

Wilkes' Breiseth graced us with long tenure, longer list of accomplishments



HE'S DONE SO much in so little time. People who have worked with Dr. Christopher Breiseth over the last 16 years

during his tenure as president of Wilkes University come away impressed by his dedication and commitment, both to the university and to the community. Just last week, the Anti-Defamation League honored him and his wife, Jane, for their leadership in strengthening the bonds of this wonderfully diverse community.

One of the earlier contributions he made that I remember was the creation of the Council of Presidents. It seemed that within just a few years of his coming to Wilkes, he brought together the presidents of the five colleges of the Wyoming Valley into an organization in which — while allowing each to retain the normal individuality of their respective institutions — they work together to resolve their mutual problems. Together, they strengthened the services they provided the community.

Among these are the identical semester calendars that King's, Wilkes and Misericordia share. There is a reciprocal relationship

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in which the curriculum of each is made available to students of the other on a mutual exchange. For example, a student in one institution needing a course not currently offered that semester, but available at the neighboring institution, could enroll and have the credits transferred. At the very least, the council strengthened both the quality and opportunities of higher education in the area.

Others see Dr. Breiseth as a builder. A friend of mine who had been a tenured professor at Wilkes in the 1960s recently toured the campus and was amazed at the changes that have taken place.

Most conspicuous among the changes during Dr. Breiseth's tenure, of course, were such things as the new buildings. There is the COB (Classroom Office Building) that stands between Sturdevant and Capin halls on South Franklin Street, the new student union building on South Street, and the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center on South Franklin Street. There is also the Burns Alumni Belltower and Carillon and the fine statue of John

Wilkes that now gazes northward over the Fenner Quadrangle that unites the major campus.

Less conspicuous but nonetheless impressive has been the remodeling of all those fine homes of former captains of industry in the community which, under the first president, Eugene Farley, once provided much of the main housing for Wilkes College. So many of these were acquired during that time that there is the apocryphal story about the owner of Isaac Long's Department Store, who sent President Farley a note announcing that he and his wife were going to be out of town for a few weeks but would return, and adding, "Please don't take my house while we're away."

Fine as these houses were, a major task for the Breiseth administration has been to conform with today's requirements for safety and handicapped accessibility. This effort has consumed a great deal of money and time, and could not have been accomplished without Dr. Breiseth's leadership and vision.

One of Dr. Breiseth's noteworthy accomplishments is to have led the institution to its designation from college to university status in 1989. Five years later another major step included the addition of the School

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of Pharmacy, which will graduate its first class this month.

But his interests and concerns extended well beyond the university itself. Both he and Jane have served and still do serve on the boards of many of the community's social service organizations. It is testament to their service both to the boards and the community that he has received virtually every one of the most prestigious awards given by the community to its leaders.

Among the more significant contributions are those which brought together the knowledge and facilities of the centers of higher learning with those of the greater community. One of these is a remarkable computerized profile of the Wyoming Valley which combines its demographics in great depth overlaid upon its topography. Both King's and Wilkes have worked together in producing what is a most valuable tool for developing the resources to serve a

whole range of commercial and public interests.

Another, and perhaps more important example, of Dr. Breiseth's leadership is in the Earth Conservancy. This is a critical effort to restore thousands of acres of land ravaged by the coal industry, returning much of it to the tax rolls of the municipalities in which they exist, retaining critical sections for environmental protection and development and assigning a section for what hopefully will become a major industrial business park that will assure rewarding employment opportunities for the young people of this community.

Throughout this period — and like the presidents of most private institutions — Dr. Breiseth has been on the road almost constantly visiting alumni throughout the United States seeking not only to develop new funding for the university but also to retain a sense of family among Wilkes

graduates. In the process, the University endowment increased during his tenure by more than 800 percent.

Given that the average tenure of college presidents is something like seven years — a tenure that tends to exhaust most — and Dr. Breiseth has kept up this strenuous pace and steady stream of accomplishments for more than a decade and a half, it is not surprising to find that he thinks he needs a breather.

This doesn't mean that he believes that everything has been accomplished and that his work is done. He would be the first to say that many challenges remain on which he and teams of trustees, faculty and administration will continue to work for months to come.

What Dr. Breiseth has done so much to build is a living, growing institution. It is a record of accomplishment for which anyone could be proud, and for which he can be assured that this greater community will remember and honor him for as long as it exists.

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Atlanta reliever gets a standing ovation as he returns to action.

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President's era saw huge growth of endowment

Wilkes chief Breiseth to retire

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INSIDE: Highlights from Christopher Breiseth's career, BA.

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth announced Tuesday his plans to retire from his post July 1, 2001 after what will be a 17-year term in office, the second-longest in the institution's history.

University officials said they plan to assemble a committee of trustees, faculty members, administrators and students and hire a national search firm to find a re-

placement for the 63-year-old president — a process they estimate could take about one year.

Breiseth's announcement to more than 300 faculty, staff members, students, administrators and members of the board of trustees sparked a standing ovation that lasted several minutes, university

spokesman Mark Davis said.

"He looked very proud, and very polished, and was strong throughout the whole thing," Davis said. "There might have been tears afterward" when he was meeting with people individually.

The press was barred from attending the announcement and Breiseth was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Breiseth was too emotional to attend a

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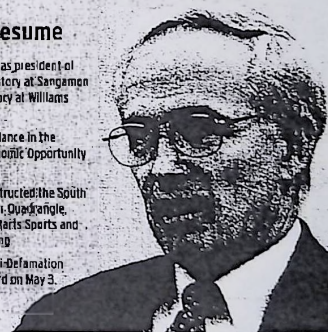
Academics, politics on resume

Before joining Wilkes in 1984, Breiseth served as president of Deep Springs College; fellowships, professor of history at Sangamon State University and assistant professor of history at Williams College.

From 1967-88, he served as chief of policy guidance in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

Under Breiseth's leadership, the campus constructed the South Franklin Street Classroom/Office Building, Fenner Overkang, Burns Alumni Bell Tower and Carillon, Arnold C. Marks Sports and Conference Center and the Student Union Building.

Breiseth and his wife Anne will receive the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Community Service Award on May 3.



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press conference held shortly after the announcement, Davis said. It will likely be a few days before the president will talk publicly about his retirement.

Gerald Moffatt, chairman of the university's board of trustees, cited the president's age and the length of his term as reasons for his decision to retire. He said the board put no pressure on Breiseth to retire.

In a press release issued by the university, Breiseth said he made his decision after careful deliberation.

"I have been weighing this decision for the past few years and have decided the timing is right for the university to begin the process of selecting its next leader," Breiseth said.

During Breiseth's term as president, the university constructed and remodeled several buildings on campus, created the School of Pharmacy, and grew its endowment from \$3 million to more than \$25 million.

He received several awards for his work as a community leader and helped establish the Earth

Conservancy.

"I have found him to be a man of the highest integrity and great wisdom," said U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke, who worked with Breiseth on the Earth Conservancy.

"Northeastern Pennsylvania has been greatly enriched by his leadership, and I look forward to his continued involvement in the community."

Breiseth's term has not been without controversy.

In 1998, the university adopted a plan to slash 32 teaching jobs in three years and cut its art, economics, materials engineering and physics majors and master's program in health care administration.

The number of undergraduates attending the school has plummeted by about 400 students since 1992, although enrollment in its graduate classes during that time increased dramatically, college officials said.

The president is the second university administrator in a week to announce plans to retire. J. Michael Lemon, vice president of academic affairs, revealed last week that he will retire Jan. 15, 2001.

After Breiseth retires July 1,

Tenure at school included change, development

Some highlights from Christopher Breiseth's career as Wilkes University's president:

DECEMBER 1983: Becomes Wilkes College's fourth president.

APRIL 1985: Formally inaugurated as president. "We commit Wilkes to the strengthening of the students' involvement in their own learning," Breiseth said.

APRIL 1986: Restructures several departments, creating the School of Business and Economics, the School of Physical Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences.

MAY 1989: Receives an honorary degree from Luzerne County Community College.

OCTOBER 1991: Denounces any connection between the thallium poisoning death of Wilkes-Barre electrician Robert Curley and the chemicals present in the Wilkes University chemistry department that Curley and co-workers renovated in 1991.

JUNE 1993: Announces Wilkes University will soon offer a doctor of pharmacy degree, the only school in Northeastern Pennsylvania to do so. The school opens in August 1996.

JULY 1994: As chairman of Earth Conservancy, Breiseth asks Luzerne County Commissioners for a \$2 million line of

credit to purchase 17,000 acres of mine-scarred land in the county. Breiseth and other Earth Conservancy board members refuse to reveal which banks hold \$15.5 million in federal taxpayer money to be used in the purchase. The county turns the board down.

MAY 1995: Along with leaders from 10 colleges in three counties, Breiseth publicly endorses the proposed arena/convention center.

DECEMBER 1996: Signs an agreement with King's College President James Lackenmier and College Misericordia President Albert Anderson for a common academic calendar, course exchanges and a distance learning program for the three institutions.

MARCH 1997: Announces a 15-percent tuition hike and the downsizing of staff in an effort to save \$800,000.

MAY 1998: Announces changes in some of Wilkes University's degree programs, including the elimination of undergraduate degrees in art, economics, materials engineering and physics.

FEBRUARY 2000: Expands Wilkes University's arts education program by adding programs to the Wilkes Community Conservancy, an outreach program that provides dance, music and theater classes for area residents.

—Kathe Kier

2001, he plans to take a one-year sabbatical to rejuvenate and then hopes to return to Wilkes University to teach history part-time, Davis said.

Breiseth is the fourth president

of Wilkes University and the length of his term is second only to founding president Eugene Farley.

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Wilkes University president retiring

Dr. Christopher Breiseth
led school past 16 years

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The second longest-serving president in Wilkes University's history announced Tuesday that he will retire next summer, giving the university's board of trustees approximately 14 months to find a replacement.

Dr. Christopher Breiseth, the university's president for 16 years, said in a prepared statement: "In many ways, the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes. I am immensely proud of what we accomplished together — the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and many friends of the university."

Breiseth made the announcement during a private meeting with the university's faculty at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday morning.

Media representatives were not allowed inside the facility during the announcement. However, university relations Director Mark Davis said the faculty gave Breiseth a standing ovation following the president's "emotional" statements.

College officials made it clear Tuesday that Breiseth was retiring, not resigning. An anonymous letter sent to area media outlets prior to Tuesday's announcement suggested that the university's Faculty Affairs Council had asked Breiseth to resign and that the faculty has experienced "immense dissatisfaction" in the management of the university.

The anonymous letter also noted that the university has been suffering from a significant enrollment decline, the loss of academic programs, and "serious faculty retrenchment."

Professor Jane Elmes Crahall, chair of the Faculty Affairs Council, refuted allegations that the faculty asked Breiseth to step



Dr. Christopher Breiseth

down. "We did not have a vote of no-confidence and no one called for one," she said.

Elmes Crahall said, "Any group of 130 will have people with mixed opinions. Can I point to times we disagreed? You bet."

Overall though, she described the faculty's relationship with Breiseth as one of congeniality and "spirited debate" in the best interest of the students.

Gerald Moffat, chairman of the university's board of trustees, noted on Tuesday, "Our policy is not to comment on anonymous

Father Alan Panuska at the University of Scranton and Father James Lackenmier at King's College, I have chosen to announce my intention to retire more than a full year prior to the effective date to ensure an orderly transition," Breiseth said in the prepared statement.

Davis explained, "He's giving the (college's board of trustees) plenty of time to begin the search process for his replacement." Davis said that the board would appoint a selection committee and would most likely employ a national search for a replacement.

Davis added that the national average for the tenure of a college president is seven years. Breiseth will have served in that position for 17 years.

Moffat commented: "It is with a feeling of deep gratitude for all that he has accomplished for Wilkes University that I accept Dr. Breiseth's decision to retire. His tenure has been one of dramatic development and growth in the life of this institution."

Moffat said of Breiseth's advanced notice of retirement, "This kind of thoughtfulness has been a hallmark of his leadership and will allow the careful selection of his successor."

The university has seen many changes over the last several

years and has felt the economic pinch of enrollment declines.

But Moffat said things are getting much better.

Moffat said, "We went

through a process several years ago where we identified a significant amount of costs to be eliminated." The university, he said, took a hard look at attrition, early retirements and the elimination of programs that were no longer viable. "That has helped us tremendously," Moffat said.

He added, "We're now focused on a strategic planning process to take us through the next three to five years."

The process, he said, would make sure "we have the programs in place to support the vision we have for the university."

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Chairman of university's board of trustees

reports." However, he said, "(Breiseth) reports to the board of trustees and the board of trustees has not asked for his retirement at all."

Moreover, Moffat believed that filling Breiseth's shoes would be a difficult job.

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Officially, Breiseth announced that his retirement would be effective July 1, 2001, which is three months shy of his 65th birthday.

"Like my good colleagues,

President of Wilkes University, Wegman's Food Market to be honored by NAACP at Freedom Fund Banquet

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Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president, Wilkes University, will be presented with the NAACP's "Community Service Award," and Wegman's Food Market, Inc., Wilkes-Barre Township, will be presented with the NAACP's "Diversity Leadership Award."

Dr. Lenworth Gunther will be the keynote speaker at this year's Freedom Fund Banquet held by the Wilkes-Barre NAACP.

The event will take place on Friday, Nov. 10, at the East Mountain Inn.

From New York's public schools, including Stuyvesant High School, Gunther went on to become a Woodrow Wilson and Ford Foundation Doctorial Fellow and receive four degrees from Columbia University: BA, MA, Master of Philosophy and a Ph.D. in American history with specialties in African American, West African, and Russian studies.

The event will begin with a networking reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Call 829-0974 for ticket reservations.

Wilkes president offers public lecture on Lincoln, Roosevelt and leadership

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Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth will give a public lecture, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt: Dimensions of Leadership in a Political Democracy, on Sunday, May 6 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

Reflecting on the nature of leadership in our political democracy, Breiseth will discuss how throughout history Americans have had a chronic discontent with their politicians, that most people feel like voting is picking "the lesser of two evils." But, as Breiseth explains, this acknowledged imperfection of the system, process, political leaders has fueled our preoccupation with American presidents.

"I am part of this public fascination with America's presidents," said Breiseth. "Given the dominating careers of Lincoln and Roosevelt as leaders during two of our greatest crises, the Civil War and World War II, an

analysis of their leadership qualities in the context of these crises demonstrates crucial dimensions of political leadership in America's democracy."

Breiseth explains that in the instance of Lincoln and Roosevelt, America chose, at times of profound crises, men who had a vision of what was most important to the country.

A central characteristic of each man was his belief in and respect

for the ultimate wisdom of the people.

And, the two men were among the most effective communicators of all our political leaders.

"While Lincoln did not have the benefit of radio to reach his fellow citizens, he had the power

of print to convey his carefully developed arguments, expressed with eloquence that is unrivalled among our public leaders," said Breiseth. "In Roosevelt's case, he had an ability to simplify the issues facing the nation so that they could be understood by the great mass of American citizens," added Breiseth.

"He made the nation feel like a family, despite all its diversity

and internal tensions, and the labor unrest and race riots that punctuated the otherwise remarkably harmonious war era in 1943, the most desperate period of the war for America."

Breiseth will also delve into the important roles their wives, Mary Todd Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt, played as supporters of their husbands' presidency and First Lady of our country. The first to be called First Lady,

Mary Todd Lincoln "took the social responsibilities of the role with a new seriousness that influenced all future administrations," said Breiseth. Eleanor Roosevelt "worked faithfully and indefatigably for Franklin's success as a political leader. Just as she nursed him back to health after the attack of polio, she worked at his side" around the nation, even the world, to support his presidency."

Quick INFO

Public lecture set for May 6 at 8 p.m. at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center on the campus of Wilkes University. Lecture will take a look at the dimensions of leadership of Abe Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The lecture is free.

Ashley woman's attitude keeps her going

It came a little late but Karen Charles received her master's degree in February when family and friends gathered in her hometown to celebrate her life and accomplishments.

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
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In final are the first words that you'll hear from Karen Bridget Charles of Ashley. Though she may have a right to dwell on the negative, 43-year-old Charles realizes she is lucky to be alive, and is looking toward her future.

Charles earned a master of business administration degree from Wilkes University in June, the same month she underwent surgery for a brain tumor. With the outcome of this cruel irony still uncertain, Charles and her supportive family strive to keep an optimistic outlook.

During the final weeks of her studies, Charles was experiencing headaches and a loss of concentration that was evident in both her school work and her job. "No one suspected there was a health problem," said her aunt, Dorothy Yazurlo of Laflin. "We thought it was stress."

The last course that Charles needed to complete in order to obtain her degree was Decision Sciences, a class that involves a lot of statistics, probability and logic.

"I had trouble setting up the equations that were necessary for the class," she said.

Charles turned to a friend, Sandra Harper, for some tutoring, and never gave up.

On June 29 Charles was taken to the emergency room at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and underwent surgery to remove a grade four glioblastoma multi-

forme tumor the following day.

Charles missed her graduation day, but on Feb. 18, her friends and family gathered at the Ashley Fire Hall for a celebration of her life and achievements. At the celebration Charles was presented with her master's degree by Christopher Breiseth, retiring president of Wilkes.

"There are very few survivors of this type of brain tumor. The survival rate is 5 percent at six months," Yazurlo noted. "We're cautiously optimistic."

Charles has endured radiation therapy, chemotherapy and a second brain surgery in November to remove scar tissue and some of the tumor that had grown back. Every few months she has to have a brain scan, and the last one showed no change — a very good sign, Charles said.

She traveled to Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Maryland and Massachusetts General Hospital for additional consultations, and all of the opinions on her condition and treatment concurred with those she had received at home. Charles has confidence in her local medical professionals, neurosurgeon David Sedor and oncologist David Greenwald.

"They've both been wonderful to me."

Charles, who was born and raised in the Wilkes-Barre area, is the daughter of Fred Charles and the late Mary Shea Charles. She is the sixth born of their eight children, a large and close family that has become even closer during this crisis.

Charles is a 1975 graduate of Meyers High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Wilkes University in 1991. That same summer she began working on her master's degree through the Wilkes Weekend Program.

Charles is employed as opera-



Karen Charles of Ashley receives a master of business administration degree from Christopher Breiseth, retiring president of Wilkes University, at a gathering in February. The presentation of her degree was delayed by Charles' surgery to remove a brain tumor.

tions manager at First Security Investments of Kingston, where her sister, Margaret Charles Slusser, is chief executive officer. When Charles fell ill, Slusser became the communication link for the family, which has spread out across the country.

Using e-mail to keep in touch and the Web for medical research, the family rallied to the aid of their sister.

The other Charles siblings include Dr. Kevin Charles of New Hampshire, Dorothy Charles Schwab of Arizona, Mary Jane Charles of Texas, Katie Charles Biernacki of Ashley, Robert Charles of Wilkes-Barre and Mary Patricia Charles of Wilkes-Barre.

Brother Kevin arranged for Charles to consult with the doctor in Massachusetts, and sister Dorothy flew in from Arizona to accompany her on the consultation trips. Mary Patricia stops by daily on her way to work to prepare breakfast for Charles, and Mary Jane has flown in from Texas to help out. "They've all been very supportive," Charles said.

Father James Paisley of St. Maria Goretti Church in Laflin

has acted as spiritual adviser to Charles, and her uncle, John Shea, flew in from Georgia to be of assistance during her illness.

"I'm the moral support," said Yazurlo with a warm smile for her niece.

The main job for Charles is to keep her chin up. She completed six months of an 18-month course of chemotherapy, and recently she suffered a seizure that left her with some weakness and difficulty in walking. Blood clots in both legs required the implantation of a filter in a vein near her heart.

Charles, who resides with friend Bill Shaffer of Ashley, is looking forward to the day when she can return to her job at First Security Investments. She said the company has been good to her, and is willing to work with her needs when she is ready to return.

Charles is facing one of the greatest challenges of her life, and if a discouraging word has come to mind, she won't let it cross her lips.

"It's Karen's optimistic attitude that keeps her going," Yazurlo said.

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Breiseth to head New York institute

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Dr. Breiseth earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA, a master's degree from Oxford University and his doctorate from Cornell University. He began his teaching career at Williams College and Sangamon State University, now University of Illinois at Springfield. He also worked in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C., completed a Danforth post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago and served as president and dean of Deep Springs College, California.

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Plymouth



Kiwanians Club learns more about Abraham Lincoln

Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, recently offered insight into the life of Abraham Lincoln at a presentation at Plymouth Kiwanis Club's recent meeting. Kiwanis President Frank Fabian presided.

Breiseth, introduced by Dr. Joseph H. Smith, portrayed Lincoln as a person who abhorred slavery and mob rule, and as a leader who believed this nation could not survive half slave and half free. Lincoln became president in February 1861.

The Wilkes University president, who has lectured on 10 United States presidents, chose the Lincoln

theme for the Kiwanians because of Lincoln's birthday celebration this month.

Dr. Breiseth had an essay, "Lincoln and Douglas: Another Debate," published recently in "For a Vast Future Also," a collection of essays from "The Journal of the American Lincoln Association."

Breiseth was presented with a Shawnee Indianhead statuette and a certificate of appreciation.

From left are Angelo F. Grasso, past Kiwanis Division 15 lieutenant governor; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Florence Brizzy, Dr. Frank Gazda, the evening's award winner; and Betty Schall.

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On TV

Former Wilkes president will be featured on WVIA's State of Pennsylvania program

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Former Wilkes president featured on WVIA

One year ago, Christopher Breiseth resigned after 17 years as Wilkes University president, intending to write a book and eventually return to a Wilkes classroom. That all changed when a life-long friend convinced him to consider becoming the first president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, NY. FERI provides support to the Roosevelt Museum and Library located on the estate where FDR was born and is buried. Owned and operated by the National Park Service and National Archives, the FDR site was recently described by the New York Times as "A President's tranquil, leafy estate on the Hudson."

The WVIA program, State of Pennsylvania, Wednesday Nov. 7 at 8 p.m., includes a taped interview between WVIA President Bill Kelly and Dr. Breiseth from FDR's library, where President's Clinton and Soviet President Yeltsin met

in 1996. Quotes from President Roosevelt's remarks to the nation following Pearl Harbor are contrasted with America's similar needs today for information, reassurance and confidence. Kelly and Breiseth talk about FDR's ability to address millions by radio as if he were speaking to each American, one by one, appealing to their patriotism, and emphasizing the need to be "free of fear."

Throughout the tour, Breiseth shares anecdotes which give life to the characters, and which make the life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, particularly his achievements despite being wheelchair bound by polio, even more remarkable.

The one-hour program will end with Breiseth live at WVIA taking calls from viewers.

Above, seated from left are Bill Kelly, president and CEO of WVIA-TV and Dr. Breiseth at an earlier taping for the show.

through the woods, high above the Hudson, to work in the F.D.R. Library. Converting the house, which has been law offices for more than three decades, back into a home will be fun for Jane and me. We look forward to sharing it with family and friends as well as with FERI activities, some already part of the programs at Hyde Park, others that will develop once we are in residence.

Our final months at Wilkes have been heart warming. The naming of Breiseth Hall (the major classroom building constructed during my seventeen years at the University) was the crowning recognition, including as it does the Jane Morhouse Breiseth Gallery along its major first floor corridor. The Wilkes Trustees contributed an additional \$1 million beyond their earlier pledges to the Endow the Future Capital Campaign to cap this special recognition of our efforts. Our three girls joined us for the building dedication. Son-in-law Will Brockman stayed in Baltimore to take care of our grandson, Warner Breiseth Brockman, born to Erika and Will on November 13, 2000. Abigail, and Erika and Will, are buying old row houses in Baltimore within six blocks of each other, requiring lots of hard work, money and imagination—two of which they have in abundance (not the money). Abigail, who is working at the Law School of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, is living with the Brockmans until her house is ready so she has had an up close chance to enjoy nephew Warner. He really is a bright-eyed, happy young man who is receiving the full time attention of his Mom. Lydia is getting ready for her senior year at Cornell, majoring in English and minoring in Latin American Studies, with serious work in Spanish. In June, the Cornell Women's Chorus and Men's Glee Club had a performance tour in Venezuela which only increased Lydia's fascination for Latin American cultures.

Now you have the Breiseths' Christmas-in-July letter. See you in Hyde Park.

Local colleges and universities welcome and join 'town-hall' visioning for downtown

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By The Luzerne County Council of College Presidents
Special To The Citizens' Voice

Traveling through New England one sees town halls in the center of many communities. Some of these towns have become cities, but whether large or small the town hall served and still serves a valuable function. It is where people come together to make decisions. Here they talk about the present and plan for the future.

Recently, the Ramada Hotel on Public Square and Genetti's Hotel became our town hall.

People from all walks of life gathered to "vision" Wilkes-Barre's future. There were executives from major companies and senior citizens who have lived in Wilkes-Barre for 50 years or more. There were students, professional people, and public employees. In addition, there were those who work for companies that have been in Wilkes-Barre for 100 years and people who came here only a few months ago and work for firms that are just a few years old. There were also those who worked for companies that have moved away. Mayor McGroarty participated as did members of the City Council and many other public officials.

Among the attendees were the presidents of local colleges and universities. We were there for the same reason as the 70 year-old grandmother, the business executive, and the 18 year-old student - to help create a vision for our downtown. We were also there because we believe our colleges and universities have a special obligation to be involved in issues important to citizens, especially since higher education needs to be an essential element to any economic revitalization effort.

Like so many who attended these meetings, we found the number of participants to be impressive. The organizers, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Association, and the Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation were overwhelmed. They anticipated 150 people at the first meeting and more than 350 showed up at the Ramada; a comparable crowd filled Genetti's. However, more impressive than the numbers in attendance was the harmony of thought and the collective good sense that so many from all walks of life echoed.

■ People love downtown Wilkes-Barre or should we say loved it. Many waxed eloquently about the grand days of the downtown and how they wish those days would return. They want a place that is vibrant and interesting. A place that is "user friendly" and inviting.

■ Everyone realized that a successful downtown attracts the young and the old and is an exciting place to be. People of all ages said they wanted an environment that would cater to a variety of interests. Yet, realizing that there were trade offs in any economic development plan, they were all willing to compromise as they help to build the vision for our city's future.

■ There was affirmation of the need to develop a comprehensive plan for downtown, one that sets out the parameters for downtown development and one that the private and public sectors followed.

■ They want people to work together. The people of Wilkes-Barre and surrounding communities seek cooperation and collaboration, not infighting and disunity. All in attendance expect business, government, and the non-profit sectors to join hands around a mutually envisioned future for Wilkes-Barre. And those in attendance want to join with the private and public sector in shaping our downtown.

King's, Wilkes, Misericordia, Penn State, and LCCC are not moving to South Carolina or to Mexico. Our futures are tied inexorably to the future of Wilkes-Barre. Misericordia, LCCC, and Penn State Wilkes-Barre may not be located in the heart of downtown as King's and Wilkes, but all of us see a vibrant downtown as vital to our continued success and are committed to walking alongside our neighbors to accomplish that goal. Every survey of perspective students suggests they want an exciting and diverse urban center.

The Council of President's (COPs) which consists of the presidents from Luzerne County's colleges and universities, pledge our support to the visioning process as an effective, democratic and exciting way to plan for our region's future.

Historians have suggested that the foundation of the American Revolution was born in colonial town halls. Years from now, let us be able to claim these meetings sparked a revolution that shaped our "new downtown."

Dr. CHRISTOPHER BREWSTER, president, Wilkes University; Dr. MARY E. HINES, campus executive officer, Penn State Wilkes-Barre; Dr. MICHAEL A. MACDONELL, president, College Misericordia; JOHN MADOLE, campus executive officer, Penn State Hazleton campus; Rev. THOMAS J. D'HARA, C.S.C., Ph.D., President, King's College; Dr. ANDREAS A. PALDUMFIS, Interim President, Luzerne County Community College.

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LCCC needs strong head to set the right tone

MAYBE THE Luzerne County Community College board should translate its most recent crisis into Chinese, for in that language, the character for "crisis" also means "opportunity."

The results of a recently released 1998-99 survey at the school under the auspices of Educational Consultant Services shows that fully a quarter of the students queried have heard a faculty member utter a sexist or racist comment, while 39 percent report hearing sexist or racist remarks from fellow students.

This is the very kind of insensitivity that in the past has ripped the administrative fabric of the university, led to lawsuits over sexual harassment and heralded a slew of firings and resignations.

Yet with the imminent departure of President Jon Larson, LCCC has the opportunity to get it right this time. Certainly the board's decision to hire a consultant to fill the top spot for the interim is a sensible start. The atmosphere at the school, partially attributable to Larson, is still too charged and distrustful to make an internal appointment that could inspire even a crumb of confidence.

But the leader ultimately cho-

sen to replace Larson can carry LCCC toward being an open, unbiased center of learning where the principles of equality and enlightenment flourish.

A strong 'institutional culture' can defeat bigotry at LCCC.

MBA classes and a raft of business books have analyzed and dissected the idea of a "corporate culture" in shaping the character and success of organiza-

tions from within and without. A corporate culture or — in the case of LCCC — an institutional culture is shaped by the individual at the helm.

Local examples of such leaders are the first president of Wilkes College, Eugene Farley, who directed that institution over the years toward becoming the university currently under Christopher Breiseth's capable leadership. Farley set a standard that served as a model and stepping-off point for those carefully chosen leaders who came after him.

And it is that very foresight that LCCC needs to apply in selecting Larson's permanent successor. LCCC is in desperate need of a role model who will set the tone for the faculty and student body, whose strength of character and personality can rid the institution once, and for all of bigotry, ignorance and all that is the antithesis of an enlightened academic community.

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SAM BASS, dean of teaching and learning at Nicolet Area Technical College, to president of Coffeyville Community College.

DARLENE BENTON, assistant dean of instruction at Genesee Community College, has resigned.

WALTER B. BERNSTEIN, dean of the school of professional studies at Western Connecticut State U., to vice president for student affairs.

STEVE BOLANDER, chairman of management at Colorado State U., to dean of the business school at U. of New Hampshire, effective July 1. *1203 AH*

CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH, president of Wilkes U., has announced his retirement, effective July 1, 2001.



Breiseth's tenure marked by service
to the university and community.

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Wilkes' Breiseth graced us with long tenure, longer list of accomplishments



HE'S DONE SO much in so little time. People who have worked with Dr. Christopher Breiseth over the last 16 years

during his tenure as president of Wilkes University come away impressed by his dedication and commitment, both to the university and to the community. Just last week, the Anti-Defamation League honored him and his wife, Jane, for their leadership in strengthening the bonds of this wonderfully diverse community.

One of the earlier contributions he made that I remember was the creation of the Council of Presidents. It seemed that within just a few years of his coming to Wilkes, he brought together the presidents of the five colleges of the Wyoming Valley into an organization in which — while allowing each to retain the normal individuality of their respective institutions — they work together to resolve their mutual problems. Together, they strengthened the services they provided the community.

Among these are the identical semester calendars that King's, Wilkes and Misericordia share. There is a reciprocal relationship

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in which the curriculum of each is made available to students of the other on a mutual exchange. For example, a student in one institution needing a course not currently offered that semester, but available at the neighboring institution, could enroll and have the credits transferred. At the very least, the council strengthened both the quality and opportunities of higher education in the area.

Others see Dr. Breiseth as a builder. A friend of mine who had been a tenured professor at Wilkes in the 1960s recently toured the campus and was amazed at the changes that have taken place.

Most conspicuous among the changes during Dr. Breiseth's tenure, of course, were such things as the new buildings. There is the COB (Classroom Office Building) that stands between Sturdevant and Capin halls on South Franklin Street, the new student union building on South Street, and the Armaud C. Maris Sports and Conference Center on South Franklin Street. There is also the Burns Alumni Belltower and Carillon and the fine statue of John

Wilkes that now gazes northward over the Fenner Quadrangle that unites the major campus.

Less conspicuous but nonetheless impressive has been the remodeling of all those fine homes of former captains of industry in the community which, under the first president, Eugene Farley, once provided much of the main housing for Wilkes College. So many of these were acquired during that time that there is the apocryphal story about the owner of Isaac Long's Department Store, who sent President Farley a note announcing that he and his wife were going to be out of town for a few weeks but would return, and adding, "Please don't take my house while we're away."

Fine as these houses were, a major task for the Breiseth administration has been to conform with today's requirements for safety and handicapped accessibility. This effort has consumed a great deal of money and time, and could not have been accomplished without Dr. Breiseth's leadership and vision.

One of Dr. Breiseth's noteworthy accomplishments is to have led the institution to its designation from college to university status in 1989. Five years later another major step included the addition of the School

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of Pharmacy, which will graduate its first class this month.

But his interests and concerns extended well beyond the university itself. Both he and Jane have served and still do serve on the boards of many of the community's social service organizations. It is testament to their service both to the boards and the community that he has received virtually every one of the most prestigious awards given by the community to its leaders.

Among the more significant contributions are those which brought together the knowledge and facilities of the centers of higher learning with those of the greater community. One of these is a remarkable computerized profile of the Wyoming Valley which combines its demographics in great depth overlaid upon its topography. Both King's and Wilkes have worked together in producing what is a most valuable tool for developing the resources to serve a

whole range of commercial and public interests.

Another, and perhaps more important example, of Dr. Breiseth's leadership is in the Earth Conservancy. This is a critical effort to restore thousands of acres of land ravaged by the coal industry, returning much of it to the tax rolls of the municipalities in which they exist, retaining critical sections for environmental protection and development and assigning a section for what hopefully will become a major industrial business park that will assure rewarding employment opportunities for the young people of this community.

Throughout this period — and like the presidents of most private institutions — Dr. Breiseth has been on the road almost constantly visiting alumni throughout the United States seeking not only to develop new funding for the university but also to retain a sense of family among Wilkes

graduates. In the process, the University endowment increased during his tenure by more than 800 percent.

Given that the average tenure of college presidents is something like seven years — a tenure that tends to exhaust most — and Dr. Breiseth has kept up this strenuous pace and steady stream of accomplishments for more than a decade and a half, it is not surprising to find that he thinks he needs a breather.

This doesn't mean that he believes that everything has been accomplished and that his work is done. He would be the first to say that many challenges remain on which he and teams of trustees, faculty and administration will continue to work for months to come.

What Dr. Breiseth has done so much to build is a living, growing institution. It is a record of accomplishment for which anyone could be proud, and for which he can be assured that this greater community will remember and honor him for as long as it exists.

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Since Breiseth was named president in 1984, Wilkes' endowment has grown from \$3 million to more than \$25 million, advanced by the successful completion in 1992 of the \$25 million Wilkes Tomorrow capital campaign. The university's current Endow the Future campaign is on target to conclude next year, with more than \$23 million pledged toward its \$30 million

goal, which combines capital projects, endowment and special programs operation goals. During his final year as president, he plans to help the university reach or exceed the goal.

As part of the Endow the Future campaign, Breiseth secured the largest one-time gift in school history — \$3 million from Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt Orr to establish the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in honor of her late husband.

Under Breiseth's leadership, the Wilkes campus has been transformed into a cohesive academic environment, with several buildings constructed or remodeled for student residence, study and recreation. A campus improvement plan launched in 1993 led to the construction of the South Franklin Street Classroom/Office Building (1995) and the Student Union Building, which opened in September 1999. Other improvements that have significantly impacted campus life include the construction of the Burns Alumni Belltower and Carillon (1987) and

the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center (1989); extensive renovations to the Munson Fieldhouse and Ralston Field Complex (1993); with the help of the Kirby family, the \$1 million remodeling and restoration of Kirby Hall (1999); and the acquisition and refurbishment of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (1993), Passan Hall for student services (1993) and Pearsall Hall for Nursing (1995).

Curricular enhancements include the 1994 creation of the School of Pharmacy, which will graduate its first class of doctors of pharmacy on May 20, 2000. In addition, Wilkes has continually enriched its liberal arts curriculum and professional programs.

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"Dr. Breiseth has given the Board of Trustees more than 14 months' notice, ample time for a smooth transition. This kind of thoughtfulness has been a hallmark of his leadership and will allow the careful selection of his successor," added Moffatt.

Breiseth's legacy extends to his tireless efforts as a community leader. He has earned several awards for his vision and service to numerous community and civic organizations, including an honorary doctorate of public service for Luzerne County Community College, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of

America, a Citation of Distinction from the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, and the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge B'nai B'rith Community Service. Most recently, he and his wife, Jane, were selected to receive the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Community Service Award, which will be presented at a ceremony on May 3.

In addition, Breiseth helped establish and continues to chair the Board of Directors of Earth Conservancy. He also recently became a life member of the Osterhout Free Library Board of Directors.

Before joining Wilkes, Breiseth served as president of Deep Spring College,

California; professor of history at Sangamon State University; and as an assistant professor of history at Williams College. During a leave of absence from Williams in 1967-68, he served as chief of policy guidance in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. From 1970-71, he was a Danforth post-doctoral fellow at the University of Chicago in Black Studies.

Breiseth received his bachelor's degree in history with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (1958). He earned a bachelor of literature degree in modern British history from

Oxford University (1962), and a Ph.D. in modern European intellectual history from Cornell University (1964).

He is married to the former Jane Morhouse. They have three children, Abigail, Erika and Lydia.

Breiseth also has announced the appointment of Dr. Bonnie C. Bedford of Lake Harmony, Pa., as dean of the College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies following an expansive, national search. Bedford has served as the college's interim dean since August 1998, guiding the consolidation of 21 departments in three schools to 11 departments in the single college.

Ease of seeking bosses varies, experts say

Of the three area institutions looking for new leaders, LCCC will have the toughest time finding a new boss, according to professional associations.

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The presidents of three community institutions are on their way out the door, but professional associations say now is as good a time as any to find a new leader.

Unless you're talking about a community college.

Professional associations that work with hospital and university leaders say Wilkes University and the Geisinger Health System, whose presidents are retiring, should find plenty of talented applicants.

But Luzerne County Community College will grapple with a tighter labor market, according to the American Association of Community Colleges.

LCCC President Jon Larson quit Wednesday over a power struggle with the

Board of Trustees.

A fourth institution, the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, is operating under an interim president while it studies a possible affiliation with the Mercy Health Care System.

"There are a lot of vacancies out there" at community colleges, said Margaret Rivera, a spokeswoman for the American Association of Community Colleges.

Many community colleges were founded in a 10-year period starting in the mid-1960s. And, many of the founding presi-

dents and administrators are ready for retirement, she said.

In health care, the labor pool is deep because hospital consolidations are forcing even good administrators out of work, said Reed Morton of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

It's also a good time for four-year colleges. The booming economy makes life as a college president a pleasant proposition because enrollments and donations are ris-

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ing, said David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

In hard times, some academics don't want the hassle of the presidency, he said.

When Gerald Moffatt, chairman of Wilkes Board of Trustees talks about what Wilkes needs, he concentrates on intangibles such leadership and the ability to inspire. Wilkes serves 1,600 full-time undergraduates in Wilkes-Barre and close to 5,000 graduate students scattered across eastern Pennsylvania.

"As we look at new challenges, we need someone with vision," Moffatt said. "We need the innovative ideas. We also need someone who can bring all the constituencies together. It is not only serving the board, it is serving the faculty and most of all the students."

Moffatt has more specific characteristics in mind as well:

- A proven administrator, most likely another college's vice president of academic affairs, a dean at a bigger university or president of a smaller university.

- A community volunteer.
- A fund-raising whiz.
- A fountain of new ideas.

To find that person, Wilkes will hire a firm to conduct a nationwide search. Searches can cost \$20,000 or more, Warren said.

Moffatt hopes for about 100 applications. The firm will recommend several candidates to the search committee.

The committee will include six trustees, two faculty members, two

students, and an administrator. The trustees will choose among two or three finalists.

President Christopher Breiseth will retire July 1, 2001. A new president is expected on campus sometime during the summer of 2001 at the earliest.

The university would not release salary information.

Wilkes should have no trouble attracting good candidates. Warren, who is familiar with Wilkes, expects 100 to 125 people to apply, most from the East Coast. Wilkes is financially sound and respected, making it attractive to potential candidates, Warren said.

Colleges are focusing on presidents' financial skills, he said. "There is a greater emphasis in 2000 on the ability to raise funds and to manage the institution," he said. "Compare that to a decade and a half ago when there was a greater emphasis on the academic credentials of the person."

At Geisinger, Board of Trustees Chairman Frank Henry says the most important thing for the new president will be "dealing with the ever-changing world and having some vision and then being able to portray that vision out to our organizations."

The new president must find ways to continue to provide the best possible health care as financial pressure on hospitals grows, Henry said.

Geisinger is based in Danville and has a hospital in Plains Township as well as clinics across central and northeastern Pennsylvania.

Geisinger has a tradition of doctors as presidents, but Henry said other backgrounds can't be ruled out. The new president must be a good communicator and good

leader with a solid background in health-care administration, Henry said. Because Geisinger runs its own managed care insurance plan, familiarity with managed-care plans would be a plus, he said.

Hospital officials could not estimate how many applicants they expect.

President Stuart Heydt, a doctor, will retire June 30. Dr. Victor Marks was named interim president. The search is expected to take six to 18 months.

No information was available about salary or the cost of a search. Heydt has made more than \$550,000 in salary and benefits.

Reed Morton runs a career resource center for the American College of Healthcare Executives. He predicted Geisinger will choose someone with experience in a similarly sprawling system.

Geisinger will find good candidates, he said. Hospital systems are consolidating like crazy, a trend that puts many of executives out of work, Morton said.

Paradoxically, the failure of Geisinger's own consolidation with Penn State's Hershey Medical Center could be a selling point for potential candidates.

Geisinger and Penn State "merged" in November after three years. "I suspect to an executive that might be considered a plus," Morton said.

Penn State is an academic health care system, and Morton said they are considered notoriously difficult to lead. Presidents must contend with independent-minded faculty, complicated power structures and the high cost of research and teaching, Morton said.

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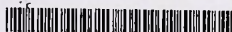
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One of the most distinguished groups ever to assemble in the meeting room of The Citizens' Voice was a delegation last month made up of the presidents of six area institutions of higher learning.

The presidents were those of Wilkes University, King's College, College Misericordia, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State Hazleton and Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

The longest-serving president among this distinguished group was the president of Wilkes University, Dr. Christopher Breiseth.

For 16 years

Dr. Breiseth this week announced he will retire next summer, after 16 years, from the university.

During these 16 years, Dr. Breiseth has been a leader and a light in this community - as an administrator, as an advocate for economic development, as a man of principle, as an educator.

By way of his direction, Wilkes College was transformed into Wilkes University - its curriculum steered toward the future, its campus made wonderfully functional and attractive.

By way of his involvement, the area-wide initiative called Earth Conservancy rescued a huge amount of mine-damaged land and put it into position to draw new business and industry.

Because he has stood strong and helped show the way, this area has moved forward toward a new view of interpersonal relationships - between people of different faiths, between people of different races, among all.

Because he has always, at heart, been a teacher and student, he has been a companion in innumerable insightful conversations with thousands of area people. From students, to parents, to friends. From history, to sports, to politics.

True to form

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He has the right to be proud.

If our area is a college town there is no doubt that Dr. Christopher Breiseth is one of our most outstanding citizens.

In fact, it was in conversations with Dr. Breiseth that the idea of our area as a community of learning became clear to us and became one of this newspaper's editorial themes.

For this, and for all he has done to steer a great university, for the great cause of education, for the Greater Wyoming Valley - we salute Dr. Christopher Breiseth.

Wilkes University president retiring

Dr. Christopher Breiseth led school past 16 years

By Tim Gulla

Chicena's Voice Staff Writer

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The second longest-serving president in Wilkes University's history announced Tuesday that he will retire next summer, giving the university's board of trustees approximately 14 months to find a replacement.

Dr. Christopher Breiseth, the university's president for 16 years, said in a prepared statement: "In many ways, the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes. I am immensely proud of what we accomplished together — the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and many friends of the university."

Breiseth made the announcement during a private meeting with the university's faculty at the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday morning.

Media representatives were not allowed inside the facility during the announcement. However, university relations Director Mark Davis said the faculty gave Breiseth a standing ovation following the president's "emotional" statements.

College officials made it clear Tuesday that Breiseth was retiring, not resigning. An anonymous letter sent to area media outlets prior to Tuesday's announcement suggested that the university's Faculty Affairs Council had asked Breiseth to resign and that the faculty has experienced "immense dissatisfaction" in the management of the university.

The anonymous letter also noted that the university has been suffering from a significant enrollment decline, the loss of academic programs, and "serious faculty retrenchment."

Professor Jane Elmes Crahall, chair of the Faculty Affairs Council, refuted allegations that the faculty asked Breiseth to step



Dr. Christopher Breiseth

down. "We did not have a vote of no-confidence and no one called for one," she said.

Elmes Crahall said, "Any group of 130 will have people with mixed opinions. Can I point to times we disagreed? You bet."

Overall though, she described the faculty's relationship with Breiseth as one of congeniality and "spirited debate" in the best interest of the students.

Gerald Moffat, chairman of the university's board of trustees, noted on Tuesday, "Our policy is not to comment on anonymous

Father Alan Panuska at the University of Scranton and Father James Lackenmier at King's College, I have chosen to announce my intention to retire more than a full year prior to the effective date to ensure an orderly transition," Breiseth said in the prepared statement.

Davis explained, "He's giving the (college's board of trustees) plenty of time to begin the search process for his replacement." Davis said that the board would appoint a selection committee and would most likely employ a national search for a replacement.

Davis added that the national average for the tenure of a college president is seven years. Breiseth will have served in that position for 17 years.

Moffat commented: "It is with a feeling of deep gratitude for all that he has accomplished for Wilkes University that I accept Dr. Breiseth's decision to retire. His tenure has been one of dramatic development and growth in the life of this institution."

Moffat said of Breiseth's advanced notice of retirement, "This kind of thoughtfulness has been a hallmark of his leadership and will allow the careful selection of his successor."

The university has seen many changes over the last several

years and has felt the economic pinch of enrollment declines.

But Moffat said things are getting much better.

Moffat said, "We went

through a process several years ago where we identified a significant amount of costs to be eliminated." The university, he said, took a hard look at attrition, early retirements and the elimination of programs that were no longer viable. "That has helped us tremendously," Moffat said.

He added, "We're now focused on a strategic planning process to take us through the next three to five years."

The process, he said, would make sure "we have the programs in place to support the vision we have for the university."

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Chairman of university's board of trustees

reports." However, he said, "(Breiseth) reports to the board of trustees and the board of trustees has not asked for his retirement at all."

Moreover, Moffat believed that filling Breiseth's shoes would be a difficult job.

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Officially, Breiseth announced that his retirement would be effective July 1, 2001, which is three months shy of his 65th birthday.

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President's era saw huge growth of endowment

Wilkes chief Breiseth to retire

By KEVIN HOFFMAN T.L.
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WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth announced Tuesday his plans to retire from his post July 1, 2001 after what will be a 17-year term in office, the second-longest in the institution's history.

University officials said they plan to assemble a committee of trustees, faculty members, administrators and students and hire a national search firm to find a re-

INSIDE: Highlights from Christopher Breiseth's career, BA.

placement for the 63-year-old president — a process they estimate could take about one year.

Breiseth's announcement to more than 300 faculty, staff members, students, administrators and members of the board of trustees sparked a standing ovation that lasted several minutes, university

spokesman Mark Davis said.

"He looked very proud, and very polished, and was strong throughout the whole thing," Davis said. "There might have been tears afterward" when he was meeting with people individually.

The press was barred from attending the announcement and Breiseth was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Breiseth was too emotional to attend a

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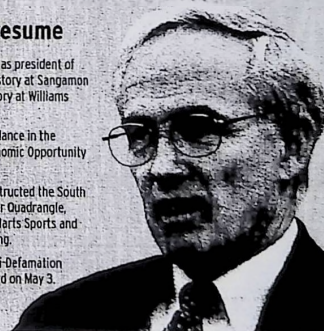
Academics, politics on resume

Before joining Wilkes in 1984, Breiseth served as president of Deep Springs College, California; professor of history at Sangamon State University; and assistant professor of history at Williams College.

From 1967-68, he served as chief of policy guidance in the Community Action Program of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

Under Breiseth's leadership, the campus constructed the South Franklin Street Classroom/Office Building, Fenner Quadrangle, Burns Alumni Belltower and Carillon, Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center and the Student Union Building.

Breiseth and his wife Jane will receive the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Community Service Award on May 3.



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press conference held shortly after the announcement, Davis said. It will likely be a few days before the president will talk publicly about his retirement.

Gerald Moffatt, chairman of the university's board of trustees, cited the president's age and the length of his term as reasons for his decision to retire. He said the board put no pressure on Breiseth to retire.

In a press release issued by the university, Breiseth said he made his decision after careful deliberation.

"I have been weighing this decision for the past few years and have decided the timing is right for the university to begin the process of selecting its next leader," Breiseth said.

During Breiseth's term as president, the university constructed and remodeled several buildings on campus, created the School of Pharmacy, and grew its endowment from \$3 million to more than \$25 million.

He received several awards for his work as a community leader and helped establish the Earth

Conservancy.

"I have found him to be a man of the highest integrity and great wisdom," said U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke, who worked with Breiseth on the Earth Conservancy.

"Northeastern Pennsylvania has been greatly enriched by his leadership, and I look forward to his continued involvement in the community."

Breiseth's term has not been without controversy.

In 1998, the university adopted a plan to slash 32 teaching jobs in three years and cut its art, economics, materials engineering and physics majors and master's program in health care administration.

The number of undergraduates attending the school has plummeted by about 400 students since 1992, although enrollment in its graduate classes during that time increased dramatically, college officials said.

The president is the second university administrator in a week to announce plans to retire. J. Michael Lennon, vice president of academic affairs, revealed last week that he will retire Jan. 15, 2001.

After Breiseth retires July 1,

Tenure at school included change, development

Some highlights from Christopher Breiseth's career as Wilkes University's president:

DECEMBER 1983: Becomes Wilkes College's fourth president.

APRIL 1985: Formally inaugurated as president. "We commit Wilkes to the strengthening of the students' involvement in their own learning," Breiseth said.

APRIL 1986: Restructures several departments, creating the School of Business and Economics, the School of Physical Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences.

MAY 1989: Receives an honorary degree from Luzerne County Community College.

OCTOBER 1991: Denounces any connection between the thallium poisoning death of Wilkes-Barre electrician Robert Curley and the chemicals present in the Wilkes University chemistry department that Curley and co-workers renovated in 1991.

JUNE 1993: Announces Wilkes University will soon offer a doctor of pharmacy degree, the only school in Northeastern Pennsylvania to do so. The school opens in August 1996.

JULY 1994: As chairman of Earth Conservancy, Breiseth asks Luzerne County Commissioners for a \$2 million line of

credit to purchase 17,000 acres of mine-scarred land in the county. Breiseth and other Earth Conservancy board members refuse to reveal which banks hold \$15.5 million in federal taxpayer money to be used in the purchase. The county turns the board down.

MAY 1995: Along with leaders from 10 colleges in three counties, Breiseth publicly endorses the proposed arena/convention center.

DECEMBER 1996: Signs an agreement with King's College President James Lackenmier and College Misericordia President Albert Anderson for a common academic calendar, course exchanges and a distance learning program for the three institutions.

MARCH 1997: Announces a 15-percent tuition hike and the downsizing of staff in an effort to save \$800,000.

MAY 1998: Announces changes in some of Wilkes University's degree programs, including the elimination of undergraduate degrees in art, economics, materials engineering and physics.

FEBRUARY 2000: Expands Wilkes University's arts education program by adding programs to the Wilkes Community Conservancy, an outreach program that provides dance, music and theater classes for area residents.

—Kathe Kier

2001, he plans to take a one-year sabbatical to rejuvenate and then hopes to return to Wilkes University to teach history part-time, Davis said.

Breiseth is the fourth president

of Wilkes University and the length of his term is second only to founding president Eugene Farley.

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One degree of separation between valley, Pope's visit to Israel

One of the men standing beside Pope John Paul II during his historic visit on March 23 to Yad Vashem, the memorial in Jerusalem to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, has ties to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Jerzy Kluger, a boyhood friend of Karol Wotyła in Wadowice, Poland, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wilkes University in 1998.

Through our mutual good friend, Joseph D'Andrea of Dunmore, we were able to bring engineer Kluger to Northeastern Pennsylvania for a memorable week of ecumenical activities, highlighted by a special convocation before 800 people representing a broad range of reli-

gious faiths.

At the ceremony, we honored Dr. Kluger's efforts in helping Pope John Paul II strengthen relations between Catholics and Jews, including the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel. The Holy Father sent his special blessings on that occasion.

The unique relationship between these two friends has been fundamental to the pope's efforts to help heal the terrible wounds from World War II, including the carnage at Auschwitz concentration camp, where Dr. Kluger's sister, mother and grandmother were killed. The influence of Dr. Kluger's friendship was revealed in

the Darcy O'Brien's book, "The Hidden Pope."

Dr. Kluger let Mr. D'Andrea know that he would be introducing the Jewish survivors from Wadowice to their old boyhood acquaintance at Yad Vashem. Like many of those who met Dr. Kluger when he came to our area, I felt that I was part of the extraordinarily historic moment in Jerusalem when I saw on television Pope John Paul II put his hand on Jerzy Kluger's shoulders as he greeted his childhood friends from Wadowice.

Christopher N. Breiseth
President
Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre

Colleges, neighbors always have tensions, but future depends upon educated youth

By Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D.
Special To The Citizens' Voice

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Young people represent the future of Northeastern Pennsylvania. While few would deny this truism, our behaviors as a region do not always reflect a shared understanding of its importance.

The Great Valley Technology Alliance made clear that in the new knowledge-based society, regions that attract the brightest and most motivated young people will be the most successful global competitors. The intellectual investment that makes a region thrive requires the presence of responsive colleges and universities, adequate entrepreneurial investments and a political climate that supports both. Areas with even greater potential are those where a full range of cultural amenities is present. The optimal model: traditional downtowns that cater to the cultural, aesthetic and entertainment tastes of young knowledge workers.



Dr.

BREISETH

Consider this ambience in its most highly developed form: Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia and with the help of local government, business leaders and revitalized universities, New York City. Smaller cities have also joined these ranks: Raleigh/Durham, San Jose, Burlington and Providence.

For the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton region, this means that the greatest promise for a bright future is our colleges and universities - 13 in number. In the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (NEPACU), our area college presidents are working together with the Great Valley Technology Alliance to forge an even tighter partnership between business and education that will strengthen the quality and quantity of the Knowledge Economy workforce. Our downtown colleges and universities, Wilkes University, King's College and University of Scranton lead this educational/business alliance.

Some believe that these institutions are a curse on the downtowns because they harbor college students who live on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods. But, demonizing students as neighbors is inseparable from discouraging young people from coming here or from staying after graduation. This perspective inhibits real opportunities for regional rebirth.

My 17 years as president of Wilkes University and as an active citizen of the greater Wyoming Valley community moves me to passionately declare that our colleges and universities, along with our K through 12 system, represent some of our greatest assets. They are preparing our young people for the future - for our future. How we as citizens treat college students will directly impact the quality and character of Northeastern Pennsylvania in the 21st century.

Where there have been colleges and universities there have always been town-gown problems as young mindsets threaten the older generation and its value system. College campuses bring that tension into focus, but a society that does not embrace its young people and does not help them acquire the skills and attitudes that will prepare them for adult responsibilities faces failure in the future. It requires the creative, patient and persistent efforts of neighbors and community officials to protect our neighborhoods while helping students become adults. Cooperation, communication and mutual respect must be fostered by all concerned. Such interaction provides the college students with experiences that will affect how they work as adults to build their communities and raise their children.

I urge my fellow citizens to support our colleges and universities, engage our students in dialogue, encourage them to consider staying in the area after graduation to contribute their talents, their hopes and their dreams - including their own children - to our future. To those of us over thirty, particularly those of us over fifty, let me say that we need these young people as much as they need us. I hereby call for a Declaration of Intergenerational Interdependence, based upon careful listening to each other and mutual sensitivity to each other's hopes and fears. We all have everything to gain.

If we do not engage each other in such a positive spirit, this region has everything to lose.

CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH is President Emeritus of Wilkes University

Dr. Breiseth discusses two famous presidents

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Looks at challenges that faced Lincoln, FDR administrations

By Edward Lewis
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth discussed the political leadership of two American presidents — Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt — last night at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

More than 80 people listened to Dr. Breiseth lecture about the two presidents whom he called the two greatest, because they dealt with issues that affected the future of the United States.

"Lincoln and Roosevelt stand head and shoulders among other presidential peers along with George Washington," Dr. Breiseth stated. "Great political leaders must be dominant, and they were."

"Both Lincoln and Roosevelt had well-matched personal qualities to mobilize the people to make great sacrifices," he said.

Lincoln, Dr. Breiseth said, faced the issue of slavery and the break-up of the union as southern states seceded.

"Lincoln knew the gathering storm of the Civil War had everything to do with slavery," Dr. Breiseth said.

In a speech launching his campaign, Lincoln spelled out the

challenges the nation faced, Dr. Breiseth said, in that the "nation cannot tolerate half-slave and half-free."

During the presidential debate between Lincoln and Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, Douglas had to admit local people can keep slavery out locally, Dr. Breiseth said.

This notion did not sit well with the southern states, Dr. Breiseth said, as new political parties emerged in the South, weakening Douglas and strengthening Lincoln.

Dr. Breiseth said the roots of Lincoln's leadership were supported by his true love of the law.

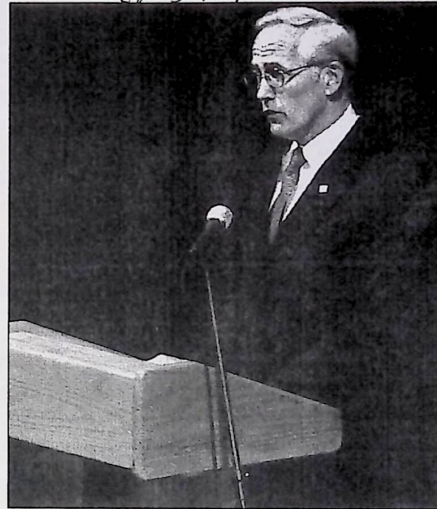
He said the 16th president believed that all disputes about slavery should be settled by the law.

"Lincoln has to discover within himself to settle the course he would take,"

Dr. Breiseth said. The Wilkes University president, who will step down in June to become president and chief executive officer of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute at Hyde Park, N.Y., said Lincoln is best known by his

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Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher Breiseth gives a lecture Sunday on former presidents, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

Gettysburg address and his second inauguration address.

About Roosevelt, Dr. Breiseth said, his fight with polio made him more understandable about people's concerns.

"The first 100 days of his administration became the New Deal," Dr. Breiseth said.

"A precedent set for presi-

dents to this very day." Dr. Breiseth compared and contrasted Lincoln and Roosevelt throughout his lecture, examining similar, but different, issues they faced in their administrations.

Lincoln guided the nation through the Civil War that threatened the future of the

country, as Roosevelt faced domestic and international issues that also endangered the country, Dr. Breiseth said.

Roosevelt protected the welfare of the unemployed during a time of a depression, but his real test came when the United States entered World War II, Dr. Breiseth said.

"He knew from evidence in 1938 that the United States would become involved in Europe," Dr. Breiseth stated.

As he approached a decision to campaign for a third presidential term, Dr. Breiseth explained, he left the decision to the delegates at the 1940 Democratic National Convention.

During the election campaign, Roosevelt sent military warships to Europe, a sign that the United States was moving toward war, Dr. Breiseth stated.

"When he won the election to a third, unprecedented term, he moved to increase equipment," Dr. Breiseth said, adding this was at a time when the United States in 1940 was the 12th largest military in the world behind Portugal.

"FDR was ready to use Japan's attack (on Pearl Harbor) to enter the war," Dr. Breiseth said, suggesting Roosevelt believed the United States would first enter World War II in Europe.

"He thought Hitler was an evil, in-human person," he explained.

"Both Lincoln and Roosevelt knew that war had to be waged in a fury to lead the nation," Dr. Breiseth stated.

King's College students recognized at honor's convocation

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Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, president of King's College, presents Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University president, with an honorary degree.

The annual King's College Honors Convocation recently recognized the academic achievements of more than 170 students and presented an honorary degree to Wilkes University President, Dr. Christopher Breiseth. Students were inducted into 18 national honor societies in various disciplines which have chapters at the College. Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, president, King's College, presented Dr. Breiseth with an honorary degree as a doctor of humane letters. Following the ceremony, there was a reception for faculty, students, and their families. Those honored are:

AQUINAS SOCIETY - The King's College honor society: Carisa D. Alfieri, Trisha R. Allen, Teresa L. Averil, Mark S. Barron, Gwynn M. Buchanan, Claire E. Chins, Jaclyn M. Coates, Trudy E. Cordora, Lawrence P. Dake, Marc T. Ducowski, Sara A. Deluca, Matthew C. Descak, Christine E. Donnick, Christa L. Galiola, Jessica L. Glazy, Annmarie Guick, Kathryn T. Janick, Carmel E. Kaluzavich, Colleen E. Larkin, Michelle A. Lippincott, Jessica A. Marzollito, Sara A. McDonald, Christine McDonnell, Erin Mogee, Malinda A. Moore, Dawn M. Morton, Jennifer M. Moyer, Brian M. Mull, Robert D. Myers, Denise K. Pagana, Sarah E. Riddle, Kristin A. Rinker, May F. Rivello, Myson M. Ramann, Jaslin G. Scapellato, Josh Schottenfeld, Lane C. Sheerer, Kyle J. Showalter, Nicole E. Stach, Krista J. Summers, Karen M. Tarris, Stephanie Wallis, Kimberly J. Walsh, Amy E. Williams, Brandon D. Wolf, and Pamela A. Zawalsky

DELTA EPSILON SIGMA - for Catholic colleges and universities;

Maaron S. Albor, Carisa D. Alfieri, Trisha R. Allen, Mark J. Carponoy, Clare E. Chins, Trudy E. Cordora, Lawrence P. Dake, Sara A. Deluca, Christine E. Donnick, Emmet J. Donnelly, Carmel E. Kaluzavich, Sandra Mhooch Kase, Michael E. Lisko, Jennifer M. Moyer, Kristin A. Rinker, Nicole B. Stach, Jennifer S. Szczesiak, Sandra L. Tarabochia, Cutelle S. Thurston, and Stacey E. Zolaga

PHI ALPHA THETA - history: Benjamin J. Ferguson, Sandra Mhooch Kase, Jennifer L. Levitsky, and Angelina T. Wobby

ALPHA MU GAMMA - foreign languages: Christopher T. Dula, Amy C. Fossine, Courtney Gidson, Elizabeth A. Jordan, Carmel E. Kaluzavich, Christine McDonnell, Daniel Monnelly, Kristin Owens, Emily S. Rink, Angela T. Schaefer, Melinda M. Yablonski, and Jennifer A. York

PSI CHI - psychology: Carisa D. Alfieri, Sandra L. Christman, Heather M. Ceczka, Melissa L. Decker, Erin E. Francis, Geraldine R. Gibbons, Jessica L. Glazy, Alisha B. Hopler, Amy A. Iorio, Heather L. Krepniowski, Jennifer L. Levitsky, Michelle A. Lippincott, Jennifer A. O'Neill, Lauren E. Rogliano, Heidi C. Sprau, Nicole B. Stach, Sandra L. Tarabochia, Stephanie Wallis, and Steven W. Wilson

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA - continuing higher education: Rita A. Balistrini, Erin Meehan Corbett, Frank Devita, Kimberly A. Graham, Kurt A. Husebo, Sandra Mhooch Kase, Mario A. Lettieri, Kathleen B. Levitsky, Jacqueline M. Moran, John J. Paguretski, Beth Ann Parrington, and John A. Pegg

THETA ALPHA KAPPA - theology and religious studies: Lawrence P. Dake, Harry R. Lyons, and Katie L. Tolosco

PHI SIGMA TAU - philosophy: Lawrence P. Dake, Dawn L. Drumm, Lynne M. Fatchek, Laiesse A. Heerwig, Carmel E. Kaluzavich, Michael E. Lisko, Andrew M. Mitz, Jennifer A. O'Neill, Jayne M. Switczek, and Sandra L. Tarabochia

PI SIGMA ALPHA - government: Kelly A. Bray, Trudy E. Cordora, William C. Danowski, Molly A. Macarthy, and Harold Roberts

ALPHA PHI SIGMA - criminal justice sciences: Joseph M. Brozowski, Stephen J. Dubernas, Melanie R. Reader, Bradley J. Shook, Dawn M. Swanson, and John P. Tighe

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA - health professions: Rose G. Alamo, Gregory D. Benjamin, Teresa L. Cluck, Kristen B. Czwilna, Kristina L.

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DELTA MU DELTA - business administration: Anthony J. Alito, Sandra Bartosiewicz, Heather K. Chukinas, Jaclyn M. Coates, Anthony J. Deluca, William J. Ferrara, Paula M. Gavick, Robert J. Luchi, Richard R. Mikulski, Amy R. Mitchell, Brian M. Mull, Craig A. Novak, Daniel P. Patterson, Henry T. Rombish, Christopher F. Sauchak, Sharon A. Skotek, and Cutelle S. Thurston

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON - economics: Eugene Bing, John R. Bowbis, Janene M. Byrnek, Matthew R. Coburn, Diane M. Danowski, Michael D. Finarelli, Gretchen E. Kwashnik, Katarzyna Kwiatkowski, Paula F. Malatino, Christine McDonnell, Colleen P. Meehan, Jeffrey J. Rogish, Yarina V. Sokomnick, and Ryan P. Walsh

KAPPA DELTA PI - education: Melissa A. Connitt, William C. Danowski, Sara A. Deluca, May M. Dougherty, Christa L. Galiola, Darice M. Gingold, Elizabeth D. Henninger, Michelle M. Jayne, Alicia L. Karmarsperger, Melissa Lorusso, Lynn M. Morimer, Shanna J. Padams, Denise K. Pagana, Tricia A. Tait, Nina Wojtanowski, and Pamela A. Zawalsky

MU KAPPA TAU - marketing: Nicole J. Bouthout, Patricia L. Hoffmann, and Nicole G. Krutz

SIGMA TAU DELTA - English: Trisha R. Allen, Sara A. Deluca, Dawn L. Drumm, Margaret E. McDonnell, Jennifer M. Moyer, Nicole B. Stach, and Jennifer A. York

CHI ALPHA EPSILON - for students admitted via developmental program pathways: David R. Allen, Amy L. Ash, Susan M. Barodoy, Mark D. Grantz, Sharda E. Kasper, Christine J. Kirk, Kathy M. Lyons, Beth A. Miller, Frank A. Toroscaraga, and April G. Zuzowski

ALPHA EPSILON LAMBDA - Graduate Professional Students: David E. Banko, Kimberly A. Bowman, Linda M. Hook, Suzanne S. O'donnell, Jennifer M. Oleniak, Blise L. Sheppard, Carrie A. Snell, Christine A. Snyder, Anne Marie Sysko, and Rose Ann P. Widdick



Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University president and Karen Bridget Charles.

Local woman has MBA ^{CV 4-5-01} presented to her by university president at special celebration

Karen Bridget Charles received a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes University.

Charles was honored by family and friends at a 'Celebration of Life and Achievements of Karen B. Charles.

Dr. Breiseth made the presentation of degree at that celebration.

Charles is the daughter of Fred Charles, Poplar Street, Wilkes-Barre and the late Mary Shea Charles. She is the granddaughter of the late Bridget Clarke Shea, William Shea, Harvey Charles and Ruth Smith.

She received a BS in Economics from Wilkes University.

She is currently employed as Operations Manager, First Security Investments, Kingston. She was formerly employed by First Union Bank in Philadelphia. She resides at Mary Street, Ashley, with Bill Schaffer.

Charles was unable to attend the ceremony held at Wilkes University since she is recovering from brain surgery.



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A Better Chance (Boston): Appointed **Darrita R. Killian**, dean of students at Emory U. (Atlanta), to be executive director. This organization provides educational and career opportunities to talented minority youths across the nation.

Africare (Washington): Appointed **Myron Golden**, a senior associate at the Mitchell Group (Washington), to be regional director for francophone Africa.

Aging in America (Bronx, N.Y.): Appointed **Linda Martin**, vice president for planning and development, to be executive vice president.

California Historical Society (San Francisco): Appointed **Stephen A. Becker**, director of external affairs at the Zeum Art & Technology Center (San Francisco), to be executive director.

Canine Companions for Independence (Santa Rosa, Calif.): Appointed **Patricia Minaker**, a senior accountant at Houghton & Freitas (Santa Rosa), to be national director of administrative services.

Chapman U. (Orange, Calif.): Appointed **Sheryl A. Bourgeois**, associate vice president for university relations, to be vice president for university relations; **Bobbi Fisher**, development coordinator for the School of Education, to be director of development; **Susan Hixon**, owner of the Cafe Diem restaurant (Palos Verdes, Calif.) and former manager of development at the Aquarium of the Pacific (Long Beach, Calif.), to be a prospect researcher; and **Susan Knopick**, planned-giving administrator, to be director of planned giving.

Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (N.J.): Appointed **John P. Demoleas**, executive director of Saint Peter's U. Hospital Foundation (New Brunswick, N.J.), to be vice president for development.

Classroom Inc. (New York): Appointed **Heanna Eileen Anderson**, executive director of the Mentoring Partnership of New York, to be director of development for this group that distributes interactive educational software and trains teachers to use it.

DePaul U. (Chicago): Appointed **Bridget Vaughn**, director of development for athletics and student affairs, to be associate vice president of the office of university collaborations. The position will

facilitate the university's relationships with corporations.

Easter Seals-Eastern Pennsylvania (Allentown): Appointed **Linda W. LaMona**, president and chief executive officer of Goodwill Industries-Heart of Florida (Lake-land), to be president and chief executive officer.

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (Hyde Park, N.Y.): Appointed **Christopher N. Breiseth**, president of **Wilkes U.** (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), to be president and chief executive officer, effective September 4.

Glynwood Center (Cold Spring, N.Y.): Appointed **Andrea Carroll**, director of corporate, foundation, and government relations at American Field Service/USA (New York), to be director of development, and **Gary Valen**, director of sustainable agriculture at the Humane Society of the United States (Washington), to be director of operations. The center offers courses in community development and leadership.

Heifer Project International (Little Rock, Ark.): Appointed **Marvin Schwartz**, a consultant based in Little Rock, to be director of grants.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, N.Y.): Appointed **Michael J. Catillaz**, director of college advancement for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology (N.Y.), to be vice president for institutional advancement.

Homewood Retirement Centers of the United Church of Christ (Williamsport, Md.): Appointed **John W. Warren**, director of funds development, to be vice president of funds development.

Johns Hopkins U. (Baltimore): Appointed **Cheryl A. Barto**, director of development and alumni relations for the School of Nursing at the U. of Maryland at Baltimore, to be associate dean of development and alumni relations for the School of Nursing.

Long Island U. at Brooklyn (New York): Appointed **James Cribbs**, director of major gifts at Citymeals-on-Wheels (New York), to be grant writer.

Los Angeles Free Clinic: Appointed **Joseph W. Dunn**, president and chief executive officer of Daniel Freeman Hospitals (Los Angeles), to be executive director.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts (Ellicott City): Appointed **Pamela**

G. Holt, director of cultural tourism and special assistant in the Office of Planning and Economic Development for the District of Columbia (Washington), to be executive director. Ms. Holt will also lead the Maryland Citizens for the Arts Foundation.

Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York): Announced the retirement of **Ashton Hawkins**, executive vice president and counsel to the trustees. Mr. Hawkins will serve as a part-time consultant to the museum.

National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations (Washington): Appointed **Irv Katz**, group vice president for community impact at United Way of America (Alexandria, Va.), to be president and chief executive officer, effective April 2.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society (New York): Founder **Sylvia Lowry** died on February 24, at age 85.

Save the Children (Westport, Conn.): Appointed **Ann A. Van Dusen**, senior deputy assistant administrator in the Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination at the U.S. Agency for International Development (Washington), to be executive vice president and chief operating officer.

U. of Missouri at Columbia: Appointed **Connie Eggert**, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and development at the U. of Missouri at Rolla, to be executive director for advancement for the College of Business.

United States Association for Child Care (Lee's Summit, Mo.): Appointed **Anne Goldstein**, executive director of the National Child Care Information Center (Washington), to be executive director, based in Washington.

Winrock International (Morrilton, Ark.): Appointed **Gregg Patterson**, chief of the environmental-preservation division of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (Little Rock), to be managing director of U.S. programs, based in Little Rock.

Wilkes homecoming includes tribute to Breiseth

C.V. 10-4-00

Wilkes University Homecoming Weekend 2000 will be held Friday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 8.

Among the festivities is a tribute to Christopher N. Breiseth, president, at his last homecoming. Alumni and friends will gather at the newly created Colonel's Corner at Ralston Field on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to honor Breiseth for his 16-plus years of leadership. Earlier this year, Breiseth announced his plans to retire at the end of this academic year.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association and Athletic Department, the celebration will include games, music, food and a free

ticket to a Comedy Special, featuring alumnus Dave Russo at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Plains Township, Saturday from 7 to 8 p.m.

Russo '93 won the 2000 Boston Comedy Festival and was named Boston's Best Comedian.

The annual golf tournament at Irem Temple Country Club on Friday, Oct. 6, will officially kick off Homecoming Weekend festivities. Traditionally a popular event, the tournament is limited to the first 144 golfers to



Russo

register. Check-in is 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. Cost includes green fees, cart, refreshments, attitude adjustment hour and a buffet dinner. Door prizes and prizes in all flights will be awarded.

Graduates of the Last Decade, or GOLD, alumni are invited to attend a party at the Woodlands Friday night. Cover charge will include a happy hour event from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and entrance into the new dance club, Evolution.

Also on Friday night, Olives Mediterranean Restaurant at Courthouse Square will host all

alumni from 8 to 10 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and the acoustic sounds of Electric Farm, which is set to perform at 10 p.m.

Saturday means sports. At noon, the Lady Colonels tennis team takes on the Lycoming Warriors at Ralston Field. The football team will take the field against the Delaware Valley Aggies at 1 p.m. At 4 p.m., the Lady Colonels soccer and field hockey teams will try to outscore the William Paterson Pioneers and the Aggies, respectively.

The Fifth Quarter moves to the Woodlands this year. Graduates

can take the festivities into overtime from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Executive Lounge. Drink specials and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available.

The Wilkes community will welcome back the Bucknell University Junior College U.S. Air Force cadets for their millennium Reunion Brunch on Sunday, Oct. 8, beginning at noon at Best Western Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre.

For more information on homecoming events, contact the alumni relations office at 408-4130.

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By MARK FITZHENRY
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Pinola was remembered locally Saturday by Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher Breiseth as an "extraordinarily focused and powerful individual." Pinola, Breiseth said, was a trustee emeritus, receiving an honorary doctorate from Wilkes in 1978.

He was a 1948 graduate of Wilkes College.

Pinola served as a member of the board of trustees in the late 1960s. He also served as the

national chair of the university's most recent Wilkes Tomorrow campaign, which exceeded the \$18 million goal by raising \$25 million.

"This was a total shock," Breiseth said. "I actually had called him this past week to arrange to see him and his wife. His voice on the answering machine was very strong. We had every reason to believe he was well."

After assuming the helm at First Interstate (formerly known as Western Bancorp) in 1978, Pinola oversaw the bank's transformation from a collection of loosely knit institutions into a financial powerhouse, with operations in 14 states.

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chairman of First Interstate.

At its peak, First Interstate was the nation's eighth-largest bank.

After a spectacular 1988 fire swept through the bank's landmark headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, Pinola moved his bank into the new 73-story Library Tower, putting the First Interstate name and logo atop the tallest building west of the Mississippi.

But by the time Pinola retired at age 65 in 1990, First Interstate was beginning to suffer from growing pains. Ill-fated expansions into Arizona and Texas were causing steep losses. Thousands of jobs were cut. And California was heading into a deep recession.

By the early 1990s, First Interstate found itself the target of buy-out offers. In 1996, Wells Fargo won a bidding war against Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp to buy First Interstate for \$11 billion.

Before joining First Interstate, Pinola spent much of his banking career at Bank of America.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

During his career, he also served on the boards of directors of Edison International, Lockheed Corp. and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Pinola is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorie; and his son, Jim Pinola of Long Beach.

No services are scheduled. Donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, 900 W. James M. Wood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015.

Executive Leadership to launch fall session

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The fall session of the Executive Leadership Series, a program of Leadership Wilkes-Barre, will be held on Sept. 26, Oct. 4, 11, 25, and Nov. 1. The Executive Leadership Series is an orientation program that provides executives and professionals who are new to Northeastern Pennsylvania or new to their positions with the opportunity to interact with key local decision makers and business leaders, and to become better acquainted with the community in which they live and work. Scheduled presenters include Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President, Wilkes University; Stephen M. Barrouk, president and CEO, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry; and Dr. Richard Florida, H. John Heinz III, professor of regional economic development, John Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University. For an application or more information on the Executive Series, contact the Leadership Wilkes-Barre office at 823-2101 or visit the website at www.leader.net/lwb.

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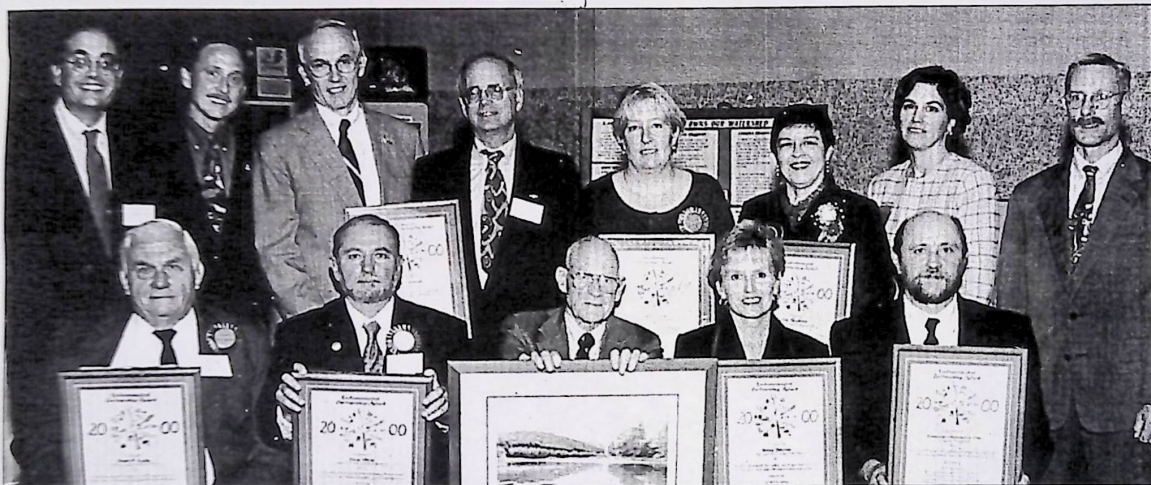
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CHAMBER OFFICIAL WINS AWARD - Donna Palermo, seated second from right, vice president of operations of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, was among several recipients of the 10th annual Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Partnership Awards presented at the Woodlands Inn in Plains Township. Others receiving awards were, seated, Bruno Najaka, Sullivan County Conservation Club; Dorne White, Bowman's Creek Watershed Association; Arthur Watres, Lacawac Sanctuary, and Mark Makara, Nanticoke Conservation Club. Standing: Andrew McElwaine, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Mark Van Putten, National Wildlife Federation; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University; Howard Grossman, EDCNP; Lynn Conrad, Rail Trail Council of NEPA; Lillian Theophanis, Susquehanna County Conservation District; Ellen Alaimo, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Drew Hadley, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company.



TIMES LEADER/CLARK VANDERGEN

Students in Tina Shemanski's second-grade class at Dana Street Elementary Center in Forty Fort listen as Amy Gabriel, emergency services director for the American Red Cross told the story of 'Grandpa's Teeth.'

Getting a good read on educational needs

By KALEN CHURCHER
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J.L. 4-16-00

There's something special that happens when a stranger enters an elementary school classroom. Pencils are put down, books are closed and suddenly all attention is directed to the new person.

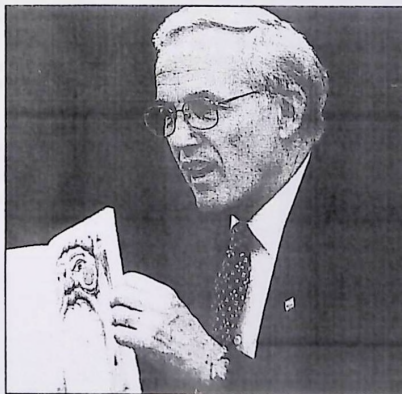
"Those children look up to you like you're just the greatest person," said Amy Gabriel, emergency services director for the American Red Cross, Wyoming Valley Chapter.

Gabriel is one of the more than 500 volunteers from Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wayne counties who participated in Community Reading Day on April 12.

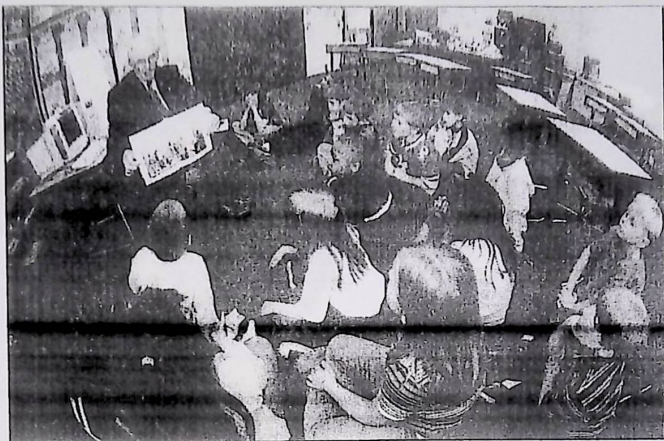
The event, sponsored by Fleet Pennsylvania Services Inc., encourages children to read by placing the "strangers" — business volunteers — in second-grade classrooms throughout the region. The event helps foster a relationship between local businesses and schools and introduces the students to a variety of professionals.

Along with Fleet Pennsylvania Services Inc., event partners include the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, the Greater Scranton Chamber, the Carbonade Area Chamber, the Greater Pittston Chamber, the Greater Hazleton Chamber, the Wayne County Chamber, the Luzerne County Reading Council and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Reading Association.

Gabriel read "Grandpa's Teeth," by Rod Clement, to Tina Shemanski's second-grade class at Dana Street



Students of Deborah Moore at the Heights/Murray Elementary School listen as Wilkes University president Christopher Breiseth reads a story for Community Reading Day.



Wilkes University president Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., reads to the second-grade class of Deborah Moore at the Heights/Murray Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre, as part of Community Reading Day.

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Elementary Center in Forty Fort. The story posed the mystery of what happened to Grandpa's teeth when they were stolen from his bedside.

Gabriel returned to read for a second year in an effort to concentrate on the positive things that happen in schools. "With all the news about school violence, it's so important to put the emphasis somewhere else. It shows you that kids aren't so bad."

Introducing books to children at an early age is something Mark Davis, director of university relations for Wilkes University, believes in firmly and is one of the reasons why he returned as part of Community Reading Day for a

third year.

"You really see it in the kids' faces," said Davis, commenting on how attentive the groups of children are. "They see someone from the outside coming in and reading to them."

Coming from someone other than a family member or teacher, that attention, Davis said he believes, is something the students will always carry with them.

As many students did with their own readers, Wyoming Seminary students in Kristen McCarthy's class gave Davis their attention as he read the story of "Livingstone Mouse," by Pamela Duncan Edwards and Henry Cole. In "Livingstone Mouse," students followed Livingstone as he embarked on a trip to China, where he hoped to find a new home.

Similar to his fellow volunteers,

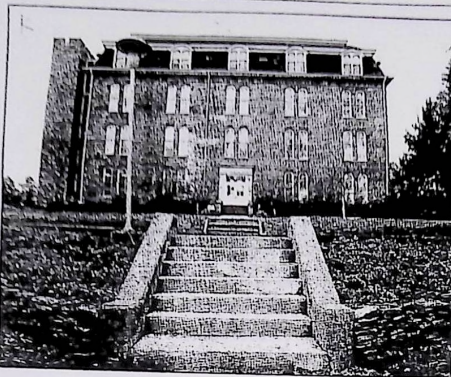
Steven Leonardo, owner of Steven's Town and Country Cleaners in Dallas, is also a veteran reader for Community Reading Day. Reiterating the sentiments of the other volunteers, Leonardo had so much fun last year, he didn't question donating his time again this year.

"I like to give something back to the community," he said.

Leonardo read "Grandpa's Teeth" to Maryann Yurko's class at the Dallas Elementary School. He encourages those who are interested in participating in Community Reading Day to obtain additional information about the event.

"It's good for the kids to see that other people participate in the schools, and it's important for the community to participate in the students' lives."

Students stroll on the campus of Marywood University which recently broke ground for a pair of new projects — a Studio Arts Center and the Tony Dumlano Early Childhood Center.



LINDA MORGAN / THE SUNDAY TIMES

Scenic Campus

Harris Hall stands on the campus at Keystone College in LaPlume. The college is expanding its offering of four-year degree programs.

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becoming a hub for what is being termed "the knowledge economy," he said. "If we can offer a well-trained, technically proficient, quality workforce to meet the growing demands of the new E-commerce, we could become the next growth area in the country. Positive signs are already appearing."

Sister Mary Reap, THM, president of Marywood University, believes the quality of life here could combine with technology and grow the area.

"As technology provides more freedom for selecting one's living environment," she explained, "it enables our community as an attractive place for those seeking a high quality or family-centered life."

The Rev. Joseph McShane, S.J., president of the University of Scranton, hopes that the knowledge-based economy envisioned by the Great Valley Initiative, will bring growth to this area.

"I believe that if we were able to pull together on this initiative, we will create an economy that will convince our young people to remain in the area, and that will attract talented young women and men from other parts of the country to contribute to the renaissance of Northeastern Pennsylvania," he said.

In Wilkes-Barre, King's College president, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, CSC, Ph.D., agrees that proper education and training is particularly important in our high tech society.

"King's has the opportunity to cooperate with other educational institutions in our region to work for regional development," Father O'Hara said. "No doubt we need to think and act on a regional basis. We need to break down barriers that keep us isolated from one another."

Edward G. Boehm Jr., president of Keystone College, La Plume/Factoriesville, also stresses regional cooperation. "Our future will depend on the success of our new technological initiatives that combine our resources and eliminate wasteful duplication," he said. "In the world economy, our cities and towns are not formidable competitors. Through cooperation, we can present ourselves united as one to meet any other community."

Colleges will grow to meet the region's needs.

Dr. Angeli said he expects LaPlume's enrollment rate will continue to grow and its enrollment of over 2,000 is expected by 2000. New construction is expected to accommodate this growth. He said the school will become the de facto community college for the Great Valley area.

Look for growth at Keystone, too.

"Due to increasing enrollment, Keystone expects to maintain an extensive construction and renovation program, which will capitalize on the increase in the woodland campus, and

become the hub of the region's community environmental activities," Dr. Boehm said. "Also, Keystone will become a summer conference center and will use on- and off-campus activities to further integrate itself into the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valleys."

Sister Reap sees Marywood evolving "into a national university, recognized for its commitment to excellence at every level of education . . . Our commitment to preparing leaders in meeting human needs and our excellent education in the arts . . . will contribute significantly to society's needs in a technological age."

Father McShane said that the University of Scranton faces a

major challenge as it opens new student markets on both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

"The university's greatest opportunity is provided by the opening of Brennan Hall, the home of the Kaitia School of Management," he said.

At Wilkes, Dr. Bratseth said, "The greatest challenge is to become better known throughout the Middle Atlantic region. The greatest opportunity is to work actively with our regional higher education and basic education partners in forging alliances that can help the greater valley region realize its economic and cultural potential."

Larson leaving LCCC

The local college confirms the president will leave, ending six months of contract talks. No set time is given for departure.

By MARK FITZHENRY
markf@leader.net

T.L.
5-4-00

NANTICOKE — Jon Larson is on his way out as Luzerne County Community College president.

But it's unclear when exactly he will leave.

According to a statement released by LCCC on Wednesday, Larson will remain in his \$103,000-a-year job "until a successor is named or the Board (of Trustees) releases him to accept another post."

The announcement ends six months of contract negotiations. Although neither side would detail the sticking points, sources say Larson turned down a three-year offer Monday because he wanted more control.

"This is an amicable agreement, and I'm pleased and proud of the conduct of everyone involved," Larson said Wednesday afternoon. "It is sad. At the same time, it's a day I feel good. I'm pleased with what I've done here."

Larson has been viewed as an innovator and an autocrat for his hands-on approach during his 2 1/2-year tenure.

LCCC's press release pointed out

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Larson's LCCC career a stormy one

October 1997: Larson, vice president of administration/dean of institutional services at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Md., is named LCCC president.

November 1997: The college fires financial aid officer Joseph Demko for alleged sexual harassment. <P>

January 1998: Larson reorganizes top LCCC administrator posts. Four high-level administrators – including at least two deans – are named vice presidents.

October 1998: Larson is formally sworn in as the fifth president of LCCC in the college's first inauguration ceremony.

June 1999: Timothy Hospodar, director of institutional research, files a complaint against LCCC with the state Human Relations Commission alleging age discrimination. Hospodar had worked at the college since 1976, researching future enrollment and the community's educational needs.

July 1999: Susan Merkel, associate dean of human resources, is reassigned to a lesser administrative position two weeks after filing an in-house discrimination complaint against Larson alleging "improper conduct" and ethnic and age discrimination. She files another suit alleging retaliation after her reassignment.

August 1999: Auditors find Larson's college-related food and travel expenses are over budget and underreported. Larson hired the Albert B. Melone Co. to audit his records after an investigation by the Times Leader discovered Larson waited more than a year to reimburse the college \$1,122 for expenses incurred by him and his wife. The audit also found that Larson had spent almost \$18,000 on travel, conferences and meals, and almost \$50,000 on activities such as college-related parties at his house.

September 1999: Susan Merkel files a third complaint against Larson alleging discrimination.

October 1999: Larson receives a vote of no confidence from the LCCC Education Support Personnel, a union that includes secretaries. Union officials accuse Larson of poor management resulting in low morale at the college. LCCC teachers go on strike for one day before Luzerne County Judge Thomas F. Burke Jr. orders them back to work.

November 1999: The state Department of the Auditor General launches an investigation into Larson's travel and entertainment expenses. Trustees vote to extend Larson's contract through November 2001, but Larson doesn't accept the contract.

December 1999: LCCC faculty rejects a contract proposal from Larson. The teachers have been working without a contract since August.

February 2000: Larson is a finalist for the presidency at Suffolk County Community College, a junior college based in Selden, N.Y. He says he would need greater control over the school's budget and personnel if he were to stay at LCCC.

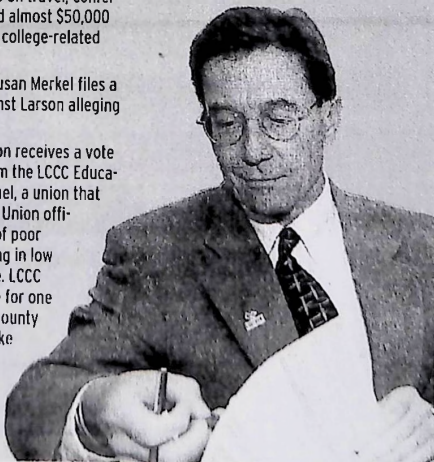
March 2000: Larson awards select LCCC administrators 2 to 4 percent raises based on a new evaluation process. Some administrators complain the raises are based more on favoritism.

April 2000: Susan Merkel is placed on paid administrative leave and escorted from the LCCC campus. The college does not say why. Officials have not announced the result of a pre-termination hearing.

April 5, 2000: Larson urges administrators to vote against a proposed union. Administrators consider unionizing after complaining about unfair treatment from Larson.

April 9, 2000: LCCC faculty passes a vote of no confidence in Larson because he failed to meet the 10 goals he established at the beginning of his presidency, including increasing enrollment and promoting work force values and skills.

– Compiled by Kathe Kier



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the college upgraded its technology, added and updated programs, worked well with area businesses and established satellite campuses centers in Wilkes-Barre and Shamokin and will open another center this fall in Hazleton.

"I have come to value Dr. Larson's energetic and change-oriented approach to higher education," said Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University. "Our Valley needs to be open to new ways of managing change. Jon Larson's name will be associated with that effort."

However, his leadership came under fire recently with the teachers union and support staff giving Larson no-confidence votes in the past seven months. LCCC administrators, concerned about job security and pay inequities, are considering forming a union. Some administrators accused Larson of favoritism in March when he awarded select 2 to 4 percent raises.

Several staff members on campus declined to talk about Larson on the record. Numerous students expressed apathy.

"He doesn't have much of an effect on us," said nursing student Stacy Cochran.

Asked if people would remember him as a good president, Larson said, "I hope so."

Board of Trustees Chairman Paul Bedwick has formed a six-person committee to determine how LCCC will search for Larson's replacement. Trustee Paula Conahan DeJoseph will chair the committee, which also includes Bedwick, Joseph Lombar-

do, Judith Ellis, Mahmoud Fahmy and Brigid Murray O'Connor.

That committee will determine if the search stays local or goes national, Bedwick said. Other than saying the committee will try to meet next week, Bedwick declined to construct a timetable.

The last time LCCC searched for a president, it took four months to name Larson to replace the late Tom Moran on Oct. 23, 1997. Larson took over Nov. 17, 1997, and is under contract until Nov. 16 of this year.

Larson is one of five candidates to be president at Ocean County College in Toms River, N.J. That school hopes to announce its choice by mid-June and have the president working by July 1, said Bob Seymour, Ocean County College's vice president of human resources.

All five Ocean County candidates, who are or have been college presidents, will interview this month, Seymour said.

The LCCC trustees did not make it clear what would happen if they didn't find Larson's replacement by Nov. 16, and Larson didn't have a new job.

"The board would come up with some alternative," said the trustees' solicitor, Joe Kluger.

The trustees have not discussed a severance package if they found a replacement before Larson left, Kluger said.

Kluger said he met with Larson on Wednesday morning, but only to review press releases, not to continue contract negotiations.

In a prepared statement, the trustees credited Larson for "an unprecedented record of achievement during his administration."

Staff writer Ed Fletcher contributed to this report.

Call Fitzhenry at 829-7218.

From the desk of

Christopher N. Breiseth

President

July 17, 1997



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COB file

Mark Davis

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\$3 million in federal funding fuels transportation center plan

By **SANJAY BHATT**

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The wheels on a \$17.3 million transportation hub got rolling Tuesday after city officials learned they could expect \$3 million in federal funds by the end of September.

The possible infusion of funds means that representatives from the city, the Luzerne County Transportation Authority and the state Department of Transportation could meet with federal transportation authorities about design specifications as early as next month, said Mayor Tom McGroarty.

The money would be used to pay for designs for the Intermodal Transportation Facility, property acquisition and demolition, he said. The proposed facility at South Washington and East Northampton streets would com-

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bine taxi, bus, carpool and public safety services and include up to 1,000 parking spaces. The project also would include 100 diagonal parking spaces on Public Square.

"We thought we would start in 1998," McGroarty said. "I can't thank Sen. (Arlen) Specter enough."

Specter, R-Phila., who was unavailable for comment, gave the mayor the news Tuesday afternoon. The \$3 million was included Tuesday in a federal transportation appropriations bill for fiscal year 1998. The bill must still be passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton. The bill is expected to be passed by the end of September.

"It is Sen. Specter's hope and strong expectation the \$3 million that was included today will see its way to the Wilkes-Barre area for this important project," said spokesman John Ulyot.

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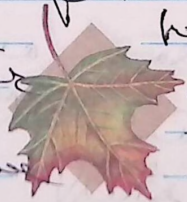


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Breiseths to receive Community Service Award

T.L. 4-18-00

The Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented to Christopher N. Breiseth, Ph.D., and Jane M.



Christopher
Breiseth



Jane Breiseth

Breiseth by the Anti-Defamation League in recognition of their outstanding service to the community. The award will be presented at a dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3, at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Plains Township.

The Distinguished Community Service

Award was established to publicly acknowledge the contribution of men and women who, by their inspired leadership, have enriched community life and strengthened the democratic principles on which the United States is founded.

In addition to serving as president of Wilkes University, Christopher Breiseth is a noted historian. He is an expert on Abraham Lincoln and Civil War history. He holds the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America, a Citation of Distinction from the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, and the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge B'nai B'rith Community Service Award.

Jane Breiseth is president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. She has been a member of the Family Services Association Board, the Friends of Hospice St. John Board, the Interreligious Encounter Group, the Luzerne County Women's Conference Panel, and has served on several committees for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic. Mrs. Breiseth has been an active volunteer for the Community Conservatory, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Girls Scouts of America, Penns Woods Council, Planned Parenthood, Wyoming Historical & Geological Society and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

The public is invited to the
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Dr. Breiseth's file.

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Wilkes homecoming to include Breiseth tribute

Among the festivities planned for Wilkes University's Homecoming Weekend 2000, Oct. 6 to 8, is a tribute to President Christopher N. Breiseth at this, his last homecoming.

Alumni and friends will gather at the newly created Colonel's Corner at Ralston Field on Oct. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to honor Breiseth for his 16-plus years of leadership.

Earlier this year, Breiseth announced his plans to retire at the end of this academic year.

Sponsored by the alumni association and athletic department, the celebration will include games, music, food, and a free ticket to a Comedy Special, featuring alumnus Dave Russo at the Woodlands Inn and Resort from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Russo, Wilkes Class of 1993, won the 2000 Boston Comedy Festival and was named "Boston's Best Comedian."

The annual golf tournament at Irem Temple Country Club on Oct. 6 will officially kick off Homecoming Weekend festivities.

Graduates of the Last Decade, or G.O.L.D. alumni, are invited to attend a "Party at the Woodlands" that night. A cover charge will include a happy hour event from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and entrance into the new dance club, Evo-

lution.

Also on Oct. 6, Olives Mediterranean Restaurant on Courthouse Square will host all alumni from 8 to 10 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and the acoustic sounds of Electric Farm, set to perform at 10 p.m.

On Oct. 7, at noon, the Lady Colonels tennis team takes on the Lycoming Warriors at Ralston Field. The football team will take the field against the Delaware Valley Aggies at 1 p.m. At 4 p.m., both the Lady Colonels soccer and field hockey teams will try to outscore the William Paterson Pioneers and the Aggies, respectively.

The Fifth Quarter moves to the Woodlands this year. Graduates can take the festivities into overtime from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Executive Lounge. Drink specials and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available.

The Wilkes community will welcome back the Bucknell University Junior College U.S. Air Force cadets for its millennium reunion brunch on Oct. 8, beginning at noon at Best Western Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre.

For more information on homecoming events, contact the Wilkes Alumni Relations Office at 408-4130.



Mark Van Putten, left, president and CEO, National Wildlife Federation, receives an award from former Lt. Gov. William Scranton

Kathy Orr/Citizens' Voice

Preserve watershed, Wildlife Federation chief urges

By Tom Venesky
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

CV
9-28-00

Watershed preservation and wise land use were the overlying themes of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's 10th annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment held Wednesday night at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Plains Township.

Mark Van Putten, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, was keynote speaker. He stressed how important Pennsylvania has been in conservation efforts on a national scale and he spoke highly of the numerous local conservation groups.

Van Putten said Pennsylvania has contributed many leaders in the conservation movement, such as Gifford Pinchot and Rachel Carson. Chip Brown and Mary Harris are two Pennsylvania residents who serve on the NWF board of directors.

Van Putten alluded to the efforts of local conservation groups and said in order for them to be successful, they have to combine passion and knowledge.

"The passion of the people who believe their place is special. There has to be a love for the environment intertwined with the community," he said. "You are the kind

of people that have that passion."

Van Putten said that passion has to be combined with scientific knowledge in order to properly manage our natural resources.

The third factor he said was crucial to successful conservation, a commitment to coalitions. He said environmental groups might find allies where they least expect them.

"A diverse coalition is important. They need to be formed among outdoor enthusiasts and those who care about livable and healthy economies," he explained, adding that Northeastern Pennsylvania had all three components.

Van Putten stressed that in order for healthy communities to exist, a healthy natural community needs to be maintained. He added that the challenges facing the area are enormous, such as urban sprawl and the overall wasteful use of land, but said that watershed preservation is a critical first step and spoke highly of the conservation efforts of groups such as Defend Our Watershed, which he called a "vibrant movement."

"It's one of the major challenges where there is some of the most passionate and energetic commitments," he said. "The importance of natural watersheds is critical. No treatment technique will ever be good enough to provide the treat-

ment that natural watersheds can."

Van Putten stressed that watershed protection was important not only to the current residents but for people coming into the area who will contribute to a healthy economy. "Quality of life is critical to the economic future of this area," he said.

"I am impressed by your passion, knowledge and commitment. You have all of those attributes here," added Van Putten. "Put it to work and find that balance between people and wildlife in Northeastern Pennsylvania."

After Van Putten's remarks, the Environmental Partnership Awards were handed out to the following award winners: Bruno B. Najaka; Lillian Theophanis, district manager of the Susquehanna County Conservation District; Lynn Conrad, executive director of the Rail Trail Council of NEPA; the Nanticoke Conservation Club; Donna Palermo, vice president of operations for the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and Dorne White, president of the Bowman's Creek Watershed Association.

Two special Environmental Partnership Awards were given out to Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, and Howard Grossman, executive director of Economic Development Council.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., president of Wilkes University, was honored at College Misericordia's Academic Convocation on Aug. 25. Breiseth received a doctor of humane letters degree at the ceremony in recognition of his contributions to higher education and the community. During Breiseth's tenure, Wilkes was designated as a university and became actively involved in collaborations with other colleges in the area, including a consortium with College Misericordia and King's College. He recently announced that he will retire next year after 17 years as president of Wilkes. Breiseth has been honored by other organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, B'nai B'rith, and the Anti-Defamation League. He helped establish the Earth Conservancy, and serves as the chairman of its Board of Directors. He is also a life member of the Osterhout Free Library Board of Directors. Guest speaker at the Convocation was Sister Marie Chin, RSM, president of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. She also received an honorary doctorate. The Fall Academic Convocation is a traditional opening ceremony and the introduction of the freshman class into the academic community of the college.

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HONOREES — Joseph Birk, 10, of Cub Scout Pack 55 in Wilkes-Barre, gets an autograph from former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw, above, Tuesday at Genetti's Hotel and Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre. Bradshaw, a member of the National Football League Hall of Fame, was in town for the 1992 Friends of Scouting Dinner for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America. At right is Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth, who received the scouts' "Distinguished Citizen Award."



TIMES LEADER/JOHN CAREY

A good scout

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Area council honors the president of Wilkes

■ Wilkes University president Christopher N. Breiseth is honored with the 1992 "Distinguished Citizen Award" by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America

By JIM KERSTETTER

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — A misadventure on Santa Catalina Island off the coast of Los Angeles as a young Boy Scout was one of the best adventures of Christopher N. Breiseth's life.

Breiseth, the president of Wilkes University and this year's recipient of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America's "Distinguished Citizen Award," recalled his daring deeds as a Los Angeles youth cast into the wild of the offshore island.

"I have to confess that at the outset, I was unprepared," Breiseth told a crowd of about 1,000 people gathered for the 1992 Friends of Scouting Din-

ner at Genetti's Hotel and Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre.

He and a friend, attending a scout camp on the island, wanted to get to a dance at a Girl Scout camp on the other side of the island.

Unfortunately, they missed their ride, and had to hoof it to the dance in the dark and without a flashlight, a harrowing hike through wild country.

They made it to the dance, after an encounter with a wild boar along the way, but fell asleep after only two dances because they were so exhausted from their journey, Breiseth said.

It was one of the best experiences of Breiseth's life. It was the kind of character-building experience common to scouting that today's children need if they are to grow into responsible and mature adults, he said.

Principal speaker at the dinner was former Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw.

"The very best adults have to offer must be invested in the children," Breiseth said.

Growing up in today's age of drug abuse, broken families, and nurturing

in front of a television set is no easy task for children, he said. Parents have to prepare them for a harsh world where sex education can mean the difference between life and death in the face of AIDS.

"We have to start this education earlier and earlier because we have found the successful teaching of those tools is a matter of life and death," Breiseth said.

And scouting should play an important role in that education and preparation for adulthood, he said.

"It's a crucial investment in the future of children and society," he said.

Frank M. Henry, president of Frank Mertz Coach Co. and Price Bus Co., Scranton, introduced Breiseth as a man who has given much and will continue to give much to the community.

"Citizenship is a pyramid of three sides — leadership, commitment, and caring, with its foundation being character. Chris Breiseth is a winner in all four categories."

"He is a true friend," Henry said. "A true friend to the valley, and a true friend to all who know him."

Wilkes president published in journal

"Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: Another Debate," by Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes University president and historian, has been published in "For a Vast Future Also," a collection of essays from the Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association edited by Thomas F. Schwartz.

In the volume, Breiseth joins the company of 13 of the world's

most accomplished scholars in the field of Lincoln study. The volume of essays provides compact, detailed treatments of different facets of three general themes: Part I, Lincoln and the Problems of Emancipation; Part II, Lincoln and Presidential Politics; Part III, The Lincoln Legacy.

According to Schwartz, much of what historians use to discern Lincoln's views on race are derived from his actions or inactions as president. In his essay, Breiseth poses the question "How did Lincoln's views and actions on black freedom com-

pare to those espoused by the former slave and the abolitionist editor Frederick Douglass?"

Earlier this year, Breiseth was selected to join the company of some of America's most influential citizens to contribute remarks for "A Presidential Portrait." The literary tribute to Lincoln was published in the Illinois Humanities

Breiseth was quoted, along with First Lady Barbara Bush, George W. Bush, governor, former president Gerald R. Ford, Jesse L. Jackson Jr., congressman, journalist Dan Rather and historian Charles B. Strozier.

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Anti-Defamation League to honor Breiseths

C.V. 3-21-00

The Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented to Dr. Christopher Breiseth and Jane M. Breiseth by the Anti-Defamation League at a dinner to be held at the Woodlands on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:15 p.m., in recognition of their service to the community.

The Distinguished Community Service Award was established to publicly acknowledge the contribution of men and women who, by their inspired leadership, have enriched community life and strengthened the democratic principles.

In addition to serving as president of Wilkes University, Dr. Breiseth is a noted historian holding a baccalaureate degree in history which was awarded with the highest honors from the University of California in Los Angeles.

Dr. Breiseth also holds a B. Litt. Degree in Modern British History from Oxford University and a Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University. He is a much sought-after expert on Abraham Lincoln and Civil War history.

Dr. Breiseth has already received an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Luzerne County Community College, the Distinguished Citizen Award from Boy Scouts of America, a Citation



Dr. Christopher and Jane Breiseth to be honored May 3

of Distinction from the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, and the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge B'Nai B'Rith Community Service Award for devotion to promoting the highest interests of humanity.

Jane M. Breiseth earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Comparative Literature and a Masters of Education Degree. She is presi-

dent of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. She has been a member of the Family Services Association Board, the Friends of Hospice St. John Board, the Interreligious Encounter Group, the Luzerne County Women's Conference Panel, and has served on several committees for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Phil-

harmonic.

Mrs. Breiseth has been an active volunteer for the Community Conservatory, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Penns Woods Council, Girls Scouts of America, Planned Parenthood, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

The Breiseths reside in Wilkes-

Barre and have three children, Abigail, Erica and Lydia.

Mrs. Connie Roth is chairperson of the dinner committee. Other members of the committee are Esther Davidowitz, Shirley Fortinsky, Nancy Freedman, Lisie Gottdenker, Dr. David Greenwald, Carol Greenwald, Beverly Hiscox, Harry Hiscox, Melanie Lumia, Dr. Michael J. Lennon, Ruth Melberger, Paul J. O'Hop, Heidi Roth, Marino Santarelli, Paul Strunk and Marjorie Ufberg.

The public is invited.

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Breiseths to be honored Wednesday

Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., and Jane M. Breiseth will receive the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League at a dinner at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Plains Township. The award is given to recognize individuals whose public service has enriched community life and strengthened democratic practices. Dr. Breiseth is president of Wilkes University. Jane Breiseth is president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. Both have devoted many hours to public service in northeastern Pennsylvania and exemplify those qualities which the Anti-Defamation League honors. Reservations may be made by contacting the Jewish Community Center at 824-4646. At a planning session are, from left: J. Michael Lennon, Ph.D., invitations; Carol Greenwald, dinner arrangements, Heidi Roth, door; Marjorie Ufberg, seating arrangements. T.L. 5-1-00

C.V. 4-23-00

THE CITIZENS' VOICE Salutes



Dr. Christopher Breiseth

Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, announced last week that he will retire next summer, ending the second longest tenure in the school's history.

Dr. Breiseth, who has been president of the school for 16 years, made the announcement last week at Wilkes' Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

"In many ways, the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes," Dr. Breiseth said in a prepared statement. "I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together — the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and many friends of the university."

University officials expressed appreciation for Breiseth's years of service.

"It is with a feeling of deep gratitude for all that he has accomplished for Wilkes University that I accept Dr. Breiseth's decision to retire," said Gerald Moffat, chairman of Wilkes board of trustees. "His tenure has been one of dramatic development and growth in the life of this institution."

Dr. Breiseth's retirement will become effective July 1, 2000, leaving the University more than one year to mount a search for a suitable replacement.

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Schools Must Rise To the Challenge

BY RICH MATES
THE SUNDAY TIMES

When Northeastern Pennsylvania was supplying the industrialized world with coal, garments and cigars, employers needed workers able to perform physical work. But those industries are largely gone, replaced by service, communications and dot-com companies.

Brains, not brawn, are the keys to success in the modern world.

"I believe that all the ingredients are present for a great resurgence in Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania," said John R. Williams, Ed.D., superintendent of the Scranton School District. "The area's basic and higher institutions must institute a coordinated effort to ensure that the area's young people are properly trained and prepared to take advantage of these opportunities."

"With effective education/business partnerships and truly regional economic development, we will become known throughout the metropolitan Northeast and Middle Atlantic regions for our high quality labor force, family-oriented communities and outstanding schools and colleges," said Christopher N. Breiseth, president, Ph.D., Wilkes University. "... if we work to make this area responsive to the needs and interests of young people so they will want to stay and attract others here to pursue life-long opportunities."

Raymond S. Angeli, president of Lackawanna Junior College, said the work force, must be trained for the future needs of the area.

"Scranton is on the verge of

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becoming a hub for what is being termed "the knowledge economy," he said. "If we can offer a well-trained, technically proficient, quality workforce to meet the growing demands of the new E-commerce, we could become the next growth area in the country. Positive signs are already appearing."

Sister Mary Reap, IHM, president of Marywood University, believes the quality of life here could combine with technology and grow the area.

"As technology provides more freedom for selecting one's living environment," she explained, "I envision our community as an attractive place for those seeking a high quality of family-centered life."

The Rev. Joseph McShane, S.J., president of the University of Scranton, hopes that the knowledge-based economy envisioned by the Great Valley Initiative, will bring growth to this area.

"I believe that if we were able to pull together on this initiative, we will create an economy that will convince our young people to remain in the area, and that will attract talented young women and men from other parts of the country to contribute to the renaissance of Northeastern Pennsylvania," he said.

In Wilkes-Barre, King's College president, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, CSC, Ph.D., agrees that proper education and training is particularly important in our high tech society.

"King's has the opportunity to cooperate with other educational institutions in our region to work for regional development," Father O'Hara said. "No doubt we need to think and act on a regional basis. We need to break down barriers that keep us isolated from one another."

Edward G. Boehm Jr., president of Keystone College, La Plume/Factorville, also stresses regional cooperation. "Our future will depend on the success of our new technological initiatives that combine our resources and eliminate wasteful duplication," he said. "In the world economy, our cities and towns are not formidable competitors. Through cooperation, we can present consolidated assets to rival any other community."

Colleges will grow to meet the region's needs.

Mr. Angeli said he expects LJC's enrollment rate will continue to grow and an enrollment of over 3,000 is expected by 2010. New construction is expected to accommodate this growth. He said the school will become the defacto community college for the Greater Scranton area.

Look for growth at Keystone, too.

"Due to increasing enrollment, Keystone expects to embark on extensive construction and renovation projects, which will capitalize on the resource that is its woodland campus, and

become the hub of the region's community environmental activities," Dr. Boehm said. "Also, Keystone will become a summer conference center and will us on- and off-campus activities to further integrate itself into the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valleys."

Sister Reap sees Marywood evolving "into a national university, recognized for its commitment to excellence at every level of education... Our commitment to preparing leaders in meeting human needs and our excellent education in the arts... will contribute significantly to society's needs in a technological age."

Father McShane said that the University of Scranton faces a

major challenge as it opens new student markets on both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

"The university's greatest opportunity is provided by the opening of Brennan Hall, the home of the Kanla School of Management," he said.

At Wilkes, Dr. Brulath said, "The greatest challenge is to become better known throughout the Middle Atlantic region. The greatest opportunity is to work actively with our regional higher education and basic education partners in forging alliances with business to create a sophisticated 21st century workforce that can help the greater valley region realize its economic and cultural potential."



Anti-Defamation League to honor Breiseths

C.V. 4-13-00

Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented to Dr. Christopher Breiseth and Jane M. Breiseth by the Anti-Defamation League at a dinner at the Woodlands on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:15 p.m. The award is given to recognize individuals whose public service has enriched community life and strengthened democratic practices. Dr. Breiseth is president of Wilkes University. Jane Breiseth is president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. Dr.

Christopher and Jane Breiseth have both devoted countless hours to public service in Northeastern Pennsylvania and exemplify those qualities which the Anti-Defamation League honors. The community is invited to the dinner. Reservations may be made by contacting the Jewish Community Center at 824-4646.

From the left are, Attorney Joseph J. Savitz, Esther Davidowitz, co-chairman; Connie Roth, invitations; Ruth Melberger, seating arrangements.

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YOUR OPINION

Friends Promote Peace

Editor: One of the men standing beside Pope John Paul II during his recent historic visit to Yad Vashem, the memorial in Jerusalem to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, has ties to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Jerzy Kluger, a boyhood friend of Karol Wotyla in Wadowice, Poland, was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Wilkes University in 1998. Through our common good friend, Joseph D'Andrea of Dunmore, we were able to bring engineer Kluger to Northeastern Pennsylvania for a memorable week of ecumenical activities, highlighted by a special convocation in the presence of 800 people representing a broad range of religious faiths.

At the ceremony, we honored Dr. Kluger's efforts in helping Pope John Paul II strengthen relations between Catholics and Jews, including the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel. The holy father sent his special blessings.

The unique relationship between these two friends has been fundamental to the pope's efforts to help heal the terrible wounds from World War II, including the carnage of the Auschwitz concentration camp, where Dr. Kluger's sister, mother and grandmother were killed. The influence of Dr. Kluger's friendship was revealed in the 1998 book, "The Hidden Pope," by Darcy O'Brien.

Like many of those who met Dr. Kluger when he came to our area, I felt that I was part of the extraordinarily historic moment in Jerusalem when I saw on television Pope John Paul II put his hand on Jerzy Kluger's shoulders as he greeted his childhood friend from Wadowice.

CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH
President, Wilkes University

Leadership Wilkes-Barre



Luzerne County Coordinating Council, PSEA honors Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre participants

Students from Luzerne County public schools who participated in Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre were honored at a dinner sponsored by the Luzerne County Coordinating Council of Northeastern Region PSEA. Teachers from nine area school districts recognized the contribution students made to the community and the esteem they brought to their schools through their participation in the program.

According to Ed Pashinski, president of the Luzerne County coordinating council, "We are proud of these young people. They have given of their time and talents to work with mentor teachers and community leaders to help the community." The goals of the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre Program are to foster students' interest in volunteer community service, encourage students to recognize their own potential and to develop their leadership skills, and to provide opportunities for a diverse group of students to interact with one another and with community leaders and decision makers. The 10-month long program uses a series of seminars to provide students the opportunity to work with adult leaders from the community. The Pennsylvania State Education Association has been a prime sponsor of the Junior Leadership Program since its inception in the 1987 - 1988 school year.

Guests at the awards dinner included parents of the students, Kim Koehl, executive director Leadership Wilkes-Barre, and Beth Rosenthal of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, was guest speaker. In addition, the Luzerne County Coordinating Council honored Breiseth for his contributions to the field of education and his leadership in the education community of the Wyoming Valley.

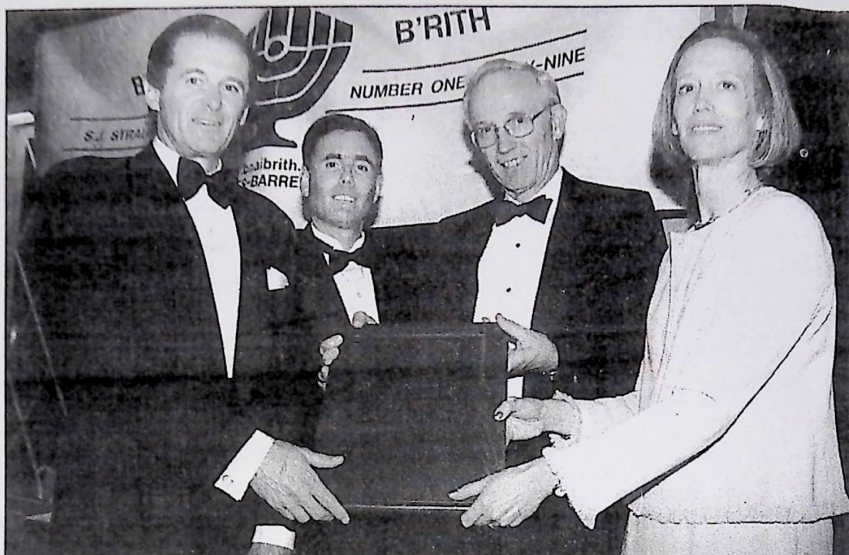
Local education associations participating in the event include Crestwood, Dallas, Greater Nanticoke Area, Hanover Area, Lake Lehman, Northwest Area, Wilkes-Barre Area, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West. Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, West Side Vo-Tech Education Association and Wilkes-Barre Vo-Tech Education Association also provide support for the project.

The Luzerne County Coordinating Council donated \$1,500 to Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre, a non-profit program. "We're very pleased to make this contribution because we support the mission of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre and the outstanding opportunities it provides for the young people of this community," said Pashinski. This donation brings

PSEA's total contribution throughout the years to more than \$26,500. According to Pashinski, "We are pleased to be part of programs like Junior Leadership in partnership with community leaders because they send a clear message to students that they are an important and valuable part of the community."

Walter Glogowski, the PSEA Northeastern Region field director coordinates the event. He has been on the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Board of Directors, the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre Board of Directors and has been president of the Junior Leadership Alumni Association. "I wholeheartedly support this program and encourage both teachers and students to be actively involved in it," Glogowski said.

Seated, from the left are, Steve Harmanos, vice-president Luzerne County Coordinating Council PSEA; Kim Koehl, executive director Leadership Wilkes-Barre; William Wagner, treasurer Luzerne County Coordinating Council PSEA; Walter Glogowski, PSEA Northeastern Region Field director. Second row, Brad Sutliff, Northwest Area School District; Thelred Gagliardi, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Ashley Jacopetti, Greater Nanticoke Area School District; Dana Woronowicz, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Jennifer Raub, Dallas School District; Katie Britt, Lake Lehman School District; Janelle Weinstock, Wyoming Valley West School District; Elizabeth Eby, Dallas School District; Laura Simon, Wyoming Valley West School District. Third row, Brian Thomas, Greater Nanticoke Area School District; Suzanne Mattern, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Barry Snyder, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Jennifer Sawicki, Crestwood School District; Ryan Morgan, Dallas School District; Brian Tracy, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Michael Breza, Wyoming Area School District; Jill Sands, Lake Lehman School District; Jessica Fields, Dallas School District; Erica Hardman, Northwest Area School District; Charbi Ann Webby, Crestwood School District; Gina Volpicelli, Hanover Area School District; Kristina Haran, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Ed Pashinski, president Luzerne County Coordinating Council PSEA. Fourth row, Collin Evans, Greater Nanticoke Area School District; Ering Conway, Crestwood School District; Janet Janicek, Lake Lehman School District; Irene McKenna, Hanover Area School District; Caelie McCormick, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Neil Grimes, Wilkes-Barre Area School District.



B'nai B'rith honors Shovals

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B'nai B'rith Seligman J. Strauss Lodge 139, Wilkes-Barre, held its 56th annual Lincoln Day dinner Wednesday night at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Plains Township, presenting Judd and Susan Shoval with its Community Service Award.

The award is presented each year to an outstanding citizen who, through leadership and dedication, has made a valuable contribution to the fabric of community life in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Shovals, who reside in Mountaintop, have started a number of successful local companies, providing jobs, as well as services and products, throughout the region. Additionally, employees of the Shovals have donated more than 30 tons of food to the United Way Christmas in July campaign over the last 10 years.

They founded GUARD Insurance Group, which spe-

cializes in workers compensation coverage.

Susan currently serves as president, chief operating officer, and a director of GUARD. She has been involved with United Way for many years, serving as a board members and treasurer. Mrs. Shoval also has served as a board member for Wilkes-Barre Jewish Community Center and is a board member of Temple B'nai B'rith.

Judd is a chairperson, chief executive officer and a director of GUARD, as well as a co-owner and founder of Associated Risk Managers International. He has served on King's College board of trustees and the school's investment committee. From the left are, Judd Shoval; Sandy Baltimore, president, B'nai B'rith Lodge 139; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president, Wilkes University, award presenter; and Susan Shoval.

**CHRISTOPHER N.
BREISETN**



Age: 64.

Title and institution: President, Wilkes University.

Residence: Wilkes Barre.

Tenure: 16 years.

Family details: Wife, Jane Monhouse Breisetn; three adult daughters.

Vision: Wilkes University is uniquely positioned because of its cumulative strengths and as the region's only independent, non-sectarian university, to help our students and the region meet the challenges of a dynamic global community by emphasizing innovation, flexibility and intellectual freedom.

Building upon a strong liberal arts and sciences foundation, Wilkes will continue to offer a broad range of professional programs preparing students to enter the workforce with technological sophistication, practical apprenticeship experiences and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Greatest challenge and opportunity in the next 10 years: The greatest challenge is to become better known throughout the Middle Atlantic region. The greatest opportunity is to work actively with our regional higher education and basic education partners in forging alliances with business to create a sophisticated 21st century workforce that can help the greater valley region realize its economic and cultural potential.

Vision for the community: With effective education/business partnerships and truly regional economic development, we will become known throughout the metropolitan Northeast and Middle Atlantic regions for our high quality labor force, family-oriented communities and outstanding schools and colleges.

As the baby boomers age — they are underrepresented in our region — America will look like we have aged for the last three decades; and we will become younger — if we work to make this area responsive to the needs and interests of young people so they will want to stay and attract others here to provide lifelong opportunities.

Personal goals for the next year and longer term: In helping Wilkes fulfill its mission to prepare students for 21st century career opportunities, I am committed to help mobilize the university's and valley's resources to make our entire area a vibrant part of the global community.

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SAM BASS, dean of teaching and learning at Nicolet Area Technical College, to president of Coffeyville Community College.

DARLENE BENTON, assistant dean of instruction at Genesee Community College, has resigned.

WALTER B. BERNSTEIN, dean of the school of professional studies at Western Connecticut State U., to vice president for student affairs.

STEVE BOLANDER, chairman of management at Colorado State U., to dean of the business school at U. of New Hampshire, effective July 1. *1.1.2001*

CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH, president of Wilkes U., has announced his retirement, effective July 1, 2001.



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Anti-Defamation League honors Breiseths

The Anti-Defamation League presented its Distinguished Community Service Award to Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., and Jane Breiseth on May 3. Eugene Roth, Esq., presented the award at the League's dinner at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Plains Township. The Breiseths were cited for their public service in northeastern Pennsylvania. Mrs. Breiseth is the president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. Mr. Breiseth is president of Wilkes University and also serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Earth Conservancy. Connie Roth and Joseph Savitz, Esq., were co-chairpersons of the affair. Rabbi Larry Kaplan, Temple Israel, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky, pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, gave the benediction. Barry Morrison, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, gave a report. Joseph J. Savitz, Esq., served as master of ceremonies, and Corby Swan, Wilkes University, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." From left: the Breiseths, Roth and Savitz.

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Area College Presidents Gather For Conference at LJC Campus

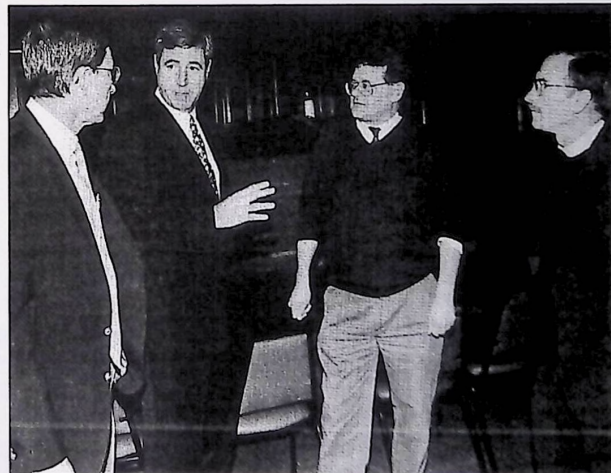
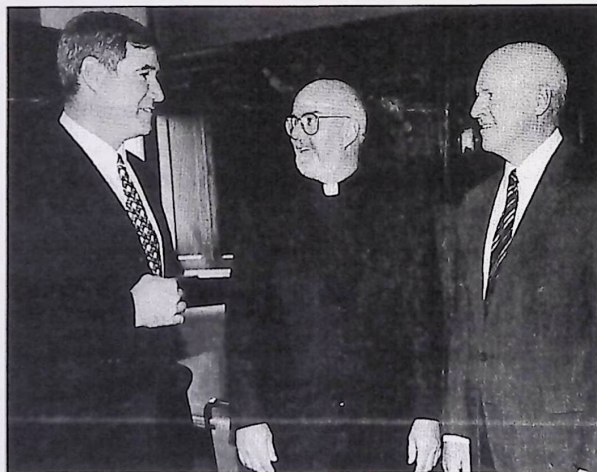
By Jeff

Lackawanna Junior College was the site of a recent gathering of presidents of area colleges and universities and their representatives.

LEFT: Attending the college presidents' gathering at LJC, from left, Sister Mary Reap, IHM, Marywood University; Thomas Krouse, Johnson Technical Institute; Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes University; Mary Hines, Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus; and Michael MacDowell, College Misericordia.

BELOW LEFT: Ray Angell, president of Lackawanna Junior College, left, chats briefly with the Rev. Thomas O'Hara, president of King's College, and James Gallagher, president of Penn State University, Worthington Scranton Campus.

BELOW RIGHT: Mr. Angell, second from left, makes a point while conversing with, from left, John Madden, president of Penn State University, Hazleton Campus; James McAndrew, associate dean of Luzerne County Community College; and the Rev. Joseph M. McShane, president of the University of Scranton.



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Breiseth announces retirement from Wilkes

Dr. Christopher Breiseth set to retire beginning July 2001 after 17 years as Wilkes University president

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WILKES-BARRÉ, Pa. — Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth has announced that he will retire as president of Wilkes University in 2001 after 17 years, the second-longest presidential term in the institution's history.

"In many ways, the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes," said Breiseth. "I am immensely proud of what we have accom-

plished together — the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and many friends of the university.

"I have been weighing this decision for the past few years and have decided the timing is right for the university to begin the process of selecting its next leader," he added.

Breiseth's retirement will be effective July 1, 2001, three months shy of his 65th birthday and pending appointment of his successor.

"Like my colleagues, Father Alan Panuska at the University of Scranton and Father James

Lackenmier at King's College, I have chosen to announce my intention to retire more than a full year prior to the effective date to ensure orderly transition," added Breiseth.

The fourth president of Wilkes University, Breiseth, 63, is second only to founding President Eugene S. Farley in years leading the institution. During Breiseth's tenure, Wilkes has experienced unprecedented growth in its fund raising, programmatic and campus development initiatives. He led the institution to its 1989 designation as a university by the Pennsylvania Board of Education, a recognition of the breadth of Wilkes's programs and curricula at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Since Breiseth was named president in 1984, Wilkes' endowment has grown from \$3 million to more than \$25 million, advanced by the successful completion in 1992 of the \$25 million Wilkes Tomorrow capital campaign. The university's current Endow the Future campaign is on target to conclude next year, with more than \$23 million pledged toward its \$30 million

goal, which combines capital projects, endowment and special programs operation goals. During his final year as president, he plans to help the university reach or exceed the goal.

As part of the Endow the Future campaign, Breiseth secured the largest one-time gift in school history — \$3 million from Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt Orr to establish the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in honor of her late husband.

Under Breiseth's leadership, the Wilkes campus has been transformed into a cohesive academic environment, with several buildings constructed or remodeled for student residence, study and recreation. A campus improvement plan launched in 1993 led to the construction of the South Franklin Street Classroom/Office Building (1995) and the Student Union Building, which opened in September 1999. Other improvements that have significantly impacted campus life include the construction of the Burns Alumni Belltower and Carillon (1987) and

the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center (1989); extensive renovations to the Munson Fieldhouse and Ralston Field Complex (1993); with the help of the Kirby family, the \$1 million remodeling and restoration of Kirby Hall (1999); and the acquisition and refurbishment of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (1993), Passan Hall for student services (1993) and Pearsall Hall for Nursing (1995).

Curricular enhancements include the 1994 creation of the School of Pharmacy, which will graduate its first class of doctors of pharmacy on May 20, 2000. In addition, Wilkes has continually enriched its liberal arts curriculum and professional programs.

"It is with a feeling of deep gratitude for all that he has accomplished for Wilkes University that I accept Dr. Breiseth's decision to retire," said Gerald Moffatt, chairman of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. "His tenure has been one of dramatic development

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and growth in the life of this institution."

"Dr. Breiseth has given the Board of Trustees more than 14 months' notice, ample time for a smooth transition. This kind of thoughtfulness has been a hallmark of his leadership and will allow the careful selection of his successor," added Moffatt.

Breiseth's legacy extends to his tireless efforts as a community leader. He has earned several awards for his vision and service to numerous community and civic organizations, including an honorary doctorate of public service for Luzerne County Community College, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of

America, a Citation of Distinction from the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, and the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge B'nai B'rith Community Service. Most recently, he and his wife, Jane, were selected to receive the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Community Service Award, which will be presented at a ceremony on May 3.

In addition, Breiseth helped establish and continues to chair the Board of Directors of Earth Conservancy. He also recently became a life member of the Osterhout Free Library Board of Directors.

Before joining Wilkes, Breiseth served as president of Deep Spring College,

California; professor of history at Sangamon State University; and as an assistant professor of history at Williams College. During a leave of absence from Williams in 1967-68, he served as chief of policy guidance in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. From 1970-71, he was a Danforth post-doctoral fellow at the University of Chicago in Black Studies.

Breiseth received his bachelor's degree in history with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (1958). He earned a bachelor of literature degree in modern British history from

Oxford University (1962), and a Ph.D. in modern European intellectual history from Cornell University (1964).

He is married to the former Jane Morhouse. They have three children, Abigail, Erika and Lydia.

Breiseth also has announced the appointment of Dr. Bonnie C. Bedford of Lake Harmony, Pa., as dean of the College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies following an expansive, national search. Bedford has served as the college's interim dean since August 1998, guiding the consolidation of 21 departments in three schools to 11 departments in the single college.

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Wilkes Univesity president will retire after 17 years

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"In many ways, the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes," Breiseth said Tuesday. "I am immense-

ly proud of what we have accomplished together — the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and many friends of the university."

Under Breiseth's tenure, the university's endowment grew from \$3 million to more than \$25 million and in 1989, the institution was designated a university by the Pennsylvania Board of Education.

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LCCC needs strong head to set the right tone

MAYBE THE Luzerne County Community College board should translate its most recent crisis into Chinese, for in that language, the character for "crisis" also means "opportunity."

The results of a recently released 1998-99 survey at the school under the auspices of Educational Consultant Services shows that fully a quarter of the students queried have heard a faculty member utter a sexist or racist comment, while 39 percent report hearing sexist or racist remarks from fellow students.

This is the very kind of insensitivity that in the past has ripped the administrative fabric of the university, led to lawsuits over sexual harassment and heralded a slew of firings and resignations.

Yet with the imminent departure of President Jon Larson, LCCC has the opportunity to get it right this time. Certainly the board's decision to hire a consultant to fill the top spot for the interim is a sensible start. The atmosphere at the school, partially attributable to Larson, is still too charged and distrustful to make an internal appointment that could inspire even a crumb of confidence.

But the leader ultimately cho-

sen to replace Larson can carry LCCC toward being an open, unbiased center of learning where the principles of equality and enlightenment flourish.

**A strong
'institutional
culture' can
defeat bigotry
at LCCC.**

MBA classes and a raft of business books have analyzed and dissected the idea of a "corporate culture" in shaping the character and success of organiza-

tions from within and without. A corporate culture or — in the case of LCCC — an institutional culture is shaped by the individual at the helm.

Local examples of such leaders are the first president of Wilkes College, Eugene Farley, who directed that institution over the years toward becoming the university currently under Christopher Breiseth's capable leadership. Farley set a standard that served as a model and stepping-off point for those carefully chosen leaders who came after him.

And it is that very foresight that LCCC needs to apply in selecting Larson's permanent successor. LCCC is in desperate need of a role model who will set the tone for the faculty and student body, whose strength of character and personality can rid the institution once, and for all of bigotry, ignorance and all that is the antithesis of an enlightened academic community.

T.L. 4-7-00

Each intolerant word, gesture presents opportunity to teach understanding

Since its beginning as Bucknell University Junior College, Wilkes University and Ohav Zedek Synagogue have shared a neighborhood, benefactors and a mutual commitment to teaching our community about culture and difference. Both Ohav Zedek and Wilkes University share a mission to teach each generation the lessons of our past to promote an understanding of our common humanity and our common frailty.

Columnist and neighbor Steve Corbett has brought to our attention an isolated incident that took place between students studying at Ohav Zedek and students at Wilkes (April 2). After ex-

tensive investigation, we have determined that the offensive words were uttered during a neighborhood snowball fight between two groups of students.

Prior to this one incident, and in the time since, there have been no reports of prejudicial comments or actions among these individuals living in such close proximity. While outward signs of anti-Semitic prejudice in our community are rare, we are nonetheless saddened and deeply troubled when it does occur. A regrettable choice was made, one for which the university is profoundly disturbed and sorry.

For Wilkes University and the Wyoming Valley this is a teaching mo-

ment, an opportunity for us to explore with young people ideas about ethnicity, religion and race.

Not only is it a teaching moment for our young people, but also for the community. Those of us who yearn for harmony and cooperation far outnumber those who express a prejudice or insecurity through word or deed. We must persevere with commitment and cooperation to share our vision of a community that, as it grows increasingly diverse, is free from intolerance and intimidation.

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President
Wilkes University

One degree of separation between valley, Pope's visit to Israel

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Wilkes-Barre

Forum

C.V. 3-29-00 Your Voice

As pope made history Wilkes 'grad' was there

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W-B.T.L. 3-9-00

Film director featured at lecture on Polish culture

Doctors Lidia and Francis Kopernik, in conjunction with King's College and Wilkes University, announce that world-renowned film director Krzysztof Zanussi will deliver the second annual Lidia and Francis Kopernik Lecture on Polish Culture at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, at 2 p.m. April 15.

The lecture will be held in the King's College Burke Auditorium in The William G. McGowan School of Business, North River and Union streets.

A reception will follow. The lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations are required. To make reservations, call 208-6091.

Since his film debut in 1969 with "The Structure of Crystals," Zanussi has been lauded as one of Europe's most important film directors. He is credited with playing a leading role in the so-called "cinema of moral uneasiness" which pried fearlessly in-

to moral dilemmas in the context of the repressive Communist regime of the People's Republic of Poland. His films, of specifically Polish subject matter, include "Family Life" and "Camouflage."

Zanussi has also produced the best film documentary on the life of Pope John Paul II ("From a Far Country") as well as a cinematic adaptation of Karol Wojtyla's stage play, "Brother of our God."

In the weeks leading up to the lecture, three representative films by Zanussi will be shown in the Burke Auditorium at King's College:

March 17, "The Structure of Crystals"

March 24, "Family Life"

March 31, "The Silent Touch"

All begin at 6 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge.

For more information, call 208-5900, extension 5706.

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Local King's College students recognized at honors convocation

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Principal speaker was Dr. George Hammerbacher, professor of English at King's College.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for faculty members, students and their families.

Locals honored included:

Aquinas Society, King's Honor Society: Carmel Kaluzavich.

Delta Epsilon Sigma, for Catholic colleges and universities - Marlon Alber and Carmel Kaluzavich.

Alpha Mu Gamma, foreign languages - Carmel Kaluzavich. Psi Chi - psychology - Erin Francis.

Phil Sigma Tau - philosophy - Carmel Kaluzavich.

Alpha Epsilon Delta - health professions - Carolyn Dulney.

Belta Mu Delta, business administration - Sandra Bartosiewicz.

Kappa Delta Pi - education, Alice Kolmansperger and Lynn Mortimer.

Chi Alpha Epsilon, for students admitted via developmental program pathways - David Allen.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda, graduate - professional students - David Banko.

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Those honored from Mountaintop were:

Aquinas Society-The King's

College honor society: Matthew C. Desciak, Jennifer M. Moyer.

Delta Epsilon Sigma -for Catholic colleges and universities: Jennifer M. Moyer, Sandra L. Tarabochia.

PSI CHI- psychology: Sandra L. Tarabochia.

Alpha Sigma Lambda - continuing higher education: Kurt A. Husebo, Kathleen B. Levitski, John J. Pagarelski.

PHI Sigma Tau - philosophy: Sandra L. Tarabochia.

Alpha Epsilon Delta- health professions: Emily J. Fleagle.

Sigma Tau Delta -English: Jennifer M. Moyer.

Chi Alpha Epsilon- for students admitted via developmental program pathways: Christine J. Klick.

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These local people were honored:

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Delta Epsilon Sigma for Catholic

colleges and universities: Emmet Donnelly, Michael Lisko.

Phi Alpha Theta, history: Benjamin Ferguson, Jennifer Leviaky.

Alpha Mu Gamma, foreign languages: Daniel McNulty, Angela Schatzel.

Pai Chi, psychology: Heather Ciecako, Heather Kropiewnicki, Jennifer Leviaky.

Alpha Sigma Lambda, continuing higher education: Rita Balestrini, Kimberly Graham.

Phi Sigma Tau, philosophy: Michael Lisko, Andrew Milz.

Pi Sigma Alpha, government: William Danowski.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, health pro-

fessions: Melanie Haddick, Jennifer Motto, Cara Zoschak.

Delta Mu Delta, business administration: Heather Chukinas.

Omicron Delta Epsilon, economics: Matthew Coburn, Diane Danowski, Jeffrey Rogish, Yanina Sokolnick.

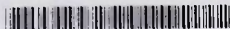
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Alpha Epsilon Delta, Health Professions

- Renee E. Dusheck

Delta Mu Delta, Business Administration

- Robert J. Luchi, Sharon A. Skotek

Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics -

Eugene Bing

Kappa Delta Pi, Education - Mary M.

Dougherty, Tricia A. Tait, Pamela A.

Zawatsky

Historic Wilkes-Barre church undergoing renovations

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Good morning.

Mr. W. Barre tips his hat to the folks in the Sacred Heart-St. John's Parish Community on North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. A renovation program has begun at the historic Sacred Heart Church.

Sacred Heart was the parish of wireless communications pioneer Rev. Joseph Murgas. Much of his work was passed on to the younger Guglielmo Marconi who generally gets credit for wireless inventions.

Above the altar at Sacred Heart Church is a beautiful painting of Jesus by Father Murgas. He also was an expert on butterflies and he had an enormous collection.

The current pastor at Sacred Heart-St. John's is Monsignor John Sempa. The



Rev. Joseph Gilbert is parochial vicar and Rev. Mr. Joseph DeVizia is deacon.

Mr. W. Barre recently sought advice on keeping rabbits out of the garden. One suggestion: "Put up a fence, stupid!" Well, it wasn't exactly that tart, but one respondent did send in a colorful suggestion or two. No, Mrs. W. Barre will not be standing guard in the yard with a shotgun.

Sights seen: East End lad cutting the grass while talking on his cellular phone.

It was not a case of eat-and-run when

Gov. Tom Ridge hit town last week for the Leadership Wilkes-Barre dinner. It was talk-and-run.

The governor's schedule required him to speak before dinner, and the gov then departed for Harrisburg.

Ridge threw bouquets at his GOP loyalists, including Sen. Charlie Lemmond and aides Pat Solano and Lisa Baker.

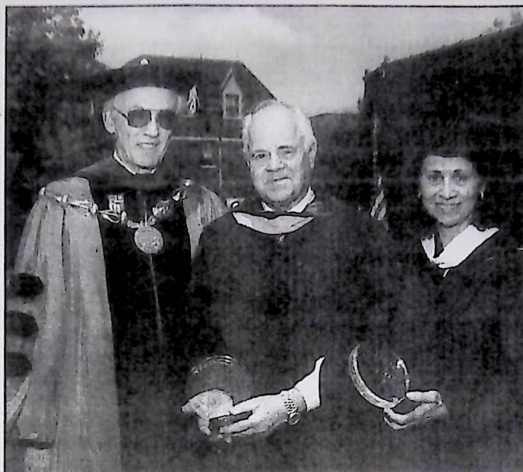
The governor, incidentally, is non-committal on who he will support in the 2002 gubernatorial election. GOP candidates could include Attorney Gen. Mike Fisher and State Treasurer Barbara Hafer.

The latest issue of Wilkes Universe, a Wilkes University publication for alumni and friends, contains a great tribute to former president Dr. Chris Breiseth.

The school achieved university status under Dr. Breiseth's leadership. He has been a visionary, community-minded advocate of economic growth tied to a key role for area colleges and universities.

Mr. W. Barre wishes Dr. Breiseth well in whatever endeavors he undertakes.

In the mail from Marion Zelinski: Love your articles. You have been right on the mark. I agree with you; build the inflatable dam. When people begin to use the river more, the hue and cry will be so resounding (that) action will be taken quickly to clean it up.



Ron and Rhea Simms honored by Wilkes University

Ronald and Rhea Simms, of Kingston, were honored for their outstanding contributions to Wilkes University during the school's 54th Annual Spring Commencement recently. They are the second and third recipients of the President's Circle Award.

A 1960 graduate of Wilkes, Ron is owner and president of Petroleum Services Company and chairman of the Board of First Heritage Bank in Wilkes-Barre. He also served on the policy board of the original Wilkes-Hahnemann program.

A 1977 Wilkes graduate, Rhea is president of Lewith & Freeman Real Estate Inc., in Kingston.

Both members of the John Wilkes Club and generous contributors to Wilkes, Ron was a Wilkes trustee from 1975 to 1988 and Rhea is a former member of University Council.

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College seniors enter next phase of life

Wilkes University's 54th spring commencement last for Dr. Christopher Breiseth and 475 graduating students

By Amy Durkin
Citizens Voice Staff Writer

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Nestled between Stark Learning Center and Breiseth Hall on the Fenner Quadrangle, 475 students received their degrees from Wilkes University Saturday afternoon.

The 54th annual spring commencement was also graduation day for the university's fourth president, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, who retires June 1. Breiseth's predecessors, Dr. Francis Michelini and Dr. Robert Chapin, as well as his successor, Dr. Joseph "Tim" Gilmour, joined him for the ceremony.

In his welcoming address, Breiseth thanked the faculty for their dedication to the students. "You have inspired the graduates in ways that will last a lifetime," he said.

Congressman Paul Kanjorski was also on hand to congratulate the graduates and wish them luck in the future. "May you contribute to what the many who have gone before you have done, to this great valley to this region, to this state and to this nation."

The congressman also expressed his personal thanks to Breiseth for work they've done together during Breiseth's tenure.

"This area will never know all the contributions of Christopher Breiseth to Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wyoming Valley and Wilkes University," Kanjorski said.

In honor of his last graduation, Breiseth also delivered the commencement address.



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Former Wilkes University presidents, from left, Joseph Gilmour, Robert Chapin, Frances Michelini and outgoing Christopher Breiseth.

Following a narrative on the history of the university, which began as Bucknell University Junior College in 1933, the outgoing president challenged the student to "become more aware of the larger issues of our society and the world."

"There is that larger world that you graduates have been preparing yourself for," he said. "A test of your Wilkes education, whether undergraduate or graduate, is your ability both as a professional in your field and as a citizen to understand such issues and with analytical rigor, be able to sort out the choices we face as a human community in the 21st century."



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Two local colleges hold graduation ceremonies.

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Wilkes: University marks commencement exercises with 475 degrees and good-bye to Dr. Breiseth

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In closing, he told the graduates to "Use your Wilkes education with care and pride."

Three students were honored with the Marble Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Awards for attaining the highest grade point average during their four years of the school.

Deidre Marie Blake of Binghamton, N.Y. and Mollie McGinley of Kingston, both biology majors, each earned 4.0 GPAs. They are the 33rd and 34th students in Wilkes history to do so.

Edward T. Bednars III of Hazleton was the male recipient of the award. Bednars, a mechanical engineering major, earned a 3.93 GPA.

In her address, Class of 2001 President Rupal Kalariya encouraged her classmates to strive for the best in their futures. "We are incredible people, now we must do incredible things. Good luck on your journey," she said.

Two alumni were also honored at Saturday's ceremony: Edie White, class of 1993, received the Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award and Perri U. Nejib, class of 1997, received the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award.

White told the graduates, "Life is not about stock options. It is not about getting a certain title by a certain age. It's not about making six figures by age 30. It's about people."

The people they surround themselves with, White said, will determine how successful

and happy they will be.

Breiseth conferred 219 undergraduate, 198 graduate and 58 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees on Saturday.

Bachelor of Arts
Accounting: Jan J. Goulter, Danville, Pa.
Applied & Engineering Science: Nathaniel D. Martin, Danville, Pa.

Art: Katrina M. Protheroe, Kulpont, Pa.
Business Administration: Robert Zomba, Old Forge, Pa.

Communications: Claire E. Cole, Bayside, N.Y.; Jonathan W. Burke, Basking, Pa.; Ronald S. Bobb, Carbondale, Pa.; David D. Martino, Hoboken, N.J.; Michael J. Stapp, Pottsville, Pa.; Loan T. Do, Riverside, N.J.; Ryan M. James, S. Orange, N.J.; Ryan Gunan, Staten Island, N.Y.; John D. Bruet, Westfield, N.J.; Matthew G. Rietnour, Zionsville, Pa.

Earth & Environmental Sciences: C. William, Smith III, Barto, Pa.; Michael S. Luscay, Jessup, Pa.
Elementary Education: Susan LeCoe, Clark Summit, Pa.

English: Stephanie M. Maizon, Andover, N.J.; Adrienne E. Corrigan, Catawissa, Pa.; Lisa M. Mumm, Clark Summit, Pa.; Matthew A. Nield, Danville, Pa.; Jeffrey J. Greczek, Middlesex, N.J.; Paul Sako, Palmerton, Pa.; Joshua M. Burgess, Pottsville, Pa.

History: Cassandra S. Sutton, Athens, Pa.; Bernard J. Bosky, Danville, Pa.; Mark A. Nield, Danville, Pa.; Michael J. Figueroa, Edison, N.J.; Matthew A. Scarot, A. Minersville, Pa.; Brian D. Bader, Pottsville, Pa.

Physics: Marc Strackbein, Lake Ariel, Pa.
Political Science: James M. Connell, Bethlehem, Pa.; Christina L. Mulholan, Lemoyne, Pa.; Angelina M. Cardoso, Milford Conn.; Jean Marnik, New Hope, Pa.; Marc A. Brozski, Scranton, Pa.

Psychology: Tina M. O'Neil, Lake, Pa.; Jill M. Wilson, Catawissa, Pa.; Linda R. Dolph, Dickson City, Pa.; Morgan A. Frey, Endicott, N.Y.; Stephanie L. Eddy, Glen Falls, N.Y.; Leonard A. Romanek, Hamlin, Pa.; Donna A. Koller, Hazleton, Pa.; Jennifer R. Shomak, Hazleton, Pa.; Mike Koenigs, Kenner, Kan. Stetel, Lewistown, Pa.; Derek B. Bickler, Maunabo, Pa.; A. Swarth, Mineral Point, Pa.; Amanda May Catlin, Montrose, Pa.; Jemia A. Jacques, Newfoundland, Pa.; Kimberly A. Chedock, Old Forge; Roberta A. Fratola, Old Forge; Tara A. Balducci, Old Forge; Christina M.

Somers, Olyphant; Kevin S. Siegel, Port Jervis, N.Y.; Joryn A. Sorrentino, Rockaway, N.J.; Jocelyn Joyce M. Mason, Scranton, Pa.

Sociology: Timothy J. Rife, Philadelphia; Jason T. Haines, Pottsville, Pa.; Daniela F. Symanski, Scranton; Wesley A. Zorick, Glen Ridge, N.J.; Sarah L. Snk, Washington, D.C.

Theatre Arts: Graham A. Dwyer, Chester, N.Y.
Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration: Victor E. Scobis, Bensenville, N.J.; Jason J. Schultz, Camp Hill, Pa.; Adam A. Berry, Clarksburg, Pa.; Justin Haines, Easton, Pa.; Megan R. Fugle, Edinburg, Pa.; Arthur K. Golanov, Pottsville, Pa.; Joshua L. Bradley, Lancaster, Pa.; Robert J. Zdzienick, Old Forge; Mary Beth Hopkins, Pleasant Mount, Pa.; Richard H. Teas, Scranton; Margaret M. Lewis, Port Jervis, Pa.; Melissa A. Shewski, Troy, Pa.; A.B. Danville, Danville, Pa.; Michael J. Quirk, Westwood, N.J.; Nancy Silver, Williamsport; Kenneth Berman, Williamsport, Pa.

Theatre Arts: Benjamin R. Shultz, Dallas, Texas



Rupal Kalariya greets Wilkes classmates.

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Art: Molly Barnes, Hess, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Bachelor of Music
Music: Amanda T. Abramson, East Hartford, Conn.; Kristy M. Hults, New Milford, Conn.

Bachelor of Science
Accounting: Jessica A. Reuss, Belleville, Ill.; Michael S. McMyne, Dunmore; Robert M. Moore, Hazleton; Rebecca A. Gubanski, Maunabo, Pa.; Margaret E. Durill, A. Nesquehoning, Pa.; Brian Augustine, Tobyhanna, Pa.

Biochemistry: Susan M. Edwards, Hawley, Pa.; Joede Riad Tabi, Yardley, Pa.
Biology: Erin L. Stewart, Apalachin, N.Y.; Robert Cooney, Athens, Pa.; Sanyia A. Smerczynski, Bangor, Pa.; Deirdre M. Blake, Binghamton, N.Y.; Danyel D. Donovan, Dickson City; Melissa L. Petras, Endicott, N.Y.; Kelly A. Drews, Flemington, N.J.; Tara J. Barrie, Mahanoy City, Pa.; Lance R. Hennings, New Albany, Pa.; Rupal S. Kalariya, Pottsville, Pa.; Richard R. Ali, Queens, New York, N.Y.

Business Administration: John M. Grunza, Dickson City.
Communications: David M. Hinkle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Computer Information Systems: Brandon J. Fox, Brevard, N.J.; Nicholas F. Cobb, Carbondale; Joseph B. Habeson, Gibbstown, N.J.; Eric W. Phelps, Jersey; Russ Hargrove, Moosic; Alice T. Danco, Odenton, Md.; Computer Science: Ryan E. Long, Manlius, N.Y.; George D. Hughes, Old Forge.

Earth and Environmental Sciences: Keith R. Bader, Pottsville, N.J.; Scott R. Scholter, Port Carbon, Pa.; Gary R. Schreiber, Yardley, Pa.

Electrical Engineering: Scott E. Hesk, Halifax, Pa.; Irene Truch, Harrisburg; Christopher Robakowski, Maum, Pa.; Christopher J. Talcott, Telford, Pa.; Ghani F. Akbari, Washington, D.C.

Engineering Management: Deborah Panna, Brownsville, Pa.

Environmental Engineering: Andrea J. Sommers, Nazareth, Pa.; Jason Waterbury, Wallingford, Conn.

Mechanical Engineering: Timothy J. Knabel, Dunmore; Edward T. Bednars, Hazleton; James Heit, Lake Rayville, Pa.; James E. Srouse, Monroeton, Pa.; Gregory J. Collins, Nazareth, Pa.

Nursing: Helen M. Dempsey, Ashland, Pa.; Megan C. Stevens, Corland, N.Y.; Katio Lynn B. Kulesa, Erie, N.J.; Malvorne O. Inness, Goosock Creek, S.C.; Brittany L. Payne, Hazleton; Tracey L. Spittler-Hassler, Jim Thorpe; Kristy L. Koch, Lehighton, Pa.; Judy Sawka, Scranton.

Doctor of Pharmacy: Kristy L. Kramer, Auburn, Pa.; Amy M. Fitch, Binghamton, N.Y.; Heather A. Hurley, Binghamton, N.Y.; Dennis M. Fox, Carbondale; Maria J. Shadha, Coopersburg, Pa.; Dolly R. Chaudhary, Dunmore; James A. Wilmeyer, Enola, Pa.; Samuel R. Sebastianelli, Jessup, Pa.; Jessica Crowley, Jim Thorpe; Joel A. Gonzalez, Kulpont, Pa.; James B. Howell, Lake Ariel, Pa.; Lisa F. Tomsick, Lake Ariel, Pa.; Tishu M. Myers, Manchester, Pa.; Stephanie L. Haines, Middleburg, Pa.; Jennifer L. Tingley, Monticume, Pa.; Karen A. Coolbaugh, Moosic; Megan L. Merrick, Moosic; Danielle E. Albright, Moosic; Jessica L. Sinkovick, Mount Carmel, Pa.; Toni Oeder, Muncy, Pa.; Shana Lee Henninger, Nazareth, Pa.; Karen Brista, North Bergen, N.J.; Allison A. Blasko, Old Forge, Pa.; Joseph J. Gromelski, Old Forge; Raymond Wachany, Old Forge; William Zupko, Old Forge; Dante Michael Grassi, Old Forge; Janina A. Masi, Pine Brook, N.J.; Susan M. George, Sayre, Pa.; Ann L. Wotring, Schnecksville, Pa.; Stacy L. Geiger, Schnecksville, Pa.; Lisa Kirk, Scranton; Marisa L. Nabesky, Scranton; Brian Howard, Somers Point, N.J.; Amy E. Mazkiewicz, Susquehanna, Pa.; Stephanie A. Foltz, Tamaqua, Pa.; Richard W. Sepp, Wharton, N.J.

Master of Business Administration
Business Administration: May Beth M. Golab, Bethlehem, Pa.; Ralph E. Webb, Coaldale, Pa.; Leslie Montgomery, Howard Endicott, N.Y.; Holly Ann Flinn, Freehold, N.J.; Frank Kwiat, Lansdale, Pa.; Lauren L. Kremer, Montoursville, Pa.; Robert M. Burke, Scranton, Pa.; A. Dowell, Williamsport, Pa.

Master of Health Administration: Melissa Crowther, Hazleton; Julie A. Roek, Williamsport, Pa.
Master of Science
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Presidents share focus with grads at Wilkes

By JENNIFER KLAIPS

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WILKES-BARRE — Saturday was a historic day at Wilkes University.

In addition to about 450 students receiving degrees, four of the university's five presidents were honored at the 54th annual spring commencement.

"This day takes on historic significance," said James P. Rodechko, vice president for academic affairs, in his opening welcome. Presidents Emeriti Francis Michelini and Robert Capin, and current President Christopher N. Breiseth and his successor, Joseph "Tim" Gilmour, were in attendance. The only other Wilkes president was the late Eugene Farley, who served for almost 34 years.

Breiseth, who served for 17 years, presided over his last graduation ceremony as president. Retiring in June, he will become president and chief executive officer of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y.

U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke, recognized Breiseth in the opening remarks of the ceremony. "This area will never know all the contributions of Christopher Breiseth to Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Wyoming Valley and Wilkes University," Kanjorski said.

For graduates, the day marked a historic event in their educational lives. Bradford L. Kinney, professor of communications, related commencement to the opening of a new door in graduates' lives.

"When one door closes, another door opens. Learning is a never-ending process," he said.

Rupal Kalariya, senior class president, then addressed her peers. "It is a day of mixed emotions. With happiness, there is also sadness. We were once on the same path. Now we must go our separate ways."

During the awards portion of the ceremony, several students and alumni were recognized for their achievements. Edward T. Bednars III of Hazleton, Deidre Blake and Mollie McGinley of Kingston received the Wandell awards for



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Wilkes University graduate Danielle Korlniskle acknowledges someone in the crowd during Saturday's commencement at the campus' Fenner Quadrangle. Korlniskle earned her bachelor's degree in nursing.

their high academic averages. Blake and McGinley were the 33rd and 34th students in the university's history to achieve 4.0 averages.

Breiseth was the keynote speaker.

"Because this is a day of transition for many of us," he said. "I thought it appropriate to focus on a favorite theme for historians, that of continuity and change."

He began his speech with a brief recounting of the university's history, from its conception as Bucknell Junior College in 1933 through a series of changes during the years. He also read "The Marks of an Educated Person," developed by Farley and the faculty, which define a Wilkes education.

Breiseth also, in a surprise announcement, named the university's \$7.7 million student union building the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Student Union, after trustee Frank Henry and his wife of Dallas.

About 450 students then received degrees, including 58 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees, 198 master's degrees and 219 bachelor's degrees.

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Graduate triumphs over Tourette's

By MICHAEL McNARNEY

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WILKES-BARRE — When Gregory Collins was cutting classes in high school, he was a lifetime away from graduating — much less getting into Wilkes University and graduating with honors.

But the Nazareth native — who suffers from Tourette's syndrome — crossed the stage at Wilkes University's graduation Saturday with not just bachelor's degrees in physics and mechanical engineering and a 3.88 grade-point average, but also with the university's Outstanding Graduate for Professional Studies Award.

"(Graduating) is certainly a sign of a lot of hard work I put in, and the help I had from family, friends and the university," Collins said.

With Collins on Saturday was his counselor from Northampton Area High School, Dan Marakovits. The counselor also won an award — the university's Inspirational Teacher Award, given to a high school teacher or counselor nominated by a graduating Wilkes senior.

"He had an amazing impact on my life at a time when I had very little confidence," Collins said. "He set an example for me as how to interact with others, how to become a good leader and a responsible citizen."

Collins was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome in the summer of 1993, when the then-14-year-old Collins was getting ready to start his freshman year of high school.

A neurological disorder, Tourette's syndrome causes a person to move body parts and to say words and make sounds involuntarily.

Collins had gone through three schools in junior high and had been made fun of by other students.

"The first time I saw Greg and my parents in my office, I saw a kid with anxiety and distrust, but also youthful academic exuberance," Marakovits said.

Collins plans to start working after graduation as a project engineer with Lutron Electronics.

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John J. Courter, Danielsville.

Applied & Engineering Science
Nathaniel D. Martin, Danielsville.

Art

Christine N. Gares, Forty Fort; Katrina M. Prothero, Kulpmont.

Business Administration

Robert Ziemba, Old Forge.

Communications

Ronald S. Bebia, Carbondale; John D. Bruett, Westfield, N.J.; Jonathan W. Burke, Blakely; Claire E. Cole, Bayside, N.Y.; David Dilmartino, Hoboken, N.J.; Loan T. Du, Riverside, N.J.; Danielle M. Flick, Forty Fort; Ryan Gustin, Staten Island, N.Y.; Ryan M. James, South Orange, N.J.; Matthew C. Reintzow, Zionsville; Bethany S. Stetancik, Wilkes-Barre; Michael J. Stolz, Piscataway, N.J.

Computer Information Systems

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Computer Science

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Earth & Environmental Sciences

Michael S. Luczak, Jessup; C. William Smith III, Barto.

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English

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Pennsylvania Environmental Council Makes Awards

By Dennis D. Clark

WILKES-BARRE, LUZERNE COUNTY—About 400 people attended the Tenth Annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environmental Council held at the Woodlands Inn, William W. Scowton III, former Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, acted as Master of ceremonies, and welcomed the crowd, after which dinner was served.

Following dinner, Scowton introduced Mark Van Patten, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, who gave the keynote address. This speaker observed that there were several factors needed to promote a healthier community: stressing passion, knowledge and a community coalition as requirements. He emphasized that there must not be wasted funds, and described efforts made in Detroit to clean the Detroit River and other watersheds. Once the factors are achieved, residents must find the ideal balance between wildlife and humans in this area and in the entire state.

The principal purpose of the evening's program was the presentation of Environmental Partnership Awards. These awards are presented to those who have achieved excellence in environmental protection or conservation in the 11-county area of Pennsylvania. In which the following counties are represented: Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Bradford, Susquehanna, Schuylkill, Carbon, Sullivan and Wyoming. Dr. Christopher Breitsch, President of Wilkes University, and Howard Grossman, Executive Director of the Environmental Council of NE PA, presented the awards.

Those honored were Lynn Conrad, the Nanticoke Conservation Club, Donna Palermo, Dorne White, Bruno Najaka, and Lillian Theophanis. In addition, Arthur Watrous received the Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award.

Lynn Conrad is the Executive Director of the Rail Trail Council of NE PA, and has been active since the Council was founded. Lynn has led work which resulted in over \$2 million in grant funding for land acquisition and trail development. She is enthusiastic in supervising volunteers, education of others, and continuing to build support for the trail. She has coordinated the Rail Trail Council of the Annual National Trails Day activities, who participates in many conservation organizations. She has made a real difference in preserving and adding to a green corridor in the area.

The Nanticoke Conservation Club was represented by Mark Macarara, President. The Club began as a group of

hunters and fishermen, but has since grown to a 100-member organization devoted to cleaning streams of litter, monitoring water quality, improving fish habitat and educating others in the value of stream conservation. Each year the Club plans in leading two clean-ups of Harvey's Creek, and work in installing creek deflectors and various other fish habitat improvements. They also are active in teaching youth to respect, improve and preserve the environment. The Club works with others to improve the environment and build future conservationists.

Donna Palermo is Vice president of Operations for the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. Over the past ten years, she has played a role in organizing the "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" litter clean-up citizens and groups to help clean litter and debris left from the winter months. Under her leadership, this campaign has become the largest in NE PA, with volunteers representing churches, schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and many other groups. Donna's support has made this program a real success.

Dorne White has been a long time promoter of preserving the environment. He is largely responsible in forming the Bowman's Creek Watershed Association, which has had great influence in the Creek's quality in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. More recently has aided in establishing the Mohopany Creek Watershed Association. He led in establishing a successful environment education partnership with the Tunkhannock School District. This program was recognized in 1990 by the PA Legislature as a model environmental educational partnership.

Bruno Najaka has worked for more than 30 years to promote conservation and reclamation of natural resources in Sullivan County. He has volunteered and provided leadership for many conservation programs, projects and various groups. His work as coordinator for Sullivan County's abandoned mine projects, he takes responsibility for many reclamation accomplishments. More than 100 acres of mine affected land have been reclaimed through his leadership and habitat has been restored. He is active in many organizations in several counties, helping to obtain funding to reclaim abandoned mines and overcome acid mine drainages. His A-H Conservation Club has been recognized as the Outstanding Conservation Club in Pennsylvania.

Lillian Theophanis is Manager of the Susquehanna County Conservation District, and through her work as chairman of the 14-county Upper Susquehanna Coalition she has helped to unite the people and organizations to promote the protection of the river. She has aided farmers and government regulators to work together, and has been a leader in the Hup Bottom Borough/Marten's Creek Natural Stream Restoration Project, funded by the DEP and sponsored by the Susquehanna County Conservation District. She is known as a leader who inspires others to get things done.

THOMAS P. SHELBERNE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD
The Fifth Annual Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award was bestowed upon Arthur Watrous of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Lake Ariel, PA. This award was founded 40 years ago by Lillian Watrous and her son Arthur to champion the vision of the Susquehanna, which now is the least disturbed glacial lake in the area, as well as in the entire country. It has evolved into a community educa-

Donna Palermo, Hazleton Chamber of Commerce President was honored for her role in organizing the "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" clean up.



Mark Macarara, (C) President of the Nanticoke Conservation Club, accepted the club award for stream clean up and water quality efforts.



Bruno Najaka, Sullivan County was honored for 30 years of conservation reclamation. Under his leadership, over 100 acres of mine land has been reclaimed and restored.

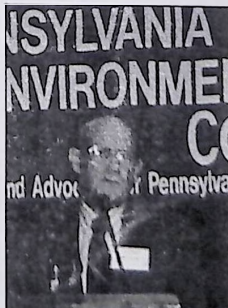
tion center for teachers, students, scientists and conservationists. Many research projects supported by such groups as the National Science Foundation, the National Park Service, US Interior Department, Lehigh University, University of Pennsylvania, and others, have been conducted at this facility. Watrous is a lifelong leader and steward of the environment of the Commonwealth.

This annual event was supported by Keystone Sanitary Landfill and Proctor and Gamble National Energy Group, and many other patrons and sponsors, as well as several contributors.

Among its many missions, the Council brings together the knowledge and views of civic and environmental groups, businesses, government, and educational groups to develop understanding on the environment and land use issues, and in building coalitions and partnerships to act on these issues. The Council advocates policies, laws and regulations to foster sound environmental practices, and responsible management of natural resources. Other services provided include education and action projects, and resolving any disagreements among differing interests.

Among the attendants were county

commissioners, state legislators, educators, recreational club members and representatives of sanitary authorities.



Arthur Watrous, was awarded the Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award recipient.



Lynn Conrad, District Director of Rail Trail Council of Northeastern PA, has acquired \$12 million in grants to fund land acquisition and trail development.

Breiseth to head Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation in Hyde Park

By MARK GUYDISH
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WILKES-BARRE — Giving up plans to pen a history book during his newfound free time, outgoing Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth has accepted a job at the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Breiseth said he originally intended to take a one-year sabbatical and work on a book about Ulysses S. Grant — he started it more than 20 years ago — then return to Wilkes as a part-time teacher.

But a chance encounter at a book signing the day after the Nov. 7 election led to the new post as the Roosevelt Institute's first full-time president.

Breiseth said he ran into William J. vanden Heuvel — chairman of the Roosevelt Institute board — while attending a book signing by author Geoffrey Ward. After learning about Breiseth's pending retirement from Wilkes, vanden Heuvel proposed the new post at the institute.

The deal was finalized about a week ago, Breiseth said. On Sept. 4

he will replace current institute President Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, a granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor. Anna Roosevelt lives in Chicago and has not been able to work as a full-time president at the

growing institute, Breiseth said.

According to a press release, the institute's mission "is to inform new generations of the ideals and achievements of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and to inspire the

application of their spirit of optimism and innovation to the solution of current problems."

"My job is to institutionalize what has been primarily a volunteer organization that is very ambitious,"

Breiseth said. Among his other tasks, he will work to increase the institute's endowment.

Breiseth said the institute runs centers in Russia and Amsterdam, and is looking to open similar facilities

in China and Africa.

The Grant book will have to wait a little longer, Breiseth acknowledged. He and his wife hope to keep a residence in the Wilkes-Barre area and alternate between here and New York.

Outgoing university president reflects on achievements

An era of growth at Wilkes

BY DENISE ALLARAUGH
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Dr. Christopher Breiseth has seen Wilkes University grow to new levels of excellence during the years he served as president.

He announced his resignation in June, but he's staying for up to a year will retire next summer as president after the second longest tenure in the school's history.

Wilkes has become a "more confident institution" during his tenure, he said, with more economic, cultural and technical developments. He also has

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DR. CHRIS BREISETH

President of Wilkes

been discovering that more and more Wilkes University graduates are at the top of their professions.

"Wilkes' long-term goal of serving this region has sharp-

ened," Dr. Breiseth reflected. "You would have to go a long way to find a private university that has been so defined by its public role."

Dr. Breiseth surpassed the seven-year national average for the tenure of a college president while serving in the position 17 years. His leadership is credited with the achievement that moved Wilkes to university sta-

tus on Jan. 1, 1990.

The campus at Wilkes University also has improved dramatically during Dr. Breiseth's tenure. New buildings at Wilkes include the \$8 million Student Union Building, where Dr. Breiseth recently welcomed Vice President Al Gore during a campaign stop.

Other new buildings at Wilkes include renovated old mansions and the new Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, which recently awarded its first doctoral degrees in the medical field to 62 students.

"The pharmacy school was a major accomplishment," Dr. Breiseth said. "We have accomplished a great deal together over the last 17 years to raise Wilkes University to a new level of excellence."

In addition to the campus



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Dr. Christopher Breiseth reflects upon the eventful growth at Wilkes University during the 17 years he served as president.

growth. Wilkes University experienced a growth in endowment from \$3 million to \$26 million.

Enrollment at Wilkes has also grown. The number of first-year students has increased from 379 students in the fall of 1989 to 467 this year.

The increased enrollment coincides with a trend in increased enrollment among area colleges, including King's College, which has had the largest freshman class in eight years.

"Between King's and Wilkes, we have made great contributions to Wilkes-Barre," Dr. Breiseth said. "It is very unusual to have two colleges right in downtown Wilkes-Barre. It is such an asset. We worked hard with the city and other institutions to create a college town concept. Downtown Wilkes-Barre will come back, and Wilkes is a key part of that effort."

Wilkes University officials will spend more than a year searching for a suitable replacement for Dr. Breiseth upon his retirement.

Dr. Breiseth said he may come back to Wilkes to teach history part time. He also wants to write a book on the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant. This book would add to a lengthy list of historical writings and publications Dr. Breiseth completed.

Additionally, Dr. Breiseth plans to continue his work with the Earth Conservancy. In 1992, he was named chairman of the conservancy as a community initiative to reclaim the Blue Coal lands.

Reclaiming more than 15,000 acres of mine-scarred land in several communities was a "bitter struggle," yet was seen as an effort to place the region among the leaders in the 21st century, he said.

Parcels of the Earth Conservancy land lie in Ashley, Hanover Township, Laurel Run, Mountaintop, Newport Township, Nuangola, Plains Township, Plymouth Township, Pringle, Sugar Notch, Warrior Run and Wilkes-Barre Township.

When he testified in court to reclaim land from the Blue Coal Corp., Dr. Breiseth acknowledged the bankruptcy proceeding was a high-risk operation for a college president to under-

take.

"It is not the kind of thing in which college presidents usually get involved," he said. "It was a challenge to pull all these communities together."

Since the Earth Conservancy was instituted, however, there has been tremendous progress in putting mine-scarred land to productive use.

A significant Earth Conservancy project in Hanover Township is moving forward. When completed, the 63-acre parcel will be transformed into soccer and football fields, a basketball court, a baseball field, a parking area and a walking trail around the perimeter of the site.

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry will spend \$18.8 million to incorporate businesses with these recreational sites at the 441-acre park adjacent to the existing Hanover Industrial Estates.

Crews are nearing the completion of phase one of the new Hanover Crossings business park and the second phase could be initiated shortly. "That whole part of the county is starting to come to life," Dr. Breiseth noted.

"And, we are working to reclaim more and more additions."

In addition to his leadership at Wilkes University and the Earth Conservancy, Dr. Breiseth has been a leader in many civic organizations, including the Osterhout Library, the United Way of Wyoming Valley and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership.

Within the business community, Dr. Breiseth has worked to foster development and economic growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He also has been instrumental in developing ways in which educational institutions in the Wyoming Valley can work together to pool resources for the benefit of all students.

Dr. Breiseth considered himself "privileged" to serve as Wilkes' president through many eventful years of growth.

Thanks to all the new developments at Wilkes University, Dr. Breiseth concluded, "Wilkes graduates are prepared to compete with those from the top universities of America."

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Boy Scouts will honor Bernard Banks Jr.

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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FRONT PAGE

Bernard Banks, Jr. has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America for 56 years, since becoming a scout himself in 1946.

Banks has served as president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Council of Boy Scouts executive board twice, and is currently the vice-president.

A Kingston Township resident, Banks has been a scout leader on all level of scouting, and has been involved in the planning if the annual Friends of Scouting dinner for 16 years.

But the owner and operator of American Asphalt does not want people to recognize his accomplishments for scouting in the Wyoming Valley — he is more concerned that the scouts and scouting get the recognition. He even did not want to comment for an article, so as not to put himself in the spotlight as one of this year's recipients of the



Bernard Banks Jr.
*Scouting
Distinguished
Citizen of 2002*

Executive Ethan V. Draddy. "He is a beacon of light that other people can join in, and his importance to scouting in the area is immeasurable."

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given annually at the dinner, recognizing the efforts of community leaders who have gone above and beyond the norm to promote scouting.

"Selecting a distinguished citizen is

Distinguished Citizen Award at the 19th Annual Friends of Scouting Dinner, March 14, at the Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, Wilkes-Barre.

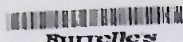
"Bernie Banks is synonymous with caring leadership in scouting," said NEPA Council of Boy Scouts Execu-

important to the Wyoming Valley and to scouting," said Draddy. "It allows us to recognize a special man like Bernie Banks, who has helped promote scouting in a big way."

Past recipients of the award include: Father James Lackenmeier, former Kings College president; Chris Brieseth, former Wilkes University president; former Governor and Mrs. Robert Casey; Richard Kluger; Bob Cirofalo and Bill Scranton III.

"(The list of recipients) is basically a who's who of the Wyoming Valley," said Draddy. "Giving the award gives us the chance to make a connection between what we see in Bernie Banks and what we see in ourselves. People see what Bernie Banks does for scouting, and that makes them want to be involved."

The Friends of Scouting Dinner will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6:45 p.m. Call the council office at 207-1227 for tickets and information.



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Environmentalists see FDR in new light

by Bob Lomicky



The legacy of Hyde Park's own Franklin Delano Roosevelt, widely regarded by historians as one of our three greatest presidents, continues to grow with each passing year. To explore his innovative environmental and energy policies, the Hyde

Park-based Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (F&ERI) will host a conference Oct. 25-26, titled "Recovering the Environmental Legacy of FDR." North America's top environmental scholars will discuss FDR's visionary long-range planning on energy and environmental issues and how that planning is relevant today.

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"We're beginning to realize more and more what a big thinker he was," Woolner said.

The conference will take a close look at the multiple dimensions of New Deal projects like the Tennessee Valley Authority's rural electrification

program. Woolner said the program is an example of FDR's long-range planning on energy issues.

"FDR was a big supporter of conserving the environment but he also knew that man had to interact with the environment," Woolner said.

This understanding is particularly important today, as more and more people are putting a strain on limited space and resources in Dutchess County and elsewhere. Woolner expects the consideration of what is best for both humans and the environment in everything we do to be a theme that will emerge from the conference, which will be attended by Roger Kennedy and other well-known environmentalists.

The conference fits in perfectly with the F&ERI's stated mission: "to inform new generations of the ideals and achievements of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and to inspire the application of their spirit of optimism and innovation to the solution of current problems."

Woolner and Rich Kurland from the University of Prince Edward Island have edited a book published by Palgrave/St. Martin's Press about the institute's last conference, titled *FDR: The Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church in America*. It will go to press early next year.

To pursue its mission to inform new generations, the F&ERI works closely with Dutchess colleges, providing internships for students from Bard, Vassar and Marist. Christopher N. Breiseth, the president and CEO of the institute, is the former president of Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Woolner, an assistant professor of history at Marist, noted that a Russian student at Marist is currently interning at the institute as part of the college's extensive Russia project. F&ERI has also worked closely with Marist and its president, Dennis Murray, in the formation of the Hudson River Valley Institute at the campus.

In addition, the F&ERI serves as the funding arm for the FDR Library and Museum. It also issues four categories of awards every year—the International Disability Award, the Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Naval History Prize, the Schlesinger History Prize and, perhaps most notably, the Four Freedoms Awards.

The Four Freedoms Awards honor those who have shown a lifetime commitment to the Four Freedoms proclaimed by FDR in a speech on Jan. 6, 1941—freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. Past recipients of these awards include the Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachev, Vadav Havel, Coretta Scott King, King Juan Carlos, and Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman. The ceremonies that mark the awarding of the Four Freedoms medals are held on alternate years in Hyde Park and at the Roosevelt Study Center in Middelburg, the Netherlands.

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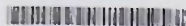
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Ed Ackerman, optimist



Look up, and you're on vacation every day

From my front yard I can see the twin steeples of St. Casimir's Church. With their gold crosses glittering in the morning sun, they loom above the rooftops of the Linskey and Salina homes, which sit at the crest of Butler Street, just before it makes its long and rapid descent to Main. With St. Casimir's so much lower than my house, the steeples are at eye-level from my yard. They call to me every day. And make me feel like I'm always on vacation.

Allow me to explain.

It goes back about four years to a trip I took to Florence, Italy. Check that. It actually goes back about five years to another trip — this one to Palm Springs in the California desert.

While in Palm Springs, I just couldn't take my eyes off the mountains. Various shades of muted browns and tans, with sections that looked almost purple in the twilight, they were like nothing I had seen before. The mountains surround you in Palm Springs. Anytime you look up, you see them. And I found myself looking up all the time.

That habit stayed with me when I returned home and it was soon apparent to me that Palm Springs, beautiful as it is, has nothing on Wyoming

Valley. In fact, Wyoming Valley is far more picturesque. The earth tones of the desert cannot compare to the lush greens that surround us here. And do I have to mention autumn?

Looking up helped me to appreciate where we live in a way I hadn't before, and convinced me that we don't have to travel to far off lands to feel as though we are on vacation. All we have to do is open our eyes.

Dr. Christopher Brieseth, former president of Wilkes College, and an historian, often incorporated into his speeches the beauty of the Wyoming Valley.

Dr. Brieseth was not born here, and maybe that is why he saw things most of us don't. Throughout history, he would say, Indians fought Indians for this land; settlers fought Indians; and settlers fought settlers. The point is, for hundreds of years, blood was shed for the right to live in this valley along the Susquehanna.

Dr. Brieseth would explain that early settlers sent lithographs of the Wyoming Valley back to England where they were proudly and prominently displayed in homes and offices. People there marveled at the natural beauty we live with every day.

As I did in Palm Springs, I let myself

listen to the mountains' call. I raised my eye level and haven't looked down since.

Living with an awareness of the mountains around us, I invented a little game I call The Campbell's Ledge Game. As I travel around the valley, I try to see how many places give me a view of Campbell's Ledge. It's pretty remarkable ... and often surprising. I'll find myself on a street I rarely travel and I'll swing around a bend and, wow, there's Campbell's Ledge, dominating the skyline. I've never been to the upper floors of Anthracite Apartments, but I can just imagine the view.

What Palm Springs did for my appreciation of our mountains, Florence, Italy, did for our churches, particularly their steeples.

In Florence, my wife and I set out on foot in search of the church of Santa Maria del Fiore, commonly called The Duomo. After walking through one narrow, winding street after another, we turned a corner and stopped dead in our tracks. There before us was Giotto's Tower, the "campanile" or bell tower, and behind it, The Duomo. We were speechless. It seemed to appear out of nowhere. Not there one moment and overwhelming us with its beauty the next.

Back home, I laughed at myself when I realized for all my "looking up" I hadn't seen the steeples for the mountains. Once I did, like Giotto's Tower, they too seemed to appear out of nowhere. I've lived in my current house on and off for 50 years, but the steeples of St. Casimir's have been with me only the last five. "Where were they before?" I could ask. But the real question is "Where was I?"

The Steeple Game has enriched my life as much as The Campbell's Ledge. Now that the front of St. John the Evangelist is illuminated at night, I often take a ride down Butler Street and turn on Church just to see it looming before me. It's like sitting in the front row at the movies. The vision fills my senses.

When on vacation, sights like these burn themselves into our memories. We come home and talk about them for years. I often think that vacationers to Wyoming Valley would feel the same about the things I've described here. And we get to enjoy them every single day. All we have to do is look up.

Dispatch editor Ed Ackerman can be heard as "Eddie Ackerman" on the weekly radio show "Bocell Alley" which airs on WNAK-FM (94.3) tonight and every Sunday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Ed is a full-time professor of journalism at Luzerne County Community College. His column appears weekly in this space.

Former Wilkes president will be featured speaker at Greenwald Lecture

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This year's Greenwald Lecture will feature Christopher N. Breiseth, President Emeritus of Wilkes University and now President and CEO of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y.

The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (FERI) is an independent, not-for-profit organization created to inform new generations of the ideals and achievements of two of the most important figures of the 20th century, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and to inspire the application of their spirit of optimism and innovation to the solution of current problems.

FERI is housed in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, the nation's first presidential library and one of the most important repositories of 20th century historical material in the world. FERI supports a variety of educational and public programs including conferences, lectures and exhibits on significant historical and contemporary issues, grants-in-aid to historians, and makes a number of prestigious academic awards.

Breiseth received his B.A. in History from the University of California, his Bachelor's of Literature from Oxford University in Modern British History, and his Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University.

He served as President and Dean at Deep Springs College

in California before becoming President of Wilkes University in 1984. He served as President until 2001.

He was given a Citation of

Distinction by the Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, received the B'nai B'rith Community Service Award from the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge, and the



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Community Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League. He has been given an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by both King's College and College Misericordia.

He has published numerous papers on historical topics.

The topic of Breiseth's remarks will be "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: No Ordinary Partnership."

This annual lecture is sponsored by the Henry and Sylvia Greenwald Endowment Fund Lecture Series, which has been bringing distinguished speakers to the area for many years.

Henry Greenwald was a co-founder of the law firm Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald, and was dedicated to the community throughout his life. He served in many public positions, and was very active at the JCC and Temple B'nai B'rith.

The lecture will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 at the JCC and is open to the public.

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Kanjorski welcomes Advance PCS to area

Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, D-11, issued a statement on the announcement that Advance PCS will locate a major facility in Northeastern Pennsylvania:

"Although my official duties in Washington prevent my attendance at today's announcement that Advance PCS will locate a major facility in Northeastern Pennsylvania, I wanted to congratulate everyone who has participated in this important project," Kanjorski said.

"First, I welcome the leadership of Advance PCS. Having met with the CEO and other representatives of the company over the years, I know how important it is for them to have a high-quality, productive workforce, and I know they will be pleased with our workforce.

"Much of that workforce will come from the Wilkes University School of Pharmacy. The former President of Wilkes, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, deserves a great deal of credit for having the foresight to take the enormous risk of creating the pharmacy school. Dr. Breiseth's support for the pharmacy program was not universally hailed at the time, but I think today's announcement confirms the wisdom of his decision.

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Wilkes President To Head Institute

Wilkes University president Christopher N. Breiseth has accepted a position as president and CEO of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Dr. Breiseth, 64, who will retire as the fourth president of Wilkes in June, had originally intended to teach at Wilkes after a one-year sabbatical to complete his book on Ulysses S. Grant.

He earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA, a master's degree from Oxford University and his doctorate from Cornell University. He began his teaching career at Williams College and Sangamon State University, now University of Illinois at Springfield. He also worked in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C., completed a Danforth post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago and served as president and dean of Deep Springs College, California.

WVIA eyes FDR, former Wilkes chief

By VAN ROSE

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After serving as president of Wilkes University for 17 years, Christopher Breiseth resigned last year. He planned to write a book and eventually return to Wilkes as a teacher.

However, those plans went out the window when Breiseth was offered the chance to become the first president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y.

It was an offer he couldn't refuse.

"It was a chance to be part of living history and to interpret the careers of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt," Breiseth said. "They represent American leadership at its best."

Tonight, WVIA-TV Channel 44 will give viewers an in-depth look at Breiseth and his new job on "State of Pennsylvania" at 8 p.m.

The show features a taped interview between WVIA President Bill Kelly and Breiseth from FDR's library, where President Clinton and Soviet President Boris Yeltsin met in 1996.

Viewers also will be taken on a tour of the site, including the living quarters where Roosevelt was born, and the FDR museum, where the

president's famous 1936 Ford convertible is on display.

Later in the show, Breiseth will be in the WVIA studio to accept phone calls from viewers.

Throughout the tour, Breiseth shares anecdotes about FDR and his stormy relationship with his wife and his mother, Sara.

"I comment on the importance of each site and what each one meant to Franklin and Eleanor," Breiseth said.

The institute is owned and operated by the National Park Service and the National Archives. It plays host to approximately 300,000 visitors a year, according to Breiseth.

He expects even more visitors next year.

"Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, there's been an increased interest in the FDR Institute," Breiseth said. "There appears to be a greater need to understand things that happened leading up to World War II."

One of Roosevelt's greatest strengths was his realization that America isn't necessarily the most popular country in the world, Breiseth said.

"There is a lot of animosity against us," said Breiseth, 65, a native of Minneapolis, Minn. "We

don't always see ourselves as others see us."

Breiseth said there are two major reasons for that.

"We're the most powerful country in the world, and that stirs envy," he said. "People resent those who have the ultimate power."

"Secondly, some countries feel threatened by our equality, especially the countries that keep women suppressed. In some places, there's almost an effort to keep women totally under control."

One of Roosevelt's legacies is how well he kept the public informed during World War II with his fire-side chats, Breiseth said. "FDR always emphasized freedom from fear."

Breiseth said President Bush is now confronted with a similar dilemma in the face of war.

"The president needs to keep educating us, not only about the importance of securing our freedom, but also securing the freedom of people everywhere."

The Roosevelt institute is a symbol of freedom, Breiseth added.

"Hopefully, this TV show is an opportunity for people to realize how meaningful it is to visit Hyde Park."

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Widener University President Dr. Robert J. Bruce to receive Honorary Doctorate at Wilkes Winter Commencement

Wilkes-Barre -- Widener University president Dr. Robert J. Bruce will receive the Doctorate of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, and provide the commencement address at Wilkes University's winter graduation ceremony on Sunday, January 21, at 2 p.m. in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center.

"As we both coast toward the finish line of our eventful and long runs as college presidents, it gives me tremendous pleasure to help honor a colleague who more than any other in my time in Pennsylvania, embodies the values and talents required for the leadership challenges faced by our tribe," said Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

Bruce will retire from Widener at the conclusion of the 2000-01 academic year. Inaugurated in September of 1981, he is the eighth president of the historic 180-year educational institution and only the second president since Widener achieved university status in 1979.

Under Bruce's two decades of leadership, Widener cemented a traditional university structure by adding six schools and colleges with master's and doctoral level programs in many disciplines, and advanced its School of Law.

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1st Add: Widener University President to receive Honorary Doctorate from Wilkes

Widener was recently reclassified by The Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral/Research University-Intensive institution, a classification that connotes the awarding of more than 20 doctoral degrees annually. Also during Bruce's administration, Widener invested \$90 million in the physical plant of its Chester, Pa. and Wilmington, Del. campuses, acquired a third campus in Harrisburg, Pa., for the expanded School of Law, and saw its endowment grow from \$1.3 million to more than \$42 million.

Bruce, passionate about academic standards throughout his 40-year career as an educator, historian, and administrator, helped shape the present and future of education at all levels through his service and counsel to local, state, and federal organizations and committees. A current trustee of Widener, Bruce also serves as chairman for the Crozer-Keystone Health System and chairman for the Institute for Economic Development. In October, Bruce received the United States Army's second highest civilian medal, the *Outstanding Civilian Service Medal*, for helping to review, develop, and implement policies and programs for the United States Army ROTC Program.

A long-standing member and past chairman of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and past chairman of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, Bruce's experience and vision has contributed to many of what are now national policies that strengthen academic rigor and encourage institutions to conduct the business of education in an efficient and accountable environment.

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2nd Add: Widener University President to receive Honorary Doctorate from Wilkes

Bruce earned an A..B. from Colby College in 1959, an M.A. from the University of Massachusetts in 1964, and an honorary L.H.D. from Widener University in 1992. Additional academic pursuits included a Fulbright Grant, U.S. Department of State, United Kingdom from 1964-1965; the University of Manchester, England; and Boston University.

Bruce and Judith Garland, his wife of more than 40 years, have two children, Kimberley Bruce Campbell and Scott Garland Bruce, and seven grandchildren.

Winter Commencement acknowledges the academic accomplishments of Wilkes students who completed their degree requirements in the Summer and Winter of 2000. August graduates include the awarding of 220 master's degrees, 14 bachelor's degrees, and one pharmacy degree. January graduates include 110 master's degrees and 62 bachelor's degrees.

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Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Partnership Awards presented TL 12-19-00

The 10th annual Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Partnership Awards and Dinner was held at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Plains Township. Mark Van Putten, president and chief executive officer of the National Wildlife Federation, was keynote speaker. Bill Scranton served as dinner chair and master of ceremonies. The event, sponsored by Wilkes University, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co., recognizes outstanding accomplishments and teamwork in achieving excellence in environmental protection or conservation in Northeastern Pennsylvania. To submit a nomination for next year, call 408-4997. The recipient of the fifth annual Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award was Arthur Watres, Lacawac Sanctuary, Lake Ariel. Environmental Partnership Award recipients for 2000 were: Bruno Najaka, Sullivan County; Lillian Theophanis, district manager of the Susquehanna County Conservation District; Lynn Conrad, executive director of the Rail Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Susquehanna and Lackawanna counties); Nanticoke Conservation Club of Luzerne County; Donna Palermo, vice president of operations for the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce (Luzerne County); and Dorne White, president of the Bowman's Creek Watershed Association (Wyoming and Luzerne counties). First row, from left: Najaka; White; Watres; Palermo; Mark Makara, Nanticoke Conservation Club. Second row: Andrew McElwaine, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; VanPutten; Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., Wilkes University; Howard Grossman, EDCNP; Conrad; Theophanis; Ellen Alaimo, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Drew Hadley, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co.



JAMA editor participates in lecture series

Wilkes graduate and Old Forge native Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, right, editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association, returned to her alma mater to participate in the second annual Distinguished Lecturer in the Health Science Series, held the evening prior to Pre-Med Day 2000. At right is Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University.

Dingman tabbed Earth Conservancy chairman

By Kevin Donlin
Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

A new slate of officers were elected and several current board members' terms were extended Thursday morning at a meeting of the Earth Conservancy board of directors.

Mark Dingman was named chairman of the EC board, replacing Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher Breiseth, who had served in that capacity virtually

since the organization's inception.

EC Executive Director Mike Dziak, who was himself re-elected as the organization's president, called it "a momentous occasion" and joked that Dr. Breiseth had voted himself out of the position.

"I voted the loudest," Dr. Breiseth responded with a laugh.

Filling out the rest of the organization's officers, Rhea Simms will serve as vice president; Susan Shoal as secretary; and John D. McCarthy Jr. as treasurer.

The new officers will take over next year.

Also on the agenda was the extension of several board members' terms, which expired this month.

The board unanimously voted three-year terms for Margaret Bakker, Joseph Hillan, A. Peter Kanjorski and the Rev. Thomas O'Hara. Their new terms will expire in December 2003. Board member Edward Schechter, at his

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own request, received a one-year term. His term will expire December 2001.

In other business, Tom Chesnick, EC's engineering projects manager/counsel, briefed the board on the status of the recreation park in Hanover Township. Chesnick said the earth moving process associated with the second stage of the project was continuing and was on target to be completed by the end of the year.

"The cold weather has slowed us down," Chesnick said. "We've gone very much according to plan. There were some areas of subsidence we needed to stabilize before we could proceed."

Schechter asked if any progress had been made on finding someone to take care of the park once it opens.

Amy Gruzsky, EC's director of public affairs and development, said meetings with the state Department of Community and

Natural Resources and area communities could be scheduled in January to determine if there is interest in forming a regional authority.

"We've been patiently waiting on this," Dziak said. "It's long overdue."

Dziak said the surrounding communities he had spoken to about taking care of the recreation park were all aware of the financial commitment which would be required. Other private organizations have also expressed an interest in care-taking duties.

"If this works out, it will be a real jewel in this organization's crown," Breiseth said of the recreation park and the effort to bring communities together.

The board also announced meeting dates for 2001. There is no January meeting. The meetings will be held Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6. All meetings begin at 8 a.m. and are held at EC's offices, 101 S. Main St., Ashley.

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University Welcomes Dr. Catherine DeAngelis

Wilkes University recently welcomed Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association, who was the school's 2000 Distinguished Lecturer in the Health Sciences. Here, Dr. DeAngelis, an Old Forge native and a Wilkes alumna, takes a moment with university president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.



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Anti-Defamation League honors Breiseths

The Anti-Defamation League presented its Distinguished Community Service Award to Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., and Jane Breiseth on May 3. Eugene Roth, Esq., presented the award at the League's dinner at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Plains Township. The Breiseths were cited for their public service in northeastern Pennsylvania. Mrs. Breiseth is the president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. Mr. Breiseth is president of Wilkes University and also serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Earth Conservancy. Connie Roth and Joseph Savitz, Esq., were co-chairpersons of the affair. Rabbi Larry Kaplan, Temple Israel, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky, pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, gave the benediction. Barry Morrison, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, gave a report. Joseph J. Savitz, Esq., served as master of ceremonies, and Corby Swan, Wilkes University, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." From left: the Breiseths, Roth and Savitz.

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Breiseths to be honored Wednesday

Christopher Breiseth, Ph.D., and Jane M. Breiseth will receive the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League at a dinner at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Plains Township. The award is given to recognize individuals whose public service has enriched community life and strengthened democratic practices. Dr. Breiseth is president of Wilkes University. Jane Breiseth is president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council. Both have devoted many hours to public service in northeastern Pennsylvania and exemplify those qualities which the Anti-Defamation League honors. Reservations may be made by contacting the Jewish Community Center at 824-4646. At a planning session are, from left: J. Michael Lennon, Ph.D., invitations; Carol Greenwald, dinner arrangements, Heidi Roth, door; Marjorie Ufberg, seating arrangements. T.L. 5-1-00

Breiseth honored for service

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A true Colonel in spirit and heart, Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth was given a tribute Saturday in a ceremony before the school's homecoming football game. Breiseth, who will retire July 1, 2001 holds the second-longest tenure at the school - 17 years. He is surpassed by Wilkes University founding father Eugene Farley.

Dr. Chris Breiseth, a great citizen of our 'college town'

Educator, economic advocate, administrator and exemplar

One of the most distinguished groups ever to assemble in the meeting room of The Citizens' Voice was a delegation last month made up of the presidents of six area institutions of higher learning.

The presidents were those of Wilkes University, King's College, College Misericordia, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State Hazleton and Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

The longest-serving president among this distinguished group was the president of Wilkes University, Dr. Christopher Breiseth.

For 16 years

Dr. Breiseth this week announced he will retire next summer, after 16 years, from the university.

During these 16 years, Dr. Breiseth has been a leader and a light in this community - as an administrator, as an advocate for economic development, as a man of principle, as an educator.

By way of his direction, Wilkes College was transformed into Wilkes University - its curriculum steered toward the future, its campus made wonderfully functional and attractive.

By way of his involvement, the area-wide initiative called Earth Conservancy rescued a huge amount of mine-damaged land and put it into position to draw new business and industry.

Because he has stood strong and helped show the way, this area has moved forward toward a new view of interpersonal relationships - between people of different faiths, between people of different races, among all.

Because he has always, at heart, been a teacher and student, he has been a companion in innumerable insightful conversations with thousands of area people. From students, to parents, to friends. From history, to sports, to politics.

True to form

In announcing his retirement, Dr. Breiseth stayed true to his admirable form.

"In many ways, the best years of my life have been those at Wilkes. I am immensely proud of what we accomplished together - the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and many friends of the university."

He has the right to be proud.

If our area is a college town there is no doubt that Dr. Christopher Breiseth is one of our most outstanding citizens.

In fact, it was in conversations with Dr. Breiseth that the idea of our area as a community of learning became clear to us and became one of this newspaper's editorial themes.

For this, and for all he has done to steer a great university, for the great cause of education, for the Greater Wyoming Valley - we salute Dr. Christopher Breiseth.