduates in chemistry per 1,000 enrolled students, trailing only Bowdoin College and Harvey Mudd College. A total of 415 colleges and universities were included in the study, reported at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society last spring.



#### News Media Have Access to Lafayette Experts via Disk; Students Contact President via Campus Computer Network

Lafayette College, Easton, uses computer technology to encourage members of the news media to contact its faculty for information or an informed opinion.

"Who Knows What" is a directory on computer disk of nearly 200 faculty experts. It lists professors' areas of expertise, education, experience in other countries, and telephone numbers. Journalists need an IBM personal computer or com-

patible machine to use the directory.

And Lafayette students can comment on campus issues, register complaints, or bring any matter to the administration's attention by leaving a message on their president's electronic bulletin board.

President Robert I. Rotberg usually responds by computer in a day or two, depending on his schedule, but he also reserves the right not to comment at all.

Typical messages left for the president concern the condition of residence halls, the cost of food in the dining halls, and the economic impact of the new college center on students' campus hangouts.



#### Bucknell Awarded Major Grant for Women in Engineering

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, has received a five-year, \$427,852 grant from the Clare Booth Luce Fund to support women in engineering.

When Luce, a writer and former

ambassador to Italy, died in 1987, she left \$70 million to establish grants for women in engineering and science; she believed women were underrepresented in those fields.

Under the grant, Darlene Schuster, visiting assistant professor of chemical engineering, was named a Clare Booth Luce Professor for the next five years. In addition, the award provides two scholarships for junior and senior women studying with Schuster.

Schuster has been a visiting faculty member at Bucknell since 1989. Before coming to Bucknell, she was a research engineer for Chevron Oil Field Research Co. in La Habra, California, and a senior engineer for Gulf Oil Production Research Co. in Houston, Texas. Her research has focused on particle technology. At Bucknell she has involved undergraduates in research on the effect dust and coal particles have on the lungs. Schuster has also been a leader in developing a new freshman

## Conference

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fill certain critical jobs quickly enough.

Nationwide, Kotkin reported, there are 190,000 unfilled high tech jobs.

"We are building a high-tech economy that Americans are unable to operate," he wrote.

Almost in unison, it seems, business leaders are desperately looking toward educational institutions to solve the problem. And the focus is not exclusively on colleges and universities, either. Elementary and secondary schools are also being targeted for reform. And businesses also want to alert parents that if they expect their children to be gainfully employed in the next century, they'll have to play a bigger role at home in identifying talent and guiding their offspring appropriately toward viable careers.

"Students need to be 'tracked' toward high-tech jobs," observed Vonderheid.

What concerns most large employers is that the current educational system was designed in the "old days" when elementary, secondary and even college students could afford to take their time acquiring a "well-rounded education."

Collegiate students often wound up in liberal arts programs because, even at that stage in their academic lives, they weren't really sure what they wanted for a career.

And while academicians still cling to the belief that education must be multi-faceted to be effective, they are also awakening to the urgency for graduating students with specialized, high-tech

skills that require little additional honing when the student enters the real work world.

Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, president of the Educational and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania and a former dean of graduate students and continuing education at Wilkes University, believes that "business leaders want revamped curriculums in our schools to meet their demands."

Education, he says passionately, "is pivotal."

Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher Breiseth agrees that education leaders are "well aware" of the realities of the 21st century workplace.

While thousands of college graduates work in menial jobs complaining that they can't find employment in their fields of study, many more thousands with high tech skills are finding more job offers than they can handle, with many paying in the high six figure range.

"There are 25,000 high-tech jobs in the Washington, D.C. area alone paying in excess of \$100,000 a year," Breiseth commented.

He noted that Wilkes University engineering seniors get "five to seven job offers" on average within months before graduation.

Saying that he is looking forward to the Glenmaura conference, Dr. Breiseth stressed that America is "struggling to re-define education." He believes that business and education need to form a new partnership without being judgmental in order to re-focus on the increasing challenges of preparing young people for the rigors of the 21st century while, at the same time, giving the American business sector what it needs to survive and prosper.



## Business-education partnership will be discussed at chamber conference Dec. 3

**By Fred Ney**  
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

Bridging the gap between the need for super-skilled high technology workers and the ability of schools and colleges to fill that void will be the principal topic at a conference to be held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Glenmaura National Golf Club.

Sponsored jointly by the Wilkes-Barre and Scranton Chambers of Commerce, the conference plans to bring together major regional employers and

heads of area colleges for the purpose of forging a more effective partnership.

"We need to find ways to produce workers that high-tech businesses can hire with a confident expectation for immediate productivity," observed Todd Vonderheid, vice president of economic development for the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Locally and nationally, it has become apparent that technological advances have left a growing segment of the American

workforce woefully unprepared for desirable job opportunities in the late 90s and beyond.

The need to be proficient, not just familiar, with computers and software systems that run offices as well as factories is a talent that is becoming increasingly elusive because computers are racing ahead faster than people are able to master them.

Joel Kotkin of the Los Angeles Times recently reported how Boeing is experiencing dangerous production delays because it can't

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*C.V. 11-24-97*

# Philanthropy Day Celebration

■ Event honors exceptional foundations,  
corporations, professionals and volunteer fund raisers.



The National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Greater Poconos Northeast Chapter, held its annual Philanthropy Day Celebration on Monday, Nov. 17. Philanthropy Day is sponsored in part by many companies and organizations that help underwrite the event. Representing some of the sponsoring organizations, shown from left, are John Shafer of Wyoming Seminary, Dr. Arthur Sherwood of Geisinger Hospital, Cathy Grim of JCPenney, Sandy Vantom of Allied Services, Maryla Peters of Marywood University, Dr. Christopher Breiseth of Wilkes University, and James Brady of Allied Services. The NSFRE is a group of local development professionals whose mission is to promote philanthropy in northeastern Pennsylvania. Information regarding members may be obtained by contacting Sr. Mary Ann Lang, IHM, at 346-5431, extension 609.

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Local NSFRE leadership formed the committee to organize the event. Shown seated, from left, are Chairperson Blissett, Luncheon Chairperson Claire Fox of Wilkes University, President Sue Dantona Jolley, Awards Chairperson Kathy Reedy of the Economic Development Council. Shown standing are Reservations Co-Chairperson Ruth Kemmerer of the Arthritis Foundation, Public Relations Chairperson Craig Husch of the American Red Cross, Special Adviser Elizabeth Ortega of Wyoming Seminary, Program Chairperson Maryla Peters, Sponsorship Chairperson Sandy Vantom, Reservations Co-Chairperson Alan Greene of Wilkes University. Nominations chairperson was John Shafer of Wyoming Seminary and Invitation chairperson was Marilyn Santarelli of College Misericordia.

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# Larson seeks formal alliance among LCCC, local colleges

By Melissa Scott  
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

Luzerne County Community College President Dr. Jon H. Larson says he would support a formal alliance among all local colleges and universities.

Larson, who was appointed president of LCCC last month, met with The Citizens' Voice editorial board Wednesday. He outlined some of the goals he'd like to see the college achieve and tried to put to rest negative issues that have plagued the college, including sexual harassment charges that resulted in the ter-

mination of a veteran administrator this month.

"Our objective will be to bring the sunshine into the college, and focus our attention on doing the real business of a college, which is teaching and learning," he said.

One issue Larson said could benefit the college is establishing a formal alliance with the four other local institutions of higher education, including College Misericordia, King's College, Penn State University Wilkes-Barre campus and Wilkes University.

The move would be beneficial to the other institutions, Larson said. An alliance would also help them

find a sensible way to divide the students in the area.

Such a partnership between the colleges and universities wouldn't be unheard of. Wilkes, King's and College Misericordia have had a formal arrangement for more than a year allowing students at any of the schools to take courses at one of the other campuses without additional tuition, Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher Breiseth said.

And for many years, Wilkes has had an affiliation with LCCC, so students at the college know exactly what credits they may trans-

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fer if they choose to finish their education at Wilkes, he added.

Cooperation is a theme each facility seems to embrace, Breiseth said. The Council of Presidents, a group comprised of the president or chief executive officer from each of the five institutions, met Tuesday to discuss working together.

"We're all moving in the direction of finding ways to cooperate," he said. "Schools and colleges need to work with each other and the business community."

Andrew Marko, superintendent of Wyoming Valley West School District, was also at the meeting representing the secondary schools, Breiseth added.

Larson said other goals for LCCC include more funding for scholarships, additional project investment and technology and a children's center to help with day-care needs.

Educationally, another goal of the college is to help students fill a need in the community.

"We want to ensure those who need work get matched with employers who need workers," Larson explained, citing an example. "We train people for auto repair in the new age, using equipment provided by auto dealers who will need those trained employees."

Despite the negative publicity surrounding the college during the interview process, Larson said he was eager to take the position.

"I saw it as a wonderful opportunity," he explained. "Nothing bad has happened yet. The only thing now is to persuade the general public."

Larson said he expects his term at LCCC to be a long one. "I hope this is my last job," he said. "I hope the college will become one of the finest community colleges in the United States in the time. That's my goal."

# Wilkes classroom/office building wins 2 awards



**Standing in front of the award-winning building, from the left, are Mike Gerek, studio principal, Hillier Group; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Wilkes University, and Robert Saffian, staff architect, Wilkes University.**

Wilkes University and The Hillier Group, Clarks Summit, architects and engineers, were honored recently with the Excellence in Masonry Design Award in the Institutional-Higher Learning category for the university's new \$7 million Classroom/Office Building in Wilkes-Barre.

The project also received a judge's Special Award for Craftsmanship.

The two awards were presented by the Masonry Contractors Association of Central Pennsylvania (MCACP).

The building is the latest addition to the university's historic downtown Wilkes-Barre campus. It houses the Schools of Business, Society and Public Policy and the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, along with computer labs, faculty offices and student lounges.

Each year, the MCACP honors architectural firms, masonry contractors and building owners for design, selection, innovation and craftsmanship in the use of masonry materials in building construction in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.

Upon selecting the 55,000 square-foot building, it is stated, the jury "was in full agreement...the architect's choice of brick material and color reflects the sensitivity to its surrounding campus building at Wilkes University and its own sense of presence."

J.J. Palumbo & Co. of Scranton was the masonry contractor for the project.

The Hillier Group has been providing full service architecture, interior design and planning services since 1996.

Its Clarks Summit office provides architectural as well as engineering services, including civil and structural, for a wide variety of corporate, educational and institutional clients.

The firm has seven other offices here and abroad and is recipient of nearly 200 awards for design excellence.

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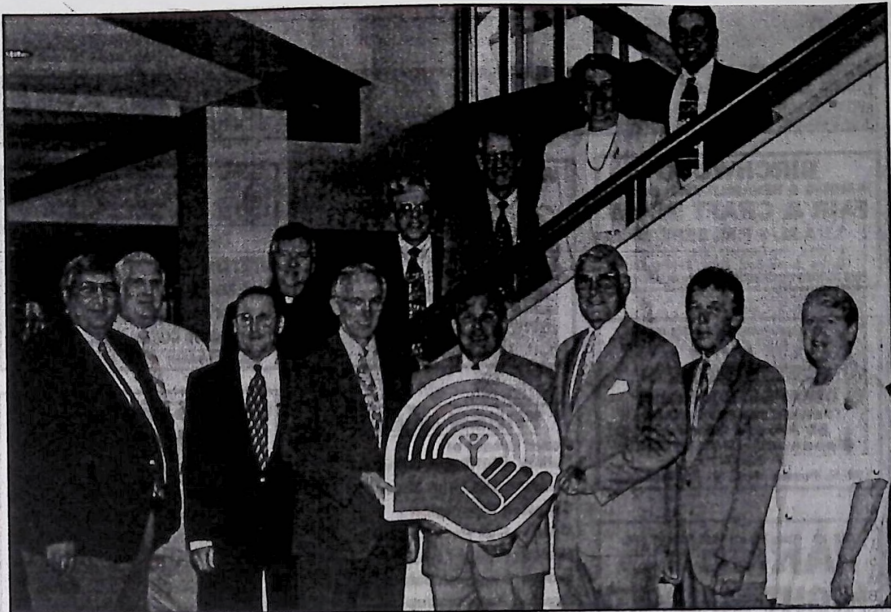
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### Wilkes receives \$950,000 in donations

Record contributions from alumni, regional businesses and friends of Wilkes University drove the institution's 1996-97 annual fund total to more than \$951,000 — about \$40,000 more than last year. The university recently hosted a celebration to recognize the more than 70 volunteers who helped throughout the campaign by making community appeals and staffing phonathon drives.

Shown, from left, at the Volunteer Appreciation Party, are: Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes University president; Thea Escharge, Wilkes-Barre, phonathon chairperson; Pauline Ruckno, Kingston, Alumni Association board campaign chairperson; Sandra Piccone, Kingston, Annual Fund chairperson; Caryn Cheyfitz, Kingston, assistant director of Annual Giving; Claire Fox, Dallas, director of Annual Giving.



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## United Way kicks off Education Units support of campaign

Local college presidents and public school superintendents recently met at Wyoming Valley West High School to kick-off the Education Units support of the 1997 United Way of Wyoming Valley Campaign. Joseph DeVizia, executive director of Children's Service Center, a United Way funded agency, provided an inspiring message which connected the educators charitable donations to services provided for "at risk school-aged children." DeVizia stated that many United Way member agencies are serving as extended families and rendering vital supportive services to numerous children being educated by our local school systems. David Lee, United Way President, extended a special note of thanks for the \$254,860 generously contributed last year by the employees and students of our local colleges, public, private and parochial schools. He commended the education community for their commitment towards caring. H. Jeremy Packard, president of Wyoming Seminary and the 1997 United Way General Campaign Chairman, announced that while the overall community goal is \$4,000,200, the Education Unit's share of that goal is \$269,360. Packard also announced that the volunteer leadership for the Education Unit currently consists of co-chairpersons Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Walter Glogowski and Andrew Marko. Also lending special assistance as team leaders are Dr. Jeffrey Namely and Kevin O'Connor. Shown, first row from left, are; Dr. William Binick, deputy superintendent, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; David Lee, president, United Way; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president, Wilkes University; Walter Glogowski, UNI SERV representative, PSEA; H. Jeremy Packard, president, Wyoming Seminary; Andrew Marko, superintendent, Wyoming Valley West School District; Dr. Mary Hines, president, Penn State University. Second row: Dr. Gilbert Griffith, superintendent, Dallas School District; Rev. James Lackenmier C.S.C., president, King's College; Joseph DeVizia, executive director, Children's Service Center; Dr. Albert Anderson, president, College Misericordia; Dr. Ann Williams, dean of continuing education/community services, Luzerne County Community College; Walter Klepaski, director of labor participation, United Way.



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College presidents, superintendents meet

## Education officials kick off program backing United Way

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David Lee, United Way president, extended a note of thanks for \$24,860 contributed last year by employees and students of area colleges, public, private and parochial schools.

H. Jeremy Packard, president of Wyoming Seminary and 1997 United Way Campaign chairman, announced that while the overall community goal is \$4.2 million, the education unit's share of that goal is \$269,350. Packard also noted volunteer leadership for the unit consists of co-chairpersons, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University; Walter Glogowski, PSEA; and Andrew Marko, Wyoming Valley West School District. Team leaders are Dr. Jeffrey Namey, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Kevin O'Connor, LIU 18; and James Jones, Pope John Paul II School.

Shown are attendees of the 1997 Education Unit Campaign Kick-Off, first row, from left: Dr. William Binek, deputy superintendent, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; David Lee, president, United Way; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president, Wilkes University; Walter Glogowski, CNI SERV representative, PSEA; H.

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## Ties to Diana, Fayed run through Wyoming Valley

By SUE MCCARTY, FRIDNEY and KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Glasgow, Wales Staff Writers

While the public outpouring of grief at Sunday's tragic death of Princess Diana has been demonstrated in an international level, several local residents and British subjects have also been affected.

Diane Conway, formerly of Gloucestershire, England, said she and her family are "complete royalists." England's flag, the Union Jack, has been flying at half-staff in front of her Kingston home since 7 a.m. Sunday.

"We did the last we could with the flag," she said, adding that the death of the princess was an "unbearable tragedy to me."

Conway said even though she's resided in the United States for the last 30 years and carries an American passport, she still considers England home and has received her two daughters in the royalist tradition.

"I feel like I've just come to go to home now," she said, adding that she will be returning to England soon to settle her recently deceased mother's affairs. Conway said she returns to England every year.

Conway said she spent most of Sunday morning speaking to friends in her hometown of Ipswich. They were, she said, "totally devastated."

"My heart goes out to these two young boys, how will they cope?" she asked, claiming a particular fondness for future monarch Prince William. "He was named after the Duke of Gloucester and I'm from Gloucestershire."

According to Conway, who said she is a staunch believer in the monarchy, it is unfortunate the way the paper ran or talked was created the typical problem.

"They [the royals and her colleagues] need a private life, but it's just not possible to be chased and hounded by photographers and for the slightly back," she complained. "That's no way for anyone to die."

Conway said the manner of Princess Diana's death made a dreadful situation worse and she supports a boycott of tabloid papers that perpetrate such severe tactics on chasing down a celebrity for a photograph. She said she will personally complain to stores

managers when she sees such publications on display.

"I hope that they do in some other manner... being hounded is totally unbearable," Conway said. "She has a right to a life just as Prince Charles does. No matter what we do, she's a human being."

While there has been much public speculation on whether or not the royal family will provide the princess with a funeral and burial, including a member of the royal family due to the divorce and a long history of strained relations with the princess, Conway said it was very important for the royal family to have dropped the coffin in the House of Windsor before it's return to Britain.

"It was only the Union Jack that would have meant Diana would have been treated like a regular citizen," she explained. "She is obviously going to be treated properly... the way she should be. After all, she is the mother of a future King of England."

Conway said while she doesn't believe the royal family will become a full state funeral in Diana, she does think there will be a good deal of pomp and circumstance (such as the funeral) and respect for Prince William.

"I hope they do," she said. "She deserves something and the public will demand it. Hopefully, she will be laid to rest in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle."

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"A great sadness has swept over our country. Diana was a warm humanitarian and she held a dear place in our hearts."

Hilda Taylor  
Oxfordshire, England

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Fayed commented.

Fayed said one of the more tragic aspects of the fatal accident involved Diana's two children, Prince William, 12, and Harry, 11, who now face the prospect of growing up without their mother.

Ann Pickering of Harvey Lake said she lived in the United States from England in 1975. She said, as a youngster, they were brought up to respect the royal family in the event they felt like a member of the royal family.

Pickering said she and her entire family were extremely saddened by the news of Diana's death.

"The whole family, our roots are in England," Pickering explained. "For something like this to happen, it's just heartbreaking. We're all in shock."

Pickering said she first heard of the princess' death when she woke up Sunday morning. She, like many, went to bed the previous night hearing that Diana's conception, Dodi Fayed, was dead and that Diana herself had been injured.

But she also knew the truth greeted Pickering in the morning. "You just don't think of something like this happening... my family is a member of the royal family, which we think about."

Pickering recalled.

Referring to the papers in which may be contributed to the tragic crash, Pickering said, in her opinion, that they have caused Diana a great deal of problems.

"I liked her a lot and I thought she was finally happy," Pickering

added, detailing what many people had thought — that Diana had found in poison with Dodi Fayed.

Wilkes-Barre University President Christopher Hearn, who once attended England's Oxford University, said he understands how a lot of people feel right now following the death of Princess Diana.

"We've put on close to what most everyone associated with the royal family, both American and Englishmen," Hearn said. "I lived in England and London, and I feel very much like the English do about the tragic death of Princess Diana."

Brensch, a close friend of Michael Tili, dean of London's Winchester Cathedral, has spoken often of the princess during his 15 years in the United States.

"I don't know Princess Diana personally, we spoke of her often when I was here," Brensch said Sunday. "Mr. Tili expressed her courage in taking on some of the world's biggest controversial issues as we expected her to take on."

According to Brensch, Tili felt one of Diana's biggest regrets was her being taken on the issue of land mines.

"I've heard the expression that she was really a Shakespearean character, a person with more, mostly complex characteristics, than any of her very positive," he said. "These characteristics will make her a revered figure over the long haul, much like that of President Kennedy."

Brensch concluded by saying he believes the world is going to go through a huge emotional event over the next couple of weeks, as it will follow Kennedy's death.

"It will teach this generation for a long, long time," Brensch said.

"Diane was special to us, being the Princess of Wales, even if it was only a title," Vassavich said, repeating, "I'm sure the people are heartbroken. It's a real tragedy and sad."

Every Vassavich, a Wilkes-Barre resident formerly of Syracuse, N.Y., said she and her family were "devastated" by the news of Princess Diana's death.

"Everybody, I'm sure, is devastated over there," she said. "They loved her. She was such a kind person. I think the American people are feeling it, too."

Vassavich described her daughter, who lives in California, crying when she called Vassavich Sunday morning and weeping the news of her death.

"It's just unbelievable. Nobody can believe it happened," she said. "I feel as if I've lost somebody."

Vassavich, who met her late husband, an American soldier, during World War II, came to the United States in 1961. She said she returns to Wales as often as possible to visit her three sisters and her brothers in Wales.

Vassavich said her son, recently returned from Europe, read in a newspaper that Fayed's age and Prince Charles had been accused of rape by a divorcee from Diana.

Diana's clever publicity attempts to make her husband, Camilla Parker Bowles, in the public

Even though they were born in the same Egyptian city of Alexandria, Dr. Mahmoud Fathy of the Education and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania said he did not know Dodi Fayed or his family.

Fathy said he would be talking to his brothers, who still reside in Egypt, later in the day to see if perhaps they had known the Fayed family.

"The whole thing is really sad," said Fathy. "It will hopefully give a lot of thought to figuring out what role the media should play in terms of reporting a short public figure. Sometimes, they need their privacy. That's what I think Diana is an amazing person, this woman of privacy."

Fathy said some of the blame should fall to the public that kept following up on tabloid journalism.

"The public sometimes goes very much engrossed in this and would like to know more and they eat this kind of journalism up,"

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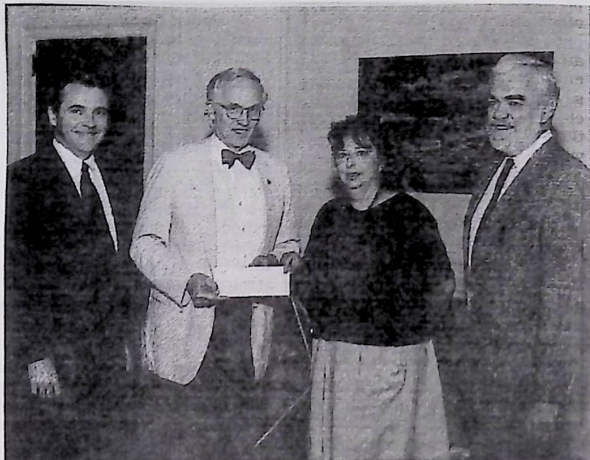




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## Wilkes receives check for Fellowship

Wilkes University recently received a \$25,000 gift in support of the James Jones First Novel Fellowship. The gift was given by Don Sack-rider of the James Jones Literary Society's Board of Directors. The Fellowship and Society were both established to honor the late author. Shown, from left, are: Paul Strunk, vice president for Alumni, Development and University Relations at Wilkes; Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president; Patricia Heaman, chairperson, Wilkes English Department and board member of the James Jones Society; and J. Michael Lennon, vice president for Academic Affairs and board member of the James Jones Society.

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## Korean students to study at Wilkes during summer months

Wilkes University is offering a program, during the summer months, titled "Comparative Cultures: 1997," specifically designed for students attending Kyungdong Junior College in Korea. The program will be the first joint activity between the two institutions and is intended to offer a variety of opportunities for the students to learn about American people and their culture, through classroom activities, field trips, and conversations with Americans. During the four week program the students will be staying on campus to gain a first hand experience of life at an American University. In addition to attending classes, students will visit many of Northeastern Pennsylvania's cultural and recreational sites such as the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and Historic Steamtown Tour. Trips to Philadelphia, Washington D.C., New York City and Baltimore will provide students with an understanding of America's history and government, and will add to their cultural experience. Shown, standing from left, are Kwak Gu-Young, professor and secretary of the International Committee, Korea; Dr. Christopher N. Brelseth, president of Wilkes University; Kim Won-Kyung, executive director of board of trustees and chairman of International Committee, Korea; Patricia S. Davies, member of the board of trustees Academic Program Committee, Wilkes University; Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs, Wilkes University; and Dr. Umid R. Nejib, dean of the School of Science & Engineering, Wilkes University.

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## Wilkes' Max Rosenn lecture series begins

Wilkes University presents the 16th annual Max Rosenn lecture series in law and humanities at 8 p.m. tonight in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts at the corner of South and River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. The lecture series will feature former Senator Paul Simon, professor and director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University as guest speaker. The title of Simon's lecture is "Public Trust: Where Do We Go." Shown from left, are: Honorable Max Rosenn, Christopher Breiseth, president, Wilkes University.



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**FAMILY BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS:** Cornell Iron Works of Mountaintop was among the three winners of the First Annual Family Business Awards Initiated by the Wilkes University Small Business Development Center and First Union Bank. Shown, from left, are Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president; Keen Cornell of Cornell Iron Works; Chris Martin of Martin Guitars; Joyco Wolfson and Phil Miltman of Bixler's Jewelers; Danny Schmidt of First Union Bank; and Kristin Imperial, Wilkes SBDC.

#### Cornell Iron Works Among Winners

## Winners Of Family Business Of The Year Awards Announced

The three winners of the first Annual Family Business Awards were recently announced at a gala awards dinner at Genetti's.

WBRE-TV 28 Anchor Keith Martin served as master of ceremonies for the awards presentation.

The Wilkes University Small Business Development Center and First Union Bank initiated the NEPA Family Business of the Year Awards Program to emphasize the tremendous and positive contributions provided by family firms, large and small.

The winner for the companies with more than 250 employees is C.F. Martin and Company of Nazareth. The firm employs 500 people in the manufacture of acoustic guitars, strings and accessories. Founded in 1833, the company has prospered under six generations of Martin family leadership.

The winner in the medium com-

pany category (50-250 employees) is Cornell Iron Works, Mountaintop. Founded in 1828, Cornell Iron Works employs 180 people manufacturing doors for non-residential buildings. Five generations of the Cornell family have been involved since the company began.

The small company (fewer than 50 employees) winner is Bixler's Jewelers of Easton. Founded in 1785, Bixler's Jewelers is known as one of America's oldest jewelers, employing 20 people. Six generations of the Bixler family have been involved in the company.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Wilkes University has made significant contributions to family business growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The SBDC consulting staff works with over 600 businesses per year, many of which are family owned. Their consulting

activities kindled the partnerships necessary to sponsor these awards.

First Union, a major force behind this initiative, is committed to providing the financial resources necessary for a family business to grow and thrive. First Union recognizes the importance of family business in the Northeastern Pennsylvania area.

Companies were judged on their proven business success, positive family/business linkage, multi-generational family business involvement, contributions to industry and community, and innovative business practices or strategies.

Other sponsors include Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey & Associates; Rosen, Jenkins & Greenwald Attorneys at Law; and The Northeastern Pennsylvania Business Journal. WBRE-TV 28 is a promotional partner for the program.



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**Wilkes University President Chris Breiseth chats with Jim and Marge Floryshak at a reception for graduates of the class of 1997.**

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On Friday, May 16, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, and his wife, Jane, hosted a reception for the graduates of the class of 1997. The event took place from 5 to 7 p.m. at Weckesser Hall on South Franklin Street. More than 300 students mingled with parents, grandparents, family, friends, faculty and staff enjoying refreshments and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. About 700 in all enjoyed the annual event.

Breiseth greeted those entering the historic building with charm, a handshake and warm wishes for those beginning their future. Also present were Paul Strunk, university president for Alumni Development and Relations, Jane Lampe Groh, dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Richard Sours, faculty associate to President Breiseth.

Two faculty members enjoyed the event with their graduating daughters, Dr. Walter Karpnich, chair of the Foreign Languages Department, with his wife, Olena, and their daughter, Tania, and Dr. Carl Charnetski, chair of the Psychology Department, with his wife, Susan, celebrating with their daughter, Cindy.



**Wilkes University:** President Christopher N. Breiseth has been elected to the board of directors of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. His position represents the Pennsylvania Independent College and University Research Center, the organization's research arm. *TL 5/11/97*

He also serves as an at-large member of the executive committee for the Council of Independent Colleges and University, the organization's legislative advocacy branch.

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### **Book presented to Wilkes by King's**

John Dubinski, DDS, '50, recently presented as a gift the book, "The Works of the Celebrated John Wilkes — Volume II," printed in London in 1762, to King's College. The Rev. James Lackenmier, CSC, president of King's, accepted the gift from Dr. Dubinski during Homecoming Weekend 1996.

With Dr. Dubinski's permission and on his behalf, The Rev. Lackenmier presented the book to Wilkes University because of its pertinence to the history of Wilkes.

"I feel certain that Dr. John Whitman, who taught history to the first class at King's would approve of (this)," said Dr. Dubinski.

From the left, are Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, and Rev. Lackenmier.





From the left are Boris Nemstov of Russia; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University and Earth Conservancy board member, and Congressman Paul Kanjerski, founder of Earth Conservancy, during Nemstov's visit here.

## Boris Nemstov, a visitor to this area, lands key role in Russian government

A Russian physicist who visited Luzerne County in 1992 to find out what Earth Conservancy was all about recently was named first deputy prime minister of his country.

President Boris Yeltsin selected Boris Nemstov to be his second in command last month. Nemstov, 37, will also serve as finance minister of a country attempting to transform after years of Communist control.

When Nemstov came to Wilkes-Barre in 1992, he was governor of Nizhny Novgorod, Russia's third largest city. Congressman Paul Kanjerski recounts that Nemstov, a former protégé of renowned physicist Andrei Sakharov, was intrigued by the Earth Conservancy concept, to the point that he spoke of one day participating in a joint venture.

While in Wilkes-Barre, Nemstov met with the Earth Conservancy Board and was encouraged to return.

Kanjerski explained that included in the Nizhny Novgorod region are Russian military tank tanks comparable of the U.S.'s Los Alamos and Oak Ridge complexes. As a result, Nemstov was particularly intrigued with Earth Conservancy's plan to conduct

demilitarization and land reclamation research.

In 1992, Nemstov was already considered a visionary, the congressman recounted. "Since then, he has been recognized for his efforts to institute financial, political, and legislative reforms to move his state of Nizhny Novgorod to one of the leaders of post-Cold War Russia," Kanjerski added.

Nemstov catapulted into international prominence in 1993 when he defected Yeltsin from the failed coup attempt at the Russian

Parliament. He now is recognized as one of the youngest members of the Russian government, and a 37, is considered a possible successor to Yeltsin.

Kanjerski said an Earth Conservancy joint venture with Russia is a possibility. "There is a tremendous problem of military weapons that need to be disposed of in Russia and the former Soviet Union," Kanjerski said. "I hope that Mr. Nemstov will look to himself and Earth Conservancy as a valuable ally in helping to deal with this problem."

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# Conservancy cultivates 'Russian link'



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**Boris Nemtsov**, Russia's new deputy prime minister, left, visited Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1992, speaking at Wilkes University to officials of Earth Conservancy. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, right, and Wilkes president Christopher Breiseth hosted Nemtsov's visit.

By MITCH MORRISON

Times Leader Staff Writer

Five years ago, they both were up-and-comers — the high-tech Earth Conservancy and fresh-faced Russian diplomat Boris Nemtsov.

Then, the nascent Earth Conservancy struggled for control of mine-scarred land once ruled by a coal company. And Nemtsov, at 32, had just celebrated becoming governor of Nizhny Novgorod, the former Gorky that served Russia's industrial base.

That year, 1992, the two — Earth Conservancy and Nemtsov — came together.

It was January. Obliging a friend in Philadelphia, U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski hosted Nemtsov, who wanted to learn more about the federally funded Conservancy, a private, non-profit organization created by Kanjorski to restore mine-scarred land.

Now, Kanjorski hopes Russia's rising political star can help the Conservancy

turn into a global environmental cleanup operation.

Nemtsov, 37, recently was named first deputy prime minister to President Boris Yeltsin to help reclaim Russia's *ragged* economy.

In a letter sent last week, Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke, congratulates Nemtsov and solicits future cooperative efforts. He recalls the visit of '92:

"Since that visit, the Earth Conservancy has made significant progress in developing an innovative technology to demilitarize ammunition in conjunction with the United States Department of Defense. ... As Russia continues its dismantling of ammunitions, this technology may be useful to you."

Kanjorski concludes: "I look forward to keeping in touch with you ... to talk about how we can build bridges and ties between Northeastern Pennsylvania and Russia on issues such as military demilitarization and economic development."

The Conservancy has begun reclama-

tion work on some tracts of former coal land and continues to develop a high speed water jet the group hopes will be used to dismantle non-nuclear munitions.

Nemtsov, who as governor championed privatization of small enterprises and reorganization of collective farms, now has been assigned to implement reform in the social, housing and utilities sector.

Conservancy Chairman Christopher Breiseth is not surprised that Nemtsov is being mentioned by many national media as a possible successor to Yeltsin.

"I was struck by how modern he was, how clued in he was about America."

"I was thinking about writing him about Wilkes University's work in the environment and of Earth Conservancy. He was very impressed with the environmental stuff we're dealing with."

Whether Nemtsov still remains interested in Earth Conservancy is unknown.

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# Agencies seek to help LCCC search for president

■ *Consulting firm likely will be chosen at April meeting of board, says chairwoman.*

By MARY THERESE BIEBEL

Times Leader Staff Writer

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NANTICOKE — Representatives of two search consultant agencies told the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees Tuesday evening how they could aid the school's search for a new president.

"We try to find that needle in a haystack by talking to scores of people," said James Searing of Kirkman & Searing, Vienna, Va.

In a separate presentation, Ronald Stead said the not-for-profit Academic Search Consultation Service, based in Washington, D.C., "can be very effective in getting information about people without violating their rights or causing them embarrassment, because of the network we have."

Thomas Moran, the current president, was hired in an interim capacity after the 1995 resignation of former President Donald Bronsard, who faced allegations of sexual harassment.

Board chairwoman Brigid O'Connor said the trustees will likely choose a consulting firm during the April meeting.

Also under consideration is a third organization, the Association of Community College Trustees, which outlined its consulting services during a board meeting in January.

During Tuesday's meeting, consultants from both organizations said they do a lot of listening to find out what a client requires, conduct a thorough search and assign one staff person to see the project to completion.

They differ on the following points:

■ Academic Search works exclusively for colleges and universities. Kirkman & Searing finds executives for other industries, too. But it assigns Robert Sellery, a former administrator at Princeton University's School of Engineering and Applied Science, to its academic searches.

■ Kirkman & Searing estimated it could provide a list of strong candidates within four to six weeks and make final recommendations within three months. Academic Search said the average search takes five months.

■ Among its satisfied clients, Kirkman & Searing lists First Federal Savings in Hazle-

ton, Susquehanna, Bucknell and Duke universities and Vassar College. Academic Search lists Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg and West Chester universities, Lansing (Michigan) and St. Louis community colleges and Wilkes University, for which it found president Christopher Breiseth.

■ Academic Search charges \$33,500 plus expenses estimated at a maximum \$5,000. Kirkman and Searman charges one-third of the executive's first-year salary plus expenses for travel and lodging. During the January meeting, the Association of Community College Trustees representative estimated its total at \$40,000 to \$50,000.

During the Academic Search presentation, board member Patrick Solano suggested that managerial skills rather than academic background might be the most important attribute of the new president.

Stead responded that it's best not to limit the search to current college administrators. After all, a retired Air Force officer is president of Luther College in Ohio, he said, and Arthur Taylor, former president of CBS, heads Muhlenburg College in Allentown.

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## HONORS

Daniel Frascella, chairman of the Wright Township Board of Supervisors, was chosen an outstanding community leader by the National Association of Towns and Townships and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Frascella was cited for contributions to the township recycling program and establishment of ties with the business community.

Because of the award, Wright Township will receive an economic/community development grant of \$5,000 from Wal-Mart.

Bernard and Mary Ellen Kolodziej of Wilkes-Barre were awarded the 10th annual Patricia M. Thoma Award for outstanding service to children with disabilities who are served by the Wyoming Valley Children's Association.

Bernard Kolodziej served as executive director for 22 years. His wife supported his tenure.

The late Patricia M. Thoma dedicated her life to serving the needs of special children.

Wilkes University President Christopher N. Brelseth has been honored by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry for his outstanding service as a member of the board from 1991 to 1996.

Also honored was William Sordo-

ni, who served as chairman of the board for two years.

Allied Services John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine was recognized at the 1996 Provider Recognition Program in Allentown.

The program received an award for its participation in the Special Kids Network. The network helps Pennsylvania children and their families receive health care and related services.

The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program at Penn State University has received national recognition for its work with a Tioga County company. PENNTAP provided technical assistance at no charge to the Electricord Manufacturing Company, resulting in potential savings of \$780,000.

PENNTAP was selected from among more than 40 applications as being "outstanding" in the Technology Transfer Category of the National Association of Management and Technical Assistance Centers' Project of the Year Awards competition.

The PENNTAP northeast regional office is located in the Hanover Industrial Park, Wilkes-Barre, and works with business and industry in 13 counties served by the Penn State's Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Worthington Scranton campuses. For information, call Mark Toda at 819-8973.



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# B'nai B'rith <sup>TL</sup> hails Kanjorski <sup>al/la/</sup>

■ *U.S. Representative is the first politician to receive the S.J. Strauss Lodge's Community Service Award.*

**By MELISSA DONOVAN**

*Times Leader Staff Writer*

**WILKES-BARRE** — Citing a long list of job-creation successes and environmental work, B'nai B'rith Sunday made an exception for U.S. Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski.

The congressman (D-Nanticoke) received the S.J. Strauss Lodge's Community Service Award, the first time a politician has been honored.

"It's always been a ticklish issue," President Steven Roth said after the group's Lincoln Day Dinner at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. For 31 years, B'nai B'rith avoided honoring elected officials in order to stay clear of politics.

This year, Roth said, an exception was made because Kanjorski is "so deserving."

Kanjorski was lauded for his role in bringing jobs to the area with projects such as the conversion of the former Stegmaier Brewery into federal offices, the building of a Social Security Administration claims processing facility in Plains Township and the renovation of the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He also was praised for founding the Earth Conservancy, a nonprofit group that received federal funding to help reclaim more than 16,000 acres of former



**TIMES LEADER/DON CAREY**  
**U.S. Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski (D-Nanticoke) accepts the B'nai B'rith Community Service Award Sunday from Steven Roth, president of the S.J. Strauss Lodge.**

mine-scarred land.

Among those showering praise was Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth, who said Kanjorski is "determined to lift us as an area out of our provincial proclivities."

Breiseth, who has worked with Kanjorski in the Earth Conservancy, joked that the congressman is so determined that friends have had to talk him out of plans to "move Mars closer to the Earth to harness a new source of energy."

Roth, in presenting the award, said: Kanjorski "has been instrumental in bringing about new and innovative approaches toward solving some of our seemingly unsolvable problems."



# Kanjorski honored with award at Lincoln Day dinner

The Seligman J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith held its 53rd annual Lincoln Day dinner Sunday night at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre.

More than 270 participants gathered to honor Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, D-11th, who received the lodge's prestigious Community Service Award.

Attorney Steven P. Roth, lodge president, noted that Kanjorski was chosen to be this year's honoree because "he is an outstanding citizen who, by his courageous leadership and dedication on behalf of humanity, has made a valuable contribution to the fabric of our community life."

Roth said that the lodge's annual award is given as recognition of "unselfish devotion in the mission of promoting the highest interests of humanity."

Highlighting some of Kanjorski's achievements, Roth called attention to the fact that the congressman was instrumental in bringing to northeastern Pennsylvania Harris Semiconductor, Sallie Mae and the Travelers Insurance Company, all of which helped boost employment opportunities.

In Wilkes-Barre, Kanjorski encouraged a partnership between the U.S. Postal Service and the General Services Administration

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**Steven P. Roth**  
Lodge president

to turn the former Stegmaier Brewery from an eyesore to modern office space.

He passed legislation that brought the Social Security claims processing complex to Plains Township. And he was instrumental in bringing about the \$50 million Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center construction and renovation project.

Kanjorski was also lauded for spearheading the formation of Earth Conservancy to reclaim and develop 17,000 acres of land previously owned by the Blue Coal Company.

The congressman was commended for his role in bringing



**From the left, are Susan Shoal, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski and Judd Shoal**

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about the \$147 million dike raising project to protect the Wyoming Valley from future flooding.

Credited as a steadfast supporter of a long-term peace for Israel, Kanjorski was praised for insisting on the release of Swiss bank accounts that belong to

Holocaust survivors.

The congressman was presented with an engraved plaque commemorating the event.

Speaking on behalf of the lodge and in recognition of the congressman's accomplishments were Roth, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth,

president of Wilkes University and Attorney Murray Ufberg.

Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas McGroarty presented the congressman with a proclamation noting that Sunday was declared "Paul Kanjorski Day" in Wilkes-Barre.

# LOCAL

## Kanjorski wants river on Clinton's list

■ *Congressman urges groups to develop plan to get Susquehanna designated an American Heritage River.*

By JOHN DECKER

Times Leader Staff Writer

NANTICOKE — U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski referred to a remark made by President Clinton in his State of the Union Address that could mean big changes for the Susquehanna River.

"Tonight, I announce that this year I will designate 10 American Heritage Rivers to help communities alongside them revitalize their waterfronts and clean up pollution," Clinton said in his speech Tuesday.

Kanjorski on Saturday challenged about 70 people from local environmental groups and the business community to come together for a single purpose: to claim a stretch of the Susquehanna River as one of these 10 rivers.

Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke, said the president says this initiative requires partnership with the local communities.

"I challenge you to do it. It's a long-term project to bring back our Wyoming

Valley," Kanjorski said during the Luzerne County Greenway/Open Space Violation Session at Luzerne County Community College.

The long-term project is facing a close deadline.

The clock is ticking for these groups to design an initiative within 90 days, when the Cabinet recommends to Clinton which 10 rivers should be targeted.

Some of the groups in attendance at the six-hour conference were the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, the River Front Parks Committee and the Susquehanna River Watch.

Kanjorski said this project will upgrade the river to a state to which American Indians were accustomed.

"When we're done in 10, 15, or 20 years, you won't be able to tell the difference between the Wyoming Valley and Oregon," Kanjorski said. "That's the dream."

The congressman's speech was potent enough to prompt the separate groups to brainstorm about a future group, with administration and organization, which will nominate the Susquehanna as an American Heritage River.

Todd Vonderheid, spokesman for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Busi-

ness and Industry, said most if not all in attendance signed an agreement to form a single committee.

"If we were able to come under the umbrella, we would be able to make these dreams a reality," said Esther Davidowitz of Kingston, who also sits on the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. "This was a truly well thought out speech. Your congressman is advising you how to keep your children and grandchildren in the area."

"There was a pulse in the room," Davidowitz said.

Kanjorski consistently hit upon the subject that the federal government realizes their role, but it will take a meticulous, hard-fought effort of the citizens to bring the opportunity into the area.

Kanjorski said he is "optimistic" about the chances for the Susquehanna to be one of the 10 heritage rivers and believes it will bring between \$100 and \$200 million dollars to the area.

Kanjorski recalled a canoe trip on the Susquehanna with Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and discussed potential benefits of the river with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner. Babbitt and Browner are on the president's Cabinet.



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**U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski tells an audience on Saturday that he is optimistic the Susquehanna River will be one of 10 rivers that President Clinton said the federal government will help revitalize.**

Vonderheid said he's going to analyze the information from Saturday's session and plans a meeting in about 30 days.



## Corporate Ladder

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### ■ PROMOTIONS AND HIRINGS

**Jeffrey Ross Alves**, Ph.D., has been named director of the Allan P. Kirby Center, said Allan P. Kirby Jr., professor of free enterprise and entrepreneurship and director of the Small Business Development Center at Wilkes University.



Alves earned a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a master of business administration from Southern Illinois University and doctorate in business administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Before joining the Wilkes staff, he was president of Vergason Technology, which received the UniPEG Golden Technology Award and the New York State Enterprise Award for Technology.

The company, whose sales grew from \$250,000 in 1989 to nearly \$4 million in 1995, was named to the Fast Track 500 as one of the fastest-growing private companies in the United States.

Alves also served as assistant professor of finance and entrepreneurial studies at Babson College from 1978 to 1983 and visiting professor of finance at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in the fall of 1982.

He was founding president of the Southern Tier Small Manufacturers Executive Network and a member of the Business Advisory Board for the Alliance for Manufacturing Competitiveness.

## Local Guest Commentary T<sup>L</sup> 13/97

### Wilkes and city share destiny as 'college town'

By **CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH**

**T**he concept of promoting Wilkes-Barre as a college town now being embraced by area leaders will benefit both the academic and business communities in the Wyoming Valley.

Wilkes has a long-standing tradition of serving the community both in educating students of the area and in developing academic programs responsive to local needs.

It was the foresight of early leaders of the community who first recognized the need for an institution



Christopher Breiseth

of higher learning in the Wyoming Valley that led to the establishment of Bucknell Junior College in 1933 in the depth of the Great Depression.

Community leaders also provided the impetus for the transition to the four-year Wilkes College 50 years ago.

As the 21st century approaches, we are exploring ways to further strengthen the linkage between the Wilkes community and downtown Wilkes-Barre. Given our location, Wilkes is inevitably entwined with the city.

We approach the challenge of marketing the two entities in a cooperative and enthusiastic frame of mind.

In all our communications with prospective students, we hope to convey the message that they will become part of a community which extends beyond the campus borders, a lovely small city

**"The colleges are joining together to promote activities centered around the downtown area."**

on the banks of the Susquehanna River.

In the same way, prospective businesses can be recruited to Wilkes-Barre knowing that their customer base will comprise students and faculty from Wilkes, as well as our neighboring institutions — King's College, Luzerne County Community College, College Misericordia and Penn State University at Lehman.

A tangible indicator of progress on this front will be the placement of Interstate highway signs identifying the five institutions of higher education in our area.

This cooperative venture, jointly coordinated and funded by the colleges, local businesses, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, Luzerne County and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will ensure that motorists on Interstate 81 will identify Wilkes-Barre as a college town.

We hope they will be enticed to stop and to visit.

To make the college town concept work will require a psychological change as we move from being an "old coal town."

That change is underway.

Just as Wilkes has modified our programs and services to better meet the needs of our students, the downtown

leadership is encouraging merchants to identify and fulfill the needs of our students and faculty and, thus, cultivate their business.

A student-friendly downtown will increase the amount of foot traffic, as students and faculty alike are encouraged to view the city as an extension of their campus and participate in its social and cultural life.

At the same time, the colleges are joining together to promote activities centered around the downtown area.

It is too early to predict whether a joint collegiate center and bookstore on Public Square for Wilkes and King's students can be made financially feasible. But the very exploration of the proposal, at the same time that Wilkes, King's and College Misericordia have signed a consortium agreement allowing students to cross-register for courses on each other's campus, is a sign of new thinking.

These initiatives will contribute to the sense of commitment by the community and the colleges to the youth of our area.

The future of both the city and the educational institutions rests in no small part on the success of these efforts.

The first step in positioning the region for success in the knowledge industry will be in creating an environment where leaders in business and academia can thrive. By all indications, college towns have all the necessary ingredients.

We at Wilkes are delighted to be part of the mix.

*Christopher N. Breiseth is president of Wilkes University.*



# PSU Plan Seen Hurting Other Colleges

BY RICH MATTHEWS  
AND ROBERT KRAWCZAK  
THE SCRANTON TIMES

Other local four-year colleges could be harmed by The Pennsylvania State University's plan to offer four-year degree programs at its Lackawanna and Luzerne county campuses, area college officials said today.

State Secretary of Education Eugene Hickok issued a long-awaited approval of four-year degree programs at local and other Penn State satellite campuses Tuesday. The degree programs will start in the 1998-99 school year, according to Dr. James Gallagher, executive officer of PSU's Worthington Scranton Campus.

"I think this is an initiative by The Pennsylvania State University that really will shake up the whole higher ed system in Pennsylvania," said Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, adding, "Penn State is so large that this initiative potentially can destabilize other parts of the system."

His sentiments were echoed by the Rev. J.A. Panuska S.J., president of the University of Scranton.

"(Other schools) will be harmed by more intense low-cost competition, supported, in part, by tax dollars," Panuska said, adding, "Local four-year programs planned for Penn State's Worthington are duplicative of programs offered by both Marywood and the University of

Scranton)."

The University of Scranton offers a business degree and Marywood offers degrees in health and human services, both of which have been proposed for four-year programs at Worthington Scranton.

Panuska said he wrote Hickok to complain about the proposed expansion at Penn State and noted that, "The plan points out the need for significant discus-

shift in enrollment patterns, but there will be no change in the special advantages and appeal of independent Catholic institutions," he said.

Breiseth agrees with Panuska that a statewide blue ribbon commission should be appointed to examine how Pennsylvania funds higher education now that Penn State has decided to begin offering four-year degrees at many of its regional campuses.

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President of the University of Scranton

sions of higher education policy in Pennsylvania, something that has not occurred since 1974. This is not efficient statewide planning for education in Pennsylvania."

Panuska added however, that he believes the University of Scranton will continue to do well, even though Penn State might attract some students.

"The effect will be a modest

Noting that the last comprehensive study of the state's higher education system was done in 1974, he said he believes Gov. Tom Ridge should appoint the panel with the backing of the legislature.

Breiseth applauded Hickok for having gotten as involved as he did with Penn State's internal planning and in recognizing Penn State can't do something

big without it affecting the rest of the commonwealth. But he said a commission must look at all the sectors of higher education — public and private.

"They're all in trouble. This is a difficult time for higher ed as it is for virtually any other industry and I think we need to get ourselves together and come up with really some thoughtful approaches as to how these sectors relate to each other."

He also worried that private colleges could see an exodus of students to lower-cost Penn State campuses.

"Penn State has committed the state to increasing taxpayer contribution to subsidize tuition at the baccalaureate level for students in areas that are already served by existing public, as well as private, institutions," said Breiseth.

He disagrees that Northeastern Pennsylvania fits into Hickok's claim that areas where Penn State would expand were underserved by private and public colleges and universities.

Hickok authorized 14 of Penn State's 17 branch campuses to offer the new four-year-degree programs and ordered the consolidation of four of the 17 and the conversion of another to the College of Penn State.

The expansions mark a shift from the branch campuses' traditional role as two-year feeder

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schools for Penn State's main campus at University Park.

Worthington Scranton in Dunmore already has a four-year nursing program in place and is looking at business and health and human services degrees, Gallagher said.

The Penn State-Lehman Campus in Luzerne County offers four-year programs in electrical engineering technology and surveying engineering, said Thomas Winter, the campus's executive officer. Winter said the campus might offer an electro-mechanical technology engineering major in conjunction with the Penn State-Hazleton Campus.

"We're not actively planning any additional four-year programs now," Winter said.

Penn State-Hazleton also might offer some sort of liberal arts program, said David Orbin, the interim campus executive officer.

"But the campus has to be extremely careful that we're not going to jump into this without some very careful looks at the market," Orbin said. "What we're really trying to do is meet the need of our audience."

The Rev. James Lackenmier CSC, president of Kings College, was out of town, but school officials said he is in substantial agreement with Breiseth on this issue.

Sister Mary Reap IHM, president of Marywood College, could not be reached for comment.



# Federal Commission on the Cost of College Says It Isn't So Expensive After All

Panel wants Congress to require institutions to release more information about their finances

BY STEPHEN BURD

**A**FTER four months of work, a national panel studying why colleges cost so much has reached a surprising conclusion: American higher education is, for the most part, a bargain.

"There is a lot wrong with higher education—I even wrote a book about it," said Martin Anderson, a member of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education and a former adviser to President Reagan. "But the one thing that colleges can't be accused of is gouging the public." That overarching message from the commission, which met here last week to formulate its final report, to be released on December 11, is sure to win plaudits from higher-education groups. But it is unlikely to satisfy the Republican lawmakers who sped a bill through Congress last summer to create the commission.

Republican leaders have vowed to get what they see as tuition inflation under control when they reauthorize the Higher Education Act next year. Representative Howard P. (Buck) McKeon, the California Republican who heads the House subcommittee in charge of revising the law, has said he will incorporate the commission's recommendations into his subcommittee's version of the legislation.

Only last month, a *U.S. P.* lawmaker who is on Mr. McKeon's subcommittee exhorted members of the commission to propose bold measures to help the government rein in the growing cost of attending college.

"You have heard a great deal of defense of higher education. But the bottom line is that this commission was formed to deal with the rising costs of college," Representative Michael N. Castle, of Delaware, said at the panel's October meeting. "In my view, the commission's most important task is to make specific recommendations regarding innovative methods of reducing or stabilizing tuition."



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## MISSING PERSPECTIVES?

Some advocates for students also want the commission to come up with innovative proposals to slash college costs. They note, however, that the panel is dominated by educators: Of its 11 members, six are college presidents or chancellors, and two lead regional organizations representing private colleges.

"There is no representation of the interests of students or parents on the commission—indeed, the voices that might sound the loudest call for action and change have not been included in the mix of interests," Ivan Frisberg, higher-education-project director at the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said this month in a letter to the commission members.

Based on the preview of its work that emerged from last week's session here at Belmont University—where the commission's chairman, William E. Trout, is president—the panel seemed disinclined to propose the kind of sweeping changes that Mr. Castle and Mr. Frisberg seek.

Most of the recommendations the panel

said it would make are aimed more at explaining to students and their families that American colleges are a good value.

"For instance, the panel said it would recommend that Congress require colleges to disclose more financial information to help students and their parents better understand why institutions charge what they do. Two pieces of information the panel plans to ask Congress to demand are the difference between colleges' sticker prices and what the majority of their students actually pay, and detailed reports on how much the colleges spend each year on capital needs and faculty salaries.

"For a long time, colleges have adopted a guilt mentality—they have obfuscated both inadvertently and deliberately," Barry Muniz, chancellor of the California State University System and the commis-

sion's vice-chairman, said in an interview.

"A college's finances are very complicated and therefore hard to explain. But many college officials have also made it clear that they don't want the public to know where they get their money from and how they spend it."

That silence has heightened public suspicion that colleges are overcharging their students, said Dr. Muniz. But that is largely not the case, commission members said, explaining that colleges typically spend much more to educate their students than the students are charged.

That view was shared even by the more conservative members of the commission, like Dr. Anderson, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, which is affiliated with Stanford University. He wrote a book in 1992,

*Imposers in the Temple: A Blueprint for Improving Higher Education in America*, which accused colleges of inadequately preparing students and of promoting a left-wing agenda.

But in defending colleges on the tuition question, he cited preliminary data from the Education Department that show a marked slowdown in the rise of college costs over the past several years.

## 'QUIETLY RESPONDING'

The department's National Center for Education Statistics releases a report every three years that examines, among other things, the costs of the nation's colleges. In previous studies, the center has reported that the total cost of attending public universities grew by 37 per cent from 1987 to 1990, and by 40 per cent from 1990 to 1993. The preliminary data reported to the commission for 1993 to 1996, however, show that the total cost of attending public universities increased by only 3 per cent in that period.

The data indicate that the increase in the total cost of attending private universities slowed to 9 per cent from 1993 to 1996, compared with increases of 38 per cent from 1987 to 1990, and 27 per cent from 1990 to 1993.

The College Board reported this fall that average tuition and fees for 1997-98 at four-year private colleges was \$13,664; at four-year public colleges, \$3,111; and at public community colleges, \$1,501.

The statistics seem to indicate that "colleges have been quietly responding over the last three or four years to the bad publicity they have been bombarded with on the costs of college," Dr. Anderson said.

Members of the panel acknowledged that while college remains a bargain, many Americans believe they cannot afford it. That is because the public has been widely misinformed about what most colleges cost, commission members said, and because the public largely does not know about the widespread availability of federal student aid.

Toward that end, the commission will recommend that Congress provide money for a broad public-information campaign about the availability of federal student aid and new tax breaks on tuition. "The American public needs to know what a great deal students may be eligible for from the federal government," William D. Hansen, executive director of the Education Finance Council, wrote in a draft report to fellow commission members. "Many Americans may not be aware of the resources that are available to them to further their education and open up doors of new opportunity." The finance council represents non-profit agencies that buy student loans from banks.

Besides requiring greater disclosure from colleges, the commission will ask the Education Department to release data more regularly and more widely on trends in college costs. Panel members would like

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the education statistics center to release a report on college costs every year, and to publish it on the Internet.

"It is critical that the department provide an annual report" on tuition trends, said Mr. Hansen. "It is hard to develop good public policy based on three-year-old data."

The commission also seemed to accept the view of colleges that a major factor driving tuition increases is unreasonable regulations that federal, state, and local governments place on colleges.

Some of the costliest regulations, the panel noted, are included in legislation approved by Congress this past summer that

will provide \$40 billion in new tax breaks for college students and their families, but that includes new reporting requirements for colleges. The Treasury Department is expected to release guidelines requiring colleges to provide the Internal Revenue Service with detailed information on all of their students, so that the I.R.S. can determine which students are eligible for the tax breaks.

In its final report, the commission will urge Congress to change the law and allow "self-reporting" by tax filers, even though the Treasury Department has said that such an approach could lead to widespread fraud.

"This kind of regulation is exactly what

the government shouldn't be doing," said Dr. Anderson. "It's the perfect example of how the government drives up" costs.

**MANDATORY RETIREMENT**

The commission shied away last week from addressing many controversial issues, such as the value of tenure or the large salaries of some college presidents. And it delayed a decision on another touchy issue—whether to ask Congress to exempt colleges from a law that forbids employers to require workers who reach a certain age to retire.

Dr. Munitz argued for the exemption for colleges that offer their professors tenure. He said colleges often must pay large sala-

ries to older faculty members who are no longer productive.

The proposal, if included in the final report, is likely to face opposition from the American Association of University Professors and other faculty groups. The commission is more likely to back a less-controversial proposal that would clarify how colleges can offer incentives for voluntary early retirement. ■

\* More about college costs, including key documents and articles, can be found on *The Chronicle's* World-Wide Web site at: <http://chronicle.com>

## Accrediting Group Plans to End Policy That Was Criticized by Justice Department

BY DOUGLAS LEDERMAN

**T**HE SOUTHERN Association of Colleges and Schools plans to abandon a controversial policy that prevents its member institutions from accepting transfer credits earned by students at many vocational and technical colleges.

The proposed change, which the group's members are expected to approve next month, won tentative approval last week from the U.S. Education and Justice Departments, both of which had raised con-

cerns about the current policy. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Council on Occupational Education.

The change, which Southern officials said had been driven by "academic responsibility," affected more than 100,000 students in the 11 states covered by the association: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

*The Department of Education's Nation.*

The Justice Department began its own review of the transfer policy last year, after officials of several member colleges among the three groups complained that institutions in the Southern association had stopped admitting their students who were trying to transfer.

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WARNING**

In September, the Justice Department warned in a letter that the Southern policy might be violating federal antitrust laws

fended their policy and said the Justice Department had "incorrectly analyzed the issues." But in a letter to members this month, the group proposed a change designed to "dispel the suggestion that we seek to prohibit or restrict the transfer of credit."

The new policy, which will be put before the members of the association for a vote on December 9, would let institutions decide for themselves which credits to accept as "relevant" to the degree that the trans-



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**Editor:**

I must take issue with the unfair and unjust inference drawn by The Times Leader in a story reporting a former Wilkes University employee's appeal of a judge's ruling to dismiss a discrimination and breach of contract suit filed against the university (March 15). While I am not able to comment on the

specifics of the case as it moves through the courts, I must correct several misrepresentations made by the reporter.

The story inferred that Wilkes fired someone because of his nationality. That inference and the way it was reported is a serious unfounded allegation that is offensive and unjust to the university. Wilkes University treats every-

one as individuals without labeling them based on national or ethnic origin. To imply or infer anything else is without basis and injurious to the university and our community.

**Christopher N. Breilseth**  
President  
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## Osterhout Free Library campaign begins

The Osterhout Society 2000 Campaign, chaired by Sidney and Pauly Friedman and comprised of the Library's Board of Directors, leadership volunteers, and friends, recently held a breakfast meeting at the Best Western Genetti Hotel.

The meeting officially set the stage for the major gift phase of the Library's Society 2000 Campaign fund raiser.

With the launching of the major gift phase, the campaign began to broaden its donor base with a new cadre of volunteers working to solicit new pledges and donations.

This year, the overall goal of the Society 2000 Campaign has been set at \$225,000. Gifts to the Osterhout Society Campaign have become critical to the financial security of the library.

The library recently completed much-needed renovations and the implementation of many modern changes, such as resource automation in conjunction with the Luzerne County Library System. These project renovations are just a few positive improvements for readers and reader accessibility.

Over the years, the library's patrons have become more and more diverse within the community.

Patrons of the library range in age from babies and parents

attending infant storytime; students working on school projects; to senior citizens, relaxing in the beautiful newly renovated reading room or surfing on the Internet.

The Osterhout Free Library continues to reflect its strong commitment in supporting and in recognizing the needs of the community.

In the immediate future, the library will offer many more services to accommodate Library patrons.

These new millennium changes will also benefit patrons by allowing them to access increasing sophisticated technology.

More than 15 percent of the Osterhout's funding comes from donations to the annual Osterhout Society Campaign.

Any donation, no matter how small, will enable the Library to continue to provide our community with a center known for excellence in education, information, and recreation.

The success of the Osterhout, during this period of growth, depends largely upon the support of its work through donations to the Osterhout Society 2000 Campaign. Contributions to the Osterhout are tax-deductible.

If you would like to donate, call Joanna C. Springer, director of

development, at 821-1958, extension 18 or mail a contribution to the Osterhout Society 2000 Campaign, 71 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Above, volunteers of Osterhout Society campaign, seated, from left are, Marlene Lyons, Joanna C. Springer, director of development; Diane T. Suffren, executive director; Pauly Friedman, 2000 Campaign chair; Jane Breiseth, Attorney John A. Bednarz; Osterhout board president, Chris Kosakowski.

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## Wilkes, Children's Service offer free autism screening program

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"Autism is a serious neurological disorder that usually occurs within the first 30 months of life," said DeVizia. "The symptoms can range from mild to severe and may include behavioral difficulties, delayed onset of speech and the lack of play or social skills."

"Our community has been instrumental in organizing a parent's support group, SAFE, which stands for Supporting Autism Families Everywhere, and a coalition on autism," added Breiseth. "Our mission with the coalition has been to establish local expertise and expand the treatment of children with autism."

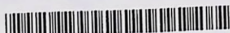
The Children's Service Center in cooperation with Wilkes University has an autism program which has made positive

changes in many autistic children's lives and given hope to their families.

If anyone suspects his child may be autistic, or if they are concerned with any inappropriate behaviors their child has developed, they are urged to call the Children's Service Center at 825-6425.

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# CONDUCTOR'S CHALLENGE IRVING BERLIN'S LIFE Dallas Brass Joins NEPA Pops For February 19 & 20 Concert

Excitement, energy and enthusiasm take the stage when the Dallas Brass joins Maestro Hugh Keelan and the Northeast Philharmonic Pops on February 19 and 20.

These February concert performances feature the Conductor's Challenge participants Dr. Edward G. Boehm Jr. from Keystone College and Dr. Christopher Breiseth from Wilkes University who will take center stage to conduct a rousing rendition of John Philip Sousa's "Liberty Bell March".

## FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

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## DALLAS BRASS

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## NE Philharmonic presents 'Dueling Presidents' concert

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## Conductors' challenge

Edward Boehm, Ph.D., Keystone College president, and Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., Wilkes University president, will be guest conductors for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Pops and The Dalias Brass concert, 'A Tribute to Irving Berlin,' at 8 p.m. Friday at the Scranton Cultural Center and Saturday at the F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre. Principals, clockwise from bottom center: Susan Belin, Philharmonic president; Dr. Boehm, Maestro Hugh Keelan, Philharmonic music director; and Dr. Breiseth.

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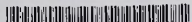
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Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., came to Keystone in 1995 from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, where he served as Senior Vice President. Prior to his service at Marshall, Dr. Boehm held key positions at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas and American University in Washington D.C. Dr. Boehm is a graduate of Frostburg State University and his advanced degrees are from American University.

Dr. Boehm is very active in the community and participates as a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Tyler Memorial Hospital, and the Waverly Community House. He is also a member of the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute's Advisory Board. In 1997 he was elected President of the PANO Board of Directors.

Dr. Christopher Breiseth has been President of Wilkes University since 1984. He received his B.A. in History from U.C.L.A. in 1958, a B.Litt. (now M.Litt.) in Modern British History from Oxford University in 1962, and his Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University in 1964. He taught at Williams College from 1963 until 1970, with a leave of absence in 1967-68 to work in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in

Washington D.C. From 1970 to 1971, he worked at the University of Chicago on Black Studies with a Danforth post-doctoral fellowship.

A student of Abraham Lincoln, he contributed to the Lincoln Sites Project in Springfield, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, including an essay, "Lincoln Douglas and Springfield in the 1858 Campaign," published in a collection prepared for the Lincoln Sites Project entitled, *The Public and the Private Lincoln*. Dr. Breiseth is active in the Wilkes-Barre community working with the Earth Conservancy, Osterhout Free Library, Unite Way, Pennsylvania Humanities Council and Committee for Economic Growth.

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# Earth Conservancy: 'KOZ is a significant marketing tool'

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By Kevin Donlin  
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

Earth Conservancy board members discussed the Keystone Opportunity Zone initiative and the potential impact it will have on the community during Thursday morning's board meeting.

Last month, Gov. Tom Ridge approved the joint application filed by Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties as one of 12 Keystone Opportunity Zones in the Commonwealth.

The initiative, which allows businesses to move into the designated areas and operate tax-free for 12 years, was largely regarded as a powerful incentive in luring companies and jobs to the area.

Each of the 12 Keystone Opportunity Zones across the Commonwealth were broken into a varying number of sub-zones.

The Luzerne/Lackawanna counties KOZ designation includes 859 acres of Earth Conservancy property. Most of the land, 719 acres, is located in Hanover Township, while the remaining 140 acres are in Nanticoke.

"This was a pretty significant announcement for the entire state," said Mike Dziak, Earth Conservancy president and chief executive officer. "It provides us with a pretty significant opportunity to market our area."

All told, the Luzerne/Lackawanna zone consists of 4,303 acres. Only the Southwest and Northwest zones, which consist of Erie and Pittsburgh respectively, received more acreage of KOZ designation.

Steve Barrouk, president of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, said the challenge before the area now is twofold.

"We need to move ahead and get infrastructure into those areas as quickly as possible," Barrouk commented. "And we need to market this program effectively."

Barrouk said a trip has already been planned to explain the program to EC's site locators.

"Now that we have the zones, we're entering into another phase," Dziak stressed. "And that's our competition with the other zones. What can we do to make our zone more attractive?"

Wilkes University President, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, called the KOZ designation "a pretty powerful impetus for the region to come together."

In other matters, Mark Packard provided board members with a demonstration of geographic information system technology. Last September, Vice President Al Gore announced the Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Watershed would be one of six national demonstration projects to highlight the use of new information technology.

Packard, using a personal computer, explained the values of GIS

technology to board members. GIS technology allows massive amounts of data to be stored in computer systems and displayed using easily interpreted maps.

Packard noted the GIS technology has allowed Earth Conservancy to preserve maps and documents that would have decayed over time and store vast amounts of demographic data. The data is easily transferable via CD-ROM.

"Some long time members may remember when we first came on, we felt like we didn't even have access to walk on the land to find out what problems we had," Breiseth said. "We really didn't have any clue. To move from that level of ignorance to this, it's a huge asset," he added.

An independent auditor's report turned up no problems, according to John Renfer and Albert Kishel, who presented the audit. Kishel, however, did identify an \$886,000 deficit in EC's operating activities, a deficit that he said should not really concern EC board members. "Just because you see a deficit, it isn't bad news," Kishel said. "It just means you are developing the land the way you are supposed to."

Kishel told board members as long as they continued to sell land, there would be no financial difficulties.

"What happens when you don't sell land?" Kishel asked. "That is a potential problem, but the administration is efficient enough that they can back down some on development costs if they have to."

Kishel recommended the board continue operating the way it's been functioning.

The board also passed a resolution honoring the Rev. James Lackenmier for his service to Earth Conservancy. Lackenmier, the long-time King's College president, will retire at the end of the year.

Dziak said Lackenmier would be attending the April meeting, and the board would offer the appropriate thanks at that time.

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### Wilkes Hosts Reception for Award-Winning Author Jamaica Kincaid

Wilkes-Barre -- Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth and wife Jane recently hosted a dinner reception and short program for internationally acclaimed author, Jamaica Kincaid, at the McCole House, on South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

During the program, Breiseth personally welcomed Kincaid to both the University and the Wyoming Valley. Kincaid thanked everyone for their hospitality and expressed anticipation for her presentation that followed the reception.

Kincaid was escorted to the Edward Darling Jr. Theatre in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts for "Readings by Jamaica Kincaid" and a book signing. The award-winning writer signed copies of her various novels - *At the Bottom of the River*, *My Brother*, *Annie John*, *Lucy*, *A Small Place*.

"Readings by Jamaica Kincaid" was sponsored by the English Department's Allen Hamilton Dickson Endowment, and the Wilkes University College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies. Fleet Pennsylvania Services, Moosic, Pa., through a partnership with Wilkes, was the community co-sponsor of the event.

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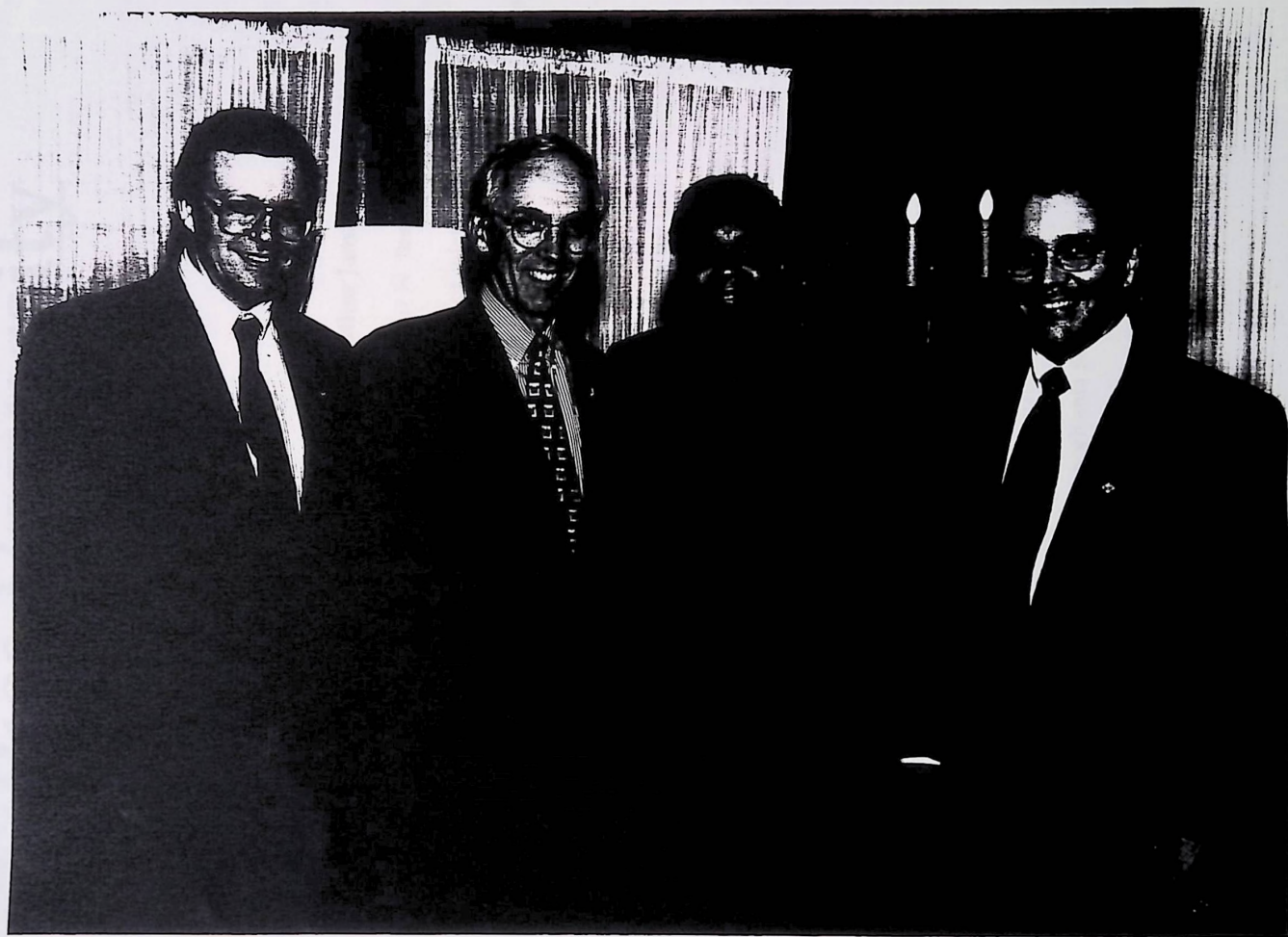
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Left to Right: Dr. Darin E. Fields, assistant professor, English at Wilkes, from Wyoming, Pa.; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes, from Wilkes-Barre; Jamaica Kincaid, from Vermont; and Paul Strunk, vice president for alumni, development and university relations at Wilkes, from Scranton, Pa.







# Brass ensemble has the right mix for 'pops' success

By **ROBERT MINER**

Times Leader Correspondent

**WILKES-BARRE** — With a sound as big as the state of Texas, the Dallas Brass delivered a program featuring something for almost everyone on Saturday night at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

The ensemble performed — sometimes alone and sometimes with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic — as part of the orchestra's "Pops" concerts series.

The orchestra, under the direction of Hugh Keelan, got the concert off to a great start with a snappy rendering of Otto Nicolai's overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor," a piece that included a lively, Mendelssohn-like scherzo and a carefree waltz.

The Dallas Brass — made up of two trombonists, two trumpeters, a tuba player and a percussionist — delivered a rousing rendition of "American Fanfare," a work composed by the ensemble's arranger, John Wasson, who is also the arranger for the Dallas Cowboys Band.

For the serious music lover, the group offered a poignant rendering of a brass arrangement of "My Spirit Be Joyful," from J.S. Bach's "Cantata No. 146."

Dallas Brass percussionist Mark Lortz thrilled the near-capacity audience with a virtuoso performance on xylophone in the ensemble's setting of the jolly "Galap" from Dmitri Kabalevsky's "The Comedians."

The entire ensemble shone in its harmonious rendering of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Neopolitan Dance." And the orchestra offered a rich interpretation of Wasson's "A Texas Portrait," a piece that painted vivid pictures of dawn, an endless sky, a cityscape and twilight.

The orchestra and brass ensemble brought the first half of the program to a rousing conclusion with a medley of George M.

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Cohan tunes that included "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "You're a Grand Old Flag."

The audience got an earlier-than-usual hearing of one of its favorites, John Philip Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," a work that the philharmonic performs every year during the pyrotechnical celebration at Kirby Park on the Fourth of July, when guest conductor Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, led the orchestra, as part of the "Conductor's Challenge" fundraiser.

Just before taking the podium, Breiseth jokingly said, "It's a real pleasure to be here. I only hope that the people from Wilkes' music, dance and theater department will still talk to me next week."

Irving Berlin crowd-pleasers such as "Always," "Alexander's Rag Time Band," "What'll I Do?" "Easter Parade" and "Puttin' on the Ritz" made up the bulk of the second half of the program.

And when Keelan faced the audience with his stick on "God Bless America," many began to sing. Bravos and a standing ovation followed.

The orchestra and brass ensemble reciprocated with a big, Texas-sized encore, Louis Prima's rousing "Sing, Sing, Sing," a piece made famous by the Benny Goodman Quartet.

The arrangement featured an elaborate percussion solo by Lortz that brought the house down. During his solo, the brass players made their way throughout the house performing in the aisles. One trombonist hurried up the steps and into the balcony and still had enough breath to play his instrument.

The audience, however, was left breathless.

**By Al Choman**  
Citizens' Voice Music Critic

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Each brass instrument sounded

After a subdued classical performance in January, Saturday night's Pops' concert found the orchestra and their guests alive with musical magic. This performance had heart and soul. Whether it was the stimuli of interpreting Sousa's "Liberty Bell March" or backing such a vibrant troupe as the Dallas Brass, the Philharmonic and its conductor returned on track Saturday night with the skill and precision its

**Philharmonic Notes:** This year's Conductor's Challenge participants featured Keystone College President Dr. Edward Boehm Friday night at the Cultural Center in Scranton and Wilkes Uni-

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Tom Thomas used to work as a mine company surveyor. Now he is preserving some of his work with the help of computers at Earth Conservancy.

## Earth Conservancy mines maps for data

By GRACE DOVE

Times Leader Community Reporter

ASHLEY — In a unique pilot program, Earth Conservancy is combining century-old, hand-drawn maps with the latest computer technology to learn more about the Wyoming Valley's deep mines.

Mark Packard Jr., Earth Conservancy's Geographic Information System analyst and data base manager, is scanning into a computer images of more than 1,200 maps from the former Glen Alden Coal Co. Many of the maps were drawn on linen. He's getting help from former Glen Alden surveyor Tom Thomas.

"It's a unique situation — Glen Alden was one of the largest coal companies in the area and ate up many smaller collieries," Packard said. "Earth Conservancy is the sole repository for these maps, so we're also using this technology for historic preservation. The maps are beginning to deteriorate."

The mine maps are combined with detailed data on topography and infrastructure generated by the Geographic Information System, a computer program that allows massive amounts of data to be processed into maps. The re-

sult shows the various layers of coal mines underneath specific areas and how much coal is left. In the old days, mining companies did these calculations by hand.

"This is a new use for old data," said Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth, who is chairman of the conservancy's board of directors. "These old maps are tremendously valuable."

The old mine maps contain a wealth of information, Packard said. They're still useful because they delineate the original boundaries of parcels of land, the depth of coal veins and the locations of coal pillars left after the mines were closed. The coal pillars hold up some mined-out sections of the valley, where up to 15 different layers of deep mines were dug during mining's heyday.

The information can be used for mine reclamation projects and will be made available to state and federal agencies, such as the Office of Surface Mining or the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Packard has combined other Geographic Information System maps with information on population, income levels,

### Former surveyor lends his expertise

ASHLEY — When you're preserving old maps, it helps to have someone around who helped work on the originals.

That's where Tom Thomas fits in.

Thomas, 85, started working as a surveyor for the former Glen Alden Coal Co. in 1932, going into the field to obtain the information that the company used to map the many mines at its 11 collieries. He continued working for Glen Alden until Earth Conservancy took over the company's offices in Ashley.

Now he is helping Mark Packard Jr., the conservancy's Geographic Information System analyst and data base manager, preserve more than 1,200 of the company's hand-drawn maps, some a century old and many on linen.

"I was just one of many surveyors," Thomas said. "We had to go down into the mines and drill into the roof to set up pairs of plumb bobs. They showed the right way to drill for the coal and the location of

gangways and chambers underground. We wrote everything down and turned it in to the office every day so they could make the maps. You couldn't just go down there and shoot (blast) or you'd hit the man next door."

He helped survey mines at the Wanamie Colliery in Wanamie, the Truesdale and Loomis collieries in Hanover Township and the Reynolds section of the Nottingham Colliery. When the deep mines finally played out, the company transferred him into the office, where he "did a little bit of everything."

Now he runs the conservancy's "map machine. There are so many maps, but the people here can't imagine where they all came from," he said.

Since he started working, Thomas has seen many changes in surveying. They have a lot of extra machines that can figure the size of a piece of land. We used to do it using a measuring tape."

— Grace Dove

railroads and the location of utilities to prepare marketing studies for companies interested in locating in the area.





**PROJECT LEARN II** — The Steering Committee of Project LEARN II met recently at Wilkes University. LEARN stands for Local Education Action Resource Network. The group includes five area colleges and universities and 15 area school districts. The meeting was part of the planning effort for the second major teacher's conference to be held on Oct. 23, at Wilkes University and King's College. Every school district in the intermediate unit and the area colleges and universities will be involved with and participate in the program. The theme for this year's conference is "Building Educational Communities: Uniting Forces for the Next

Journey." Seated, from left: Barbara Conway, Scranton Diocese; Dr. DeBorah Carr, Hazleton Area School District; Sharon Ward, Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership; and Dr. Rosemary Williams, Wilkes University. Standing: Dr. Steve Boston, Lake Lehman School District; Frank Valvano, Tunkhannock Area School District; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University; Vincent Sortino, Nabisco Brands, Inc.; Dr. Dominick Graziano, Hanover Area School District; Diane Blazure, Nabisco Brands, Inc.; and Dr. Robert Heaman, Wilkes University.

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## Breiseth takes part in Bill of Rights observance program

Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth recently attended a lecture given by James H. Billington, librarian of Congress, on his personal observations on the attempted coup in the Soviet Union.

The first in a series of statewide events focusing on the Bill of Rights sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council with funding from the Freedom Forum, the lecture was held in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights and the centenary of the Free Library.

Dr. Breiseth is chair of the PHC, a private, non-profit organization which is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

From the left are Samuel Gubins, senior vice president, Academy of Natural Sciences; Dr. Joan Challinor, research associate, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute; Elliot L. Shelkrot, director, Free Library of Philadelphia; Billington; Dr. Breiseth; Gloria Twine Chisum, chairwoman, Free Library of Philadelphia; Craig R. Eisendrath, executive director, PHC.



# Shopping for a college education? Remember, you get what you pay for

By DR. CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

Special To The Citizens' Voice

One of the effects of the current recession is a new consumerism among college-bound students. According to the March 18 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, applications for admission have increased up to 27 percent over last year for some private colleges and up to 10 percent for some public colleges and universities. These increases are occurring at a time when the number of high school graduates is down and while we are experiencing the worst recession since World War II. Part of the explanation for the increase in the number of applications is that students are applying to a greater number of institutions in the hopes of getting the best deal; they are shopping around. As students — and parents — shop around they need to be acutely aware that in the world of education, as in the rest of the consumer world, you get what you pay for.

Because of the huge investment of financial aid dollars in students by private colleges and universities — \$3 billion for undergraduate financial aid — the actual cost of a private education is much less than the sticker price. This financial aid contribution may well account for the fact that the median family income for students at four-year independent institutions of higher education is the same as that of students in state colleges and universities, \$36,000.

The major consideration in selecting a college or university has to be the quality of the program and the quality of the education the student will receive. Access to fully-credentialed faculty with the Ph.D. in hand (as opposed to teaching assistants), hands-on access to equipment and facilities, and the opportunity to work directly with faculty are all factors that need to be taken into consideration when looking at colleges. These qualities contribute importantly to the fact that although independent colleges and universities nationally enroll 21 percent of all students (nearly 40 percent in Pennsylvania) they awarded 33 percent of all bachelor's degrees (51 percent in Pennsylvania), 40 percent of all master's degrees (55 percent in Pennsylvania), 36 percent of all doctoral degrees (49 per-



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cent in Pennsylvania), and — incredibly — 60 percent of all first professional degrees in fields like law, medicine, engineering and business. (The percentage in Pennsylvania is also 60 percent.)

The fact that the student-to-faculty ratio in independent colleges in Pennsylvania is 15:1 as opposed to 23:1 for the public sector institutions contributes to the greater success rate for graduation. Students entering a private college or university directly from high school have a degree-completion rate of 54 percent within six years, while state institutions have a completion rate of 43 percent for the same group.

I know that in the Culture and Values course that I teach it is much easier to promote discussion and to engage students in the material because I know each of the students and can call upon them by name. The fact that I am also able to respond personally to each of the essays they hand in every week means that these students get personal feedback on a regular basis. Such a classroom is simply not possible in courses with hundreds of students in class.

Quality, caring and close relationships are the hallmark of independent sector institutions. With the raised consciousness of the new consumer of higher education, it is important that students and their families make their judgment of which institutions to select not solely based on money.

As one considers the cost of higher education generally, it is important to recognize that an education is an even better investment today than previously. A college degree continues to be the passport to the most rewarding jobs in almost every professional field. A typical college graduate will earn \$362,000 more than a high school graduate over a lifetime. The return on investment in a college education is about 10 percent annually.

Of course, we all know there is more to life than money. Education, at whatever cost, helps us to discover the many dimensions to life and thereby lead more satisfying and contributing lives.

(Dr. Christopher Breiseth is president of Wilkes University.)

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### Wilkes will host author on banking

Wilkes University will host Herve de Carmoy, author of



Herve de Carmoy

"Global Banking Strategy: Financial Markets and Industrial Decay, at a breakfast lecture and discussion on

international banking and industrial development 8 a.m. Nov. 15 at the Ramada Hotel, Wilkes-Barre.

de Carmoy is a guest of Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University.

"de Carmoy is a major figure in European business," Breiseth explained, "and will provide a unique perspective on the relationship of the U.S. economy to that of the emerging European community."

de Carmoy's was formerly chief executive officer of the Chase Manhattan Bank in Paris, of Global Banking at Midland Bank in England, of the Thomas Cook Group, and, most recently, of the Societe Generale de Belgique.

Reservations for the \$9 breakfast can be made by calling the school at 824-4651, ext. 4000.