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Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth Accepts Position as President and CEO of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth has accepted a position as president and chief executive officer of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, New York.

Breiseth, who will retire as president of Wilkes in June, had originally intended to return to teaching at Wilkes after a one-year sabbatical during which he planned to complete his book on the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant. His plans changed after learning of the opportunity from William J. vanden Heuvel, chairman of the Roosevelt Institute board.

"As a historian, I've always had an interest in presidential history," said Breiseth. "The chance to be a part of this prestigious national organization speaks to the teacher and activist in me."

The fourth president of Wilkes University, Breiseth, 64, 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 fundraising, 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.

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Under Breiseth's leadership, the Wilkes campus has been transformed into a cohesive academic environment, with several new buildings constructed or remodeled for student residence, study and recreation. Curricular enhancements include the 1994 creation of the School of Pharmacy, which recently attained full accreditation by the American Council of Pharmaceutical Education.

Before joining Wilkes, Breiseth served as president of Deep Springs 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 B.Litt. 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.

Wilkes recently announced the selection of Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour as the institution's fifth president. Gilmour will begin at Wilkes in June.

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HYDE PARK, NY— Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, will become President and Chief Executive Officer of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (FERI) on September 4, 2001, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, the current president, announced today. Ms. Roosevelt, a granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, will become Co-Chair of the Board, along with William J. vanden Heuvel, the current Chairman.

"I am delighted by these developments," said Ms. Roosevelt, "Dr. Breiseth will be FERI's first full-time paid President, and his presence in Hyde Park will add a new and exciting dimension to our organization. Ambassador vanden Heuvel and I are looking forward to working closely with him, Dr. David Woolner, FERI's Executive Director, and the FERI Board of Trustees as we meet the challenges of the years ahead."

Dr. Breiseth brings a wealth of experience to FERI. He has been President of Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, since 1984, where he was the driving force behind two major capital campaigns that raised over \$50 million to expand Wilkes University's infrastructure and endow its future. "His experience at Wilkes will be most beneficial," said FERI Chairman William vanden Heuvel, "particularly as we move forward with our partners at the FDR Library and National Park Service towards the opening of the new Orientation, Education and Conference Center that is planned for Hyde Park."

Dr. Breiseth began his distinguished career at Williams College in 1963. He then taught at Sangamon State University beginning in 1971, after working in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington DC from 1967-68, and completing a Danforth post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago in 1971. He took a leave of absence from Sangamon State (now, University of Illinois at Springfield) from 1980-83 to serve as President and Dean of Deep Springs College in California.

Dr. Breiseth received his B.A. in History from UCLA in 1958, a B.Litt. (now M.Litt.) in Modern British History from Oxford University in 1962, and his Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University in 1964.

As an educator, Dr. Breiseth has focused on American racial and ethnic history and he has widely studied and written on the career of Abraham Lincoln. He has been involved in promoting interracial education, and was active in the Springfield Urban League.

Commenting on his move, Dr. Breiseth noted that "he was very excited to be joining Dr. Woolner and the FERI staff in Hyde Park in working to strengthen the Institute's many current and future projects. FERI is a small but very dynamic organization, with a world-wide presence," he continued, "and I look forward to working with the two Co-Chairs and the very talented and dedicated Board of Directors in carrying forward the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt."

FERI is in the process of completing a \$21 million capital campaign, *Remembering Greatness: A Campaign for the Roosevelt Legacy*. *Remembering Greatness* seeks to fund the new Orientation, Education and Conference Center on the Roosevelt Historic Site; landscape the grounds; renovate the FDR Library and Museum; reconceive and redesign the library's permanent exhibition on the Roosevelt era, including the Great Depression, the New Deal and World War II; and add to FERI's program endowment. Several major naming opportunities in the new center and the renovated library and museum are still available.

The mission of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute 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. The Roosevelt Institute also helps sustain the FDR Presidential Library and Museum as a vital center for the study and teaching of the Roosevelt period.

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WILKES HOSTS FINANCIAL AUTHOR AT BREAKFAST LECTURE

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University will host Herve de Carmoy, author of Global Banking Strategy: Financial Markets and Industrial Decay at a breakfast lecture and discussion on international banking and industrial development at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 15, at the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. de Carmoy is a guest of Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University. Fellow students at Cornell University, they met while Dr. Breiseth was working on his Ph.D in Modern European Intellectual History.

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

Recently published in English, de Carmoy's book is a critique of American and British banking judged by the standards of banks developing in Western Europe and in Japan. He is a former Chief Executive Officer of the Chase Manhattan Bank in Paris, of Global Banking at Midland Bank in England, of the

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Thomas Cook Group, and, most recently, of the Societe Generale de Belgique.

Individuals wishing to attend the breakfast should call Dr. Breiseth's office at Wilkes University, 824-4651 ext. 4000 for reservations.

PHOTO: HERVE DE CARMOY WILL DELIVER A BREAKFAST LECTURE ON

FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INDUSTRIAL DECAY ON NOVEMBER 15.

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Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth Announces Retirement Beginning July 2001 After 17 Years as Wilkes University President

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (April 18, 2000) — Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth announced today 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 accomplished 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 good 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 an 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 fundraising, 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.

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Since Breiseth was named president in 1984, Wilkes's 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 program 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), the Fenner Quadrangle (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 and growth in the life of this institution."

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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 from 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.

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

Dr. 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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Dr. James Doluisio and Dr. Warren Evans to Receive Honorary Degrees at Wilkes Spring Commencement on May 20

Wilkes-Barre -- In addition to graduating its very first class of Doctors of Pharmacy, Wilkes University will award both James T. Doluisio, Ph.D., and Dr. Warren Evans a Doctor of Science Degree, Honoris Causa, during its upcoming Spring Commencement, to be held Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. on the Fenner Quadrangle.

Doluisio, a native of the Wyoming Valley, is currently the Hoechst-Roussel Professor of Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Austin. From 1973-1998, he served as Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Texas. Prior to that appointment, Doluisio was an assistant and associate professor at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (1961-67) and professor and assistant dean of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy (1967-73).

"It is with deep appreciation that I, on behalf of Wilkes University, will bestow our highest honor on Dr. Doluisio, in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the profession of Pharmacy, including pharmacy education and particularly his crucial role in helping Wilkes start the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy," said Wilkes President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

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"We are thrilled that Dr. Doluisio will be part of this historic occasion. His guidance and enthusiasm were critical to our decision to establish the pharmacy program."

Doluisio was a Pre-doctoral Fellow of the National Science Foundation and the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education. He is currently a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, and the American Pharmaceutical Association.

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in pharmacy from Temple University, Philadelphia, Doluisio earned a doctorate in pharmaceutics from Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

"I am very excited and honored to be a part of the historic Wilkes University Commencement that will have the inaugural graduation of students from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy," said Doluisio. "Since both my wife, Phyllis, and I have roots in Hazleton and Nanticoke, there is a feeling of coming home for a great occasion."

For his commitment to upholding the integrity of colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and higher education at large, Wilkes will also award an honorary doctorate to Dr. Warren Evans. Evans is Director, Collegiate Approvals and Research Unit Liaison to Postsecondary Institutions, Chartering-Governance-Accreditation Specialist, Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education, with the Department of Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"I have worked with Warren in various capacities in the Department of Education for almost 15 years," said colleague and friend Peter H. Garland.

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"Few individuals in the nation have been stronger in guarding the integrity of institutions that would be called colleges or universities. Warren understands the unique role of colleges and universities in serving society and the importance of the public trust in their endeavors."

From 1989-1999, Evans served as Executive Director of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission. Appointed by the Governor, members have oversight over all teachers and certificates for teaching in the Commonwealth. Evans also serves as liaison between the Department of Education and all Pennsylvania Professional licensing boards, assisting them with reviewing program requests, authenticating degrees, and evaluating institutions.

In his role as specialist, Evans must be familiar with: all laws, regulations and standards which govern institutions of higher education in Pennsylvania; the history and development of them; and with problems institutions have developed in other states. He makes sure the citizens of the Commonwealth are guaranteed a minimum level of quality higher education from their schools. And, he can recommend either approval or disapproval of requests for charter and related matters to the Secretary of Education, with appropriate supporting data. He must be primarily concerned that all of those that are approved are of sufficient quality so that the right of students to excellent education is preserved.

Evans is also expected to make judgements and decisions in highly sensitive areas which reflect directly on the right of institutions of higher learning to function in Pennsylvania. He acts in an advisory capacity to students having problems with any one of the institutions.

Photo #1:

Dr. James Doluisio, the Hoechst-Roussel Professor of Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Austin

Photo #2:

Dr. Warren Evans, Director, Collegiate Approvals and Research Unit Liaison to Postsecondary Institutions, Chartering-Governance-Accreditation Specialist, Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education, with the Department of Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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Wilkes President Participates in *Community Reading Day* at Heights Murray Elementary

Wilkes-Barre -- The second grade class of teacher Debra Moore at Heights Murray Elementary School welcomed Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher Breiseth as the guest "reader" for this year's Community Reading Day. Breiseth captivated the students with his colorful illustration of Rod Clement's book *Grandpa's Teeth*.

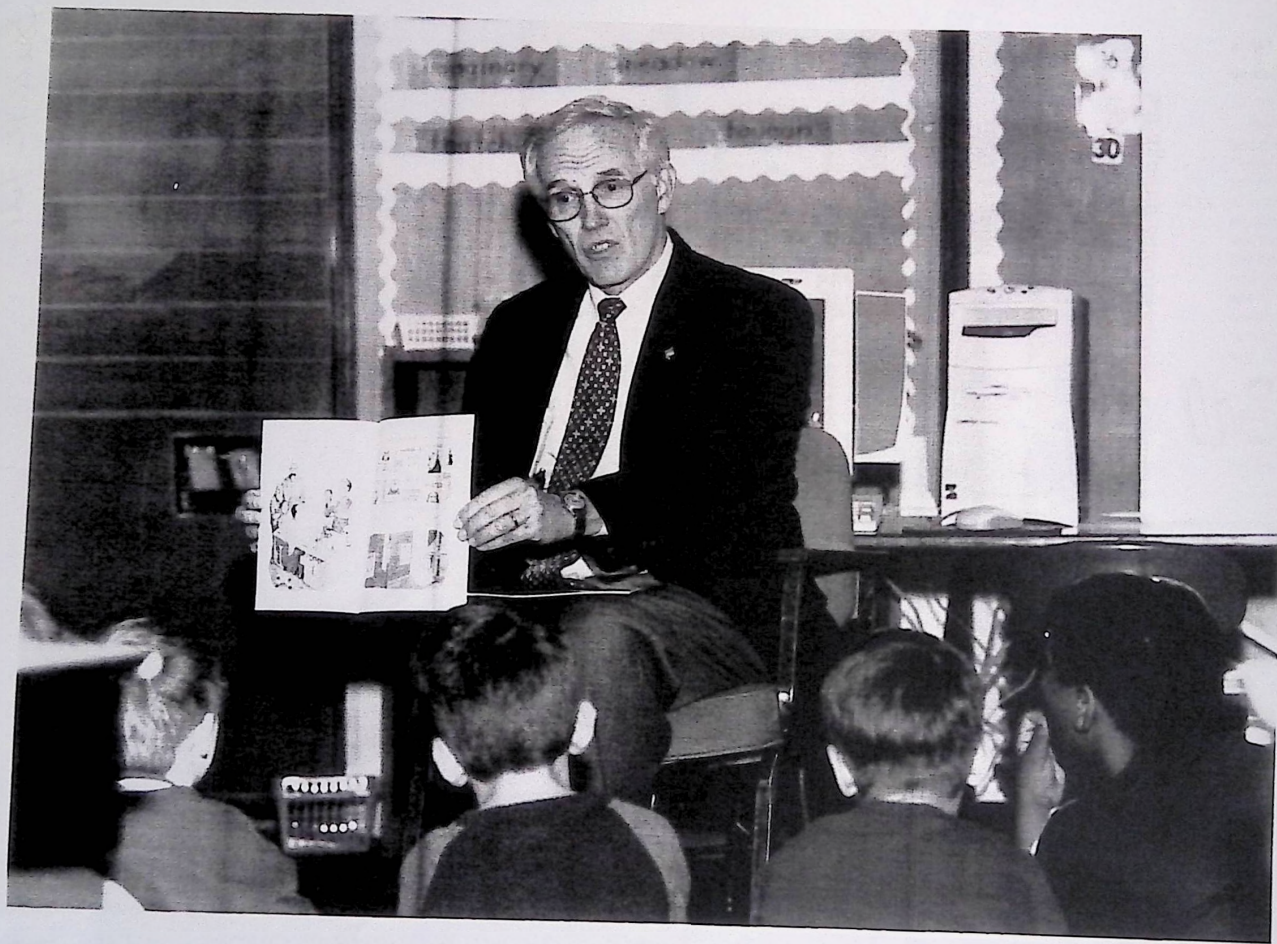
Sponsored by Fleet Pennsylvania Services, Inc., a subsidiary of FleetBoston Financial, Community Reading Day promotes literacy and education while also encouraging students to read. For the fourth consecutive year, business volunteers throughout Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wayne Counties donated an hour of their busy day to visit second grade classrooms. From 9-10 a.m., volunteers read a book to the students, discussed the book and their careers with the class, and donated the book to the class. Last year, more than 12,000 students in 500 classrooms through the region participated in the program.

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Photo:

Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth read Rod Clement's book, *Grandpa's Teeth*, to the second grade class of Debra Moore at Heights Murray Elementary School, in Wilkes-Barre, for Community Reading Day.



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Harry L. Fierverker Receives First Ever Wilkes Alumni Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement

Wilkes-Barre - Kingston resident and Wilkes University class of 1949 alumnus, Harry L. Fierverker, received the first ever Alumni Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement during Reunion Weekend '99.

"A loyal citizen and veteran, a faithful and generous supporter of Wilkes, an exceptional businessman, a devout religious leader, a devoted family man, and a man gifted with humility and much respected by his community -- this is Harry Fierverker," said Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth in his speech at the inaugural awards ceremony.

A 1942 graduate of Coughlin High School, Fierverker enrolled in the former Bucknell University Junior College (BUJC is currently Wilkes University), only to find his plans cut short after the first semester.

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World War II began and he was one of the freshman who enlisted in the Army Reserves with the provision that he would be allowed to complete one semester of college. After being called into active duty, he served with the 136th Medical Field Hospital. Two and half of those years were in England and the last six months were spent in France during the D-Day Invasion and the "Battle of the Bulge." In February of 1946, he was discharged and returned to his family.

In 1947, he married Gloria Farkas, a student at BUJC pursuing a bachelor's degree in English. She left college while he finished his education at BUJC, coming back later to complete her degree and a master's in Education. Fierverker earned his degree in Commerce and Finance and also took night classes to earn his teaching certification. He taught in Scranton, Pa., for a few years but then returned to his first love - business. He became involved in the jewelry business in downtown Wilkes-Barre, taking his first retirement in 1986. He was then offered a position as manager of the Gruen Watch Factory in Exeter from which he retired in 1994.

Fierverker has been active in various organizations. He is a life member of the V.F.W. and the Masons, on the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community Center and was a commander of the Jewish War Veterans. For many years, he was vice president of the United Orthodox Synagogue and later served as President until the recent merger. The Fierverkens are the parents of three children and have three grandchildren.

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2nd Add: Fierverker Receives Wilkes's Alumni Excellence Award

The Wilkes University Alumni Excellence Awards celebrate achievements by Wilkes graduates in their chosen professions and their service to the University and their communities. Honorees received an engraved, wooden mantle clock in recognition of their contributions.

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Photo: Left to Right -

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, Harry L. Fierverker, class of '49 and recipient of the first ever Alumni Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement and wife Gloria (Farkas) Fierverker, class of '46, from Kingston, Pa.



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Charles and Mildred Butler Receive Wilkes University's 1999 Alumni Excellence Award For University Service

Wilkes-Barre - Charles S. Butler, class of 1959, and wife Mildred, honorary alumna, from Aston, Pa., received Wilkes University's first ever Alumni Excellence Award for University Service, in recognition of their dedication, undying love, and service to Wilkes.

"There are people we all rely on in life, such as our family, friends, spouses, children, and neighbors," said Wilkes president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth during the Reunion Weekend '99 Awards Ceremony. "This is how the Wilkes Alumni Association feels about Charlie and Millie Butler. They are eager helpers with everything from pouring beverages, selling t-shirts, cleaning up spills, registering guests, greeting alumni and friends, to moving tables and chairs. And they always do it filled with the Wilkes spirit."

Mr. Butler is a native of Scranton, Pa., and Mrs. Butler of Swarthmore, Pa. They met at Penn State University where she received her bachelor's degree in 1955. While she was in school, he was drafted into the Army in 1953, retiring in 1955.

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Mr. Butler then came to (the former) Wilkes College and the two married in February of 1959.

Professionally, Mr. Butler has worked with Boeing, RCA, GE, and Martin-Marietta. He retired from Lockheed-Martin in May, 1998. Mrs Butler worked for a time in the environmental technology field as a customer service coordinator.

The Butlers are the parents of four children and have six grandchildren. They enjoy travelling, touring the U.S. to visit family and friends and relishing life. For the last 10 years, they have been active members of the Wilkes University community with Mr. Butler serving on the National Board of Directors.

"We have come to rely on their loyalty to Wilkes and their attendance at almost ALL alumni events," said Breiseth. "It's not just what they do, but the spirit in which it is done. They are always the life of the party."

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Photo: Wilkes University's honorary alumna, Millie Butler (far left) and husband Charlie (far right), class of '59, pose with president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, who presented them with the first ever Alumni Excellence Award for University Service.



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WILKES UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT HOSTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

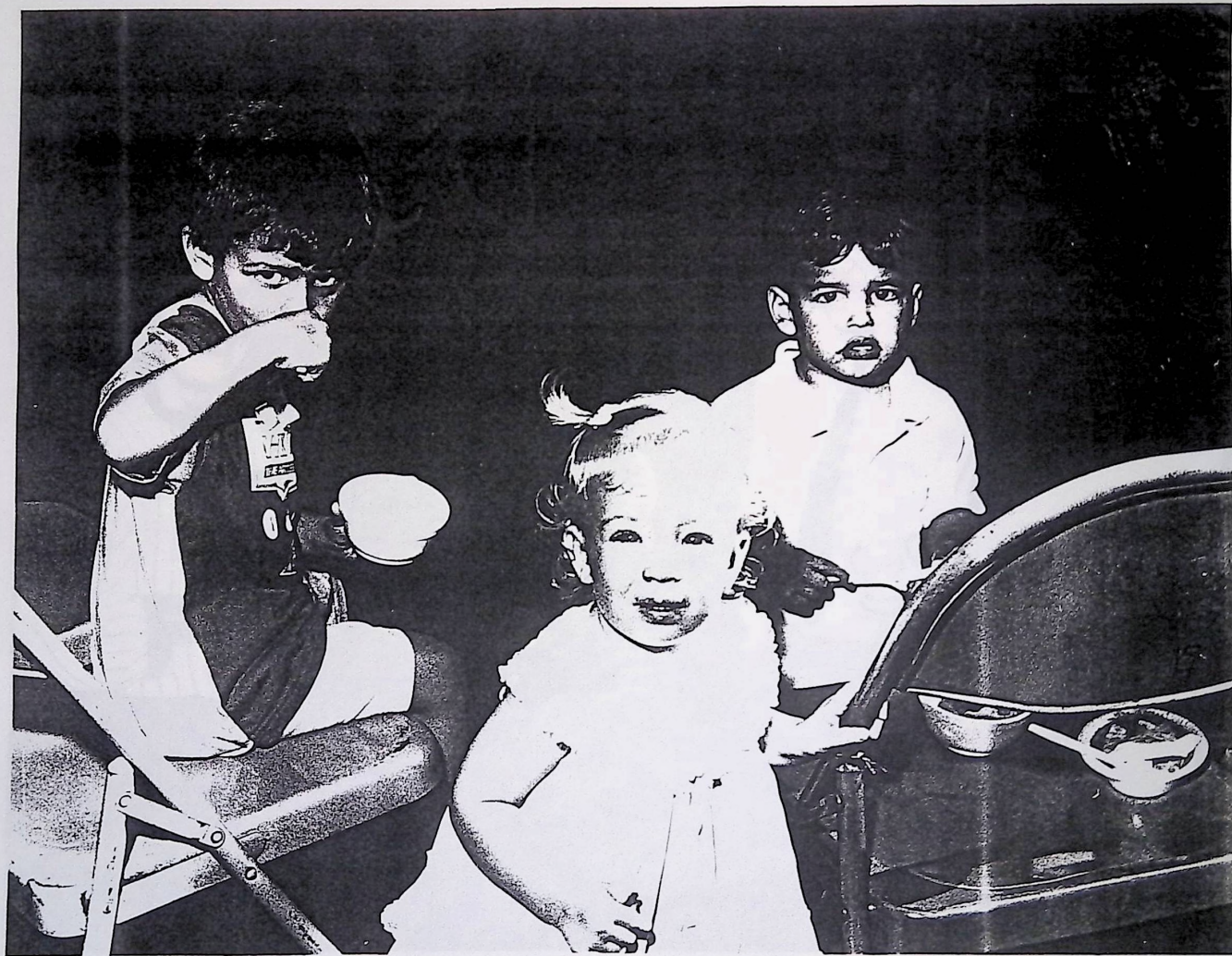
WILKES-BARRE-- Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth and his wife Jane recently hosted an ice cream social at Weckesser Hall to open the new academic year and welcome faculty back to campus. The entire University community and their families were treated to an afternoon of ice cream and good conversation.

PHOTO A: From left: Betsy Condron, special assistant for community relations; Tom Bigler, communications professor; Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs.

PHOTO B: From left: Jennifer Ross, assistant dean of admissions; Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, associate professor of communications; and Dr. John A Koch, professor of math and computer science.

PHOTO C: From left: Children of Wilkes University's faculty and staff enjoyed the Ice Cream Social, too! David Catron, Elise Fields, and Jason Catron are shown.







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WILKES HOSTS NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

WILKES-BARRE--Nationally-known educators from across the country were at Wilkes College recently for the Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS) 28th Annual Conference, which addressed the issue of how higher education might better integrate professional education and the liberal arts.

The theme for this year's conference was "Liberal Learning in a Post-Industrial Culture," and the goal is to have students link high standards of scholarship and professional practice to critical thinking on the fundamental issues of life.

PHOTO--Shown are several of the speakers at the conference, First row, from left: Sandra Elman, professor at the John W. McCormick Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Massachusetts; Joan Stark, director of the National Center for Research to Improve Post-Secondary Teaching and Learning; Linda Newell; and Jane Breiseth.

Second row, from left: Dr. Robert Heaman, associate dean of

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academic affairs at Wilkes and coordinator of the conference; Jackson Newell, President of AGLS; John Karakash, Dean Emeritus of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at Lehigh University; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes.

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WILKES PRESIDENT MEETS WITH LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

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

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

Dr. Breiseth is Chair of the PHC, a private, non-profit organization serving the state as an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The goal of the Council is to enhance the meaning and value of life through the creation of public dialogue involving history, philosophy, literature and related subjects.

PHOTO: From left, Samuel Gubins, Senior Vice President, Academy of Natural Sciences and PHC Chair Emeritus; Dr. Joan Challinor,

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Research Associate, National Museum of American History,
Smithsonian Institute; Elliot L. Shelkrot, Director, Free Library
of Philadelphia; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Dr.
Christopher N. Breiseth, President, Wilkes University and PHC
Chair; Gloria Twine Chisum, Chairwoman, Free Library of
Philadelphia; and Craig R. Eisendrath, Executive Director, PHC.

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Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Breiseth

Since moving to Pennsylvania and joining the Wilkes University family in 1984, Christopher and Jane Breiseth have opened their hearts and committed their time unselfishly to the people of the Wyoming Valley. One would be hard-pressed to find a couple more deserving of the Anti-Defamation League's distinguished Community Service Award — established to recognize those men and women who, by their inspired leadership, have enriched community life and strengthened the democratic underpinnings of our nation. Whether working as a team or individually, Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Breiseth genuinely embody the ideals of the Anti-Defamation League.

In addition to his demanding schedule as President of Wilkes, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth works tirelessly with community and civic organizations as an advocate for the overall betterment of society. As a result, he has earned an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from 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 Award for devotion to promoting the highest interests of humanity.

A noted historian, Dr. Breiseth received a baccalaureate degree in History, graduating with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles. He earned a B.Litt. degree in Modern British History from Oxford University, and a Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University. A much sought after expert in Civil War history and Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Breiseth has contributed essays and other writings to national publications for more than 30 years.

Since her undergraduate days at Cornell (where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Comparative Literature, with a minor in Government, and a Master's of Education degree), Jane Breiseth has worked with countless associations dedicated to helping humanity. Currently President of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council, Mrs. Breiseth has also 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 of several committees for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Society Board.

An active volunteer for Wilkes, Mrs. Breiseth also offers her help to the Community Conservatory; First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre; Leadership Wilkes-Barre; Penn's Woods Council: Girl Scouts of America; Planned Parenthood; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society; and the Wilkes-Barre School District.

The Breiseths reside in Wilkes-Barre and have three children: Abigail, Erika, and Lydia. A tribute dinner is planned on Wednesday, May 3 at the Woodland's Inn and Resort, Route 315, Wilkes-Barre.

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Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth to Receive Prestigious Award from the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council

Wilkes-Barre -- The Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council will recognize Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth at a November luncheon for his high ideals of human dignity, compassion and friendship among all peoples.

Breiseth will receive the Council 's Citation of Distinction for Devoted Service to the Cause of Human Welfare at a community interfaith luncheon, Monday, November 20, noon, at the East Mountain Inn.

The President of Wilkes since 1984, Breiseth has had an enormous impact on both the University and the community. He is an integral part of the community and a constant advocate for the strong alliance that exists between the two.

He has been a leader in many civic organizations which include the Osterhout Free Library, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the United Way of Wyoming Valley and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership. Within the business community, Breiseth has worked to foster development and economic growth in Northeastern

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The Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council was established in 1977 by local leaders of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Faith. Since then, the council has grown to embrace many more. The Council celebrates the diversity of the Wyoming Valley, while educating the public on social values and providing a structure to strengthen ecumenism.

The luncheon's cost is \$15. The public is invited. Checks can be sent to Martin Popky, P.O. Box 1112, Kingston, PA, 18704-0112.

For more information on the Council or the luncheon, call Temple B'nai Brith at 287-9606.

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PRESIDENT OF WILKES UNIVERSITY NAMED TO INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO

WILKES-BARRE -- Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, president of Wilkes University, was recently inducted as a member of International Who's Who. "This inclusion is indicative of outstanding professional achievement in one's particular sphere of influence," said Scott Adams, editor-in-chief of International Who's Who.

Dr. Breiseth's outstanding achievements have lead him to be recognized as one of America's leading successful professionals. The President of Wilkes University since 1984, Dr. Breiseth received his baccalaureate degree in history with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (1958) where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received the B.Litt in Modern British History from Oxford University, (1962) and the Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University (1964).

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In 1980, Dr. Breiseth accepted the Presidency of Deep Springs College in California and served for three years as its President and Dean before returning to Sangamon State University where he taught until his appointment as President of Wilkes University.

Dr. Breiseth is Chairman of the Earth Conservancy, a bold community initiative to reclaim the Blue Coal lands. As Chairman, Dr. Breiseth leads the effort to purchase the 15,000 acres of mine scarred land and turn them into a laboratory for research and technology which will place this region among the leaders into the 21st century.

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WILKES UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF PA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

WILKES-BARRE-- Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, has been elected chair of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC), according to Executive Director Craig Eisendrath. His one year term continues until October 31st, 1991. He is beginning his second term on PHC, having previously served from 1985-89.

The President of Wilkes since 1984, Dr. Breiseth received his baccalaureate degree in history with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (1958) where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received the B.Litt in Modern British History from Oxford University, (1962) and the Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University (1964).

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In 1980, Dr. Breiseth accepted the Presidency of Deep Springs College in California and served for three years as its President and Dean before returning to Sangamon State University where he taught until his appointment as President of Wilkes.

During his tenure at Wilkes, Dr. Breiseth has had an enormous impact on both the university and the community. He is an integral part of the community and a constant advocate for the strong alliance that exists between the two.

One of the many highlights of his presidency was his recent trip to Bulgaria as part of a team of Wilkes University educators. The team presented a two-week management seminar to Bulgarian business and government leaders.

He has been a leader in many civic organizations which include the Osterhout Library; Leadership Wilkes-Barre; United Way of Wyoming Valley (Chair Education Division-1990); and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership. Within the business community Dr. Breiseth has worked to foster development and economic growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He has also been instrumental in developing ways in which educational institutions in the Wyoming Valley can work together to pool resources for the benefit of all students. His leadership is credited with the achievement that moved Wilkes to University status on January 1st, 1990.

In addition to Breiseth, PHC's officers include Harry Ausprich,

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(Bloomsburg), president of Bloomsburg University and Sister Margaret Gannon (Scranton), undergraduate dean of Marywood College, who assume the positions of vice-chair and secretary/treasurer respectively.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is a private, non-profit organization serving the Commonwealth as an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. In 1991, PHC's programs will highlight the history and contemporary relevance of the Bill of Rights, through statewide distribution of exhibits, reading-and-discussion groups, lectures, teacher in-service courses and newspaper supplements. The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is located at 320 Walnut Street in Philadelphia.

Photo: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President Wilkes University
Chair, Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

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WILKES PRESIDENT NAMED TO STATEWIDE PANEL

WILKES-BARRE---Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes College has been named to the Project Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) for the 1989-90 academic year.

The eight member committee is appointed by the PACU Chairman and directs the course and purpose of a program that encourages high school students to pursue higher education. Since 1986, the Project Committee has become recognized by the education community as a principle advocate for and a major authority in promoting early awareness programs about opportunities for participation in postsecondary education. In the coming year, the Project Committee will continue to extend its program of campaigning across Pennsylvania to encourage families to recognize the value of quality education for their children, now as well as in the future.

PACU coordinated the establishment of partnerships between seven model school districts and nineteen colleges and universities aimed at early intervention programs to stimulate family interest in higher education.

The school districts that make up the original model school partners are :
Coatesville, Chester County, Cranberry, Venago County, Solanco, Lancaster

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County, Troy, Bradford County, and Wilkesburg, Allegheny County.

Last April 16 students from the Solanco School District visited the Wilkes campus for three days. The 10th and 11th grade students were able to live in the dorms and attend eight different seminars. Those seminars dealt with information about Math, Computer Science, and Engineering programs. Wilkes is in contact with officials at the Solanco School District, and it's hoped several students from the district may soon be applying to Wilkes. The visit was coordinated by Diane Polachek of the Education Department. "We had excellent feedback from the students and the school district, the superintendent couldn't say enough about Wilkes. We are now talking about a return trip for more students in the Spring of 1990," said Polacheck.

President Breiseth is looking forward to Wilkes' continued participation in this very worthwhile program. "This venture has great promise for the Commonwealth. It clearly can speak to projects we are engaged in as a college, as individuals, as a consortium of colleges and school districts locally."

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Wilkes University Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Breiseth's Presidency

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the presidency of Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

"Wilkes University has given me the opportunity of a lifetime both to serve an outstanding institution of higher learning and through Wilkes to help stimulate the development of an entire region," Breiseth observed on his anniversary.

He is currently leading the University through a \$25 million, four-year building and renovation plan. The Wilkes University Board of Trustees recently approved the addition of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program to begin in the Fall of 1994.

Under his leadership Wilkes University completed the most successful fund raising campaign in its history. The WILKES TOMORROW Campaign raised more than \$25 million.

He has also been instrumental through the Council of Presidents, the Educational Leadership Council and Project LEARN in helping the educational institutions in the Wyoming Valley to work together to pool resources for the benefit of all students. His leadership is also credited with Wilkes becoming a University on January 1, 1990.

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"During his tenure at Wilkes, Dr. Breiseth has had an enormous impact on both the university and the community. He is an integral part of the community and a constant advocate for the strong alliance that exists between the two," declared Eugene Roth, Esq. '57, chair of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees. Breiseth is currently serving as chairman of the Earth Conservancy, the Ousterhout Free Library Annual Campaign, and is a member of the boards of both the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership and the Committee for Economic Growth.

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In 1967, while on leave from Williams, Dr. Breiseth served as Chief of the Policy Guidance Branch for the Community Action Program in the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington D.C. In 1970, he was a post-doctoral Danforth Fellow in Black Studies at the University of Chicago. After completing his research in Black Studies, Dr. Breiseth joined the history faculty at the just opened Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois. There he chaired the History program, and became active as a scholar studying the life and thought of Abraham Lincoln. He was elected the first chairman of the Faculty Senate at S.S.U.

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In 1980, Dr. Breiseth accepted the Presidency of Deep Springs College in California, the smallest college in America. He served for three years as its President and Dean before returning to Sangamon State University where he taught until his appointment as President of Wilkes in 1984.

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PHOTO: From left: In a recent ceremony, Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth received a 10 year service award from Chairman of the Board of Trustees Eugene Roth, Esq. '57.

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Wilkes University Honors Kingston Man

Wilkes-Barre -- Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth recently conferred an honorary doctorate of science degree to Dr. Charles Burns Sr. '35, Kingston, during the University's annual winter commencement/convocation exercises.

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

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

Burns is a 1935 graduate of Bucknell Junior College, which became Wilkes College in 1947 and Wilkes University in 1990. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, he is considered the first physician member of the Wilkes alumni body. Burns, whose specialty is urology, has a practice in Kingston.

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

PHOTO:

Pictured from left to right: Charles Burns Jr.; Dr. Charles Burns Sr. '35; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth; and Thomas V. Tinsley, friend of Dr. Burns.

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WILKES HONORS CLAYTON KARAMBELAS FOR SERVICE ON UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth recently presented Clayton Karambelas with a plaque in honor of and appreciation for his service as second vice chair of the University Council for the past three years. He will continue to serve as a member of the Council.

Karambelas is president of C.K. Coffee Company in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A 1949 Wilkes graduate, with a degree in commerce, he lives with his wife Therese in Kingston.

The Wilkes University University Council is a national organization comprised of outstanding alumni and friends of the University. The Council advises the President on the achievement of the University's long-term strategic objectives.

PHOTO: From left: Thomas B. Hadzor, Vice President for Development at Wilkes University is shown with Clayton Karambelas, a Wilkes graduate and member of the Wilkes University Council, and Wilkes University President, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

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To survive, a musician must be able to do everything — play the pops, direct a church choir, compose, handle serious music.

Rosendo Santos does it all. And in his 24 years on the Wilkes faculty, Santos did his best to make sure that each of his students was also prepared for each of those roles.

In tribute to Santos, Wilkes will present a concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

A native of the Philippines, Santos began with traditional classical training. But he picked up the pops playing in nightclubs. "I always emphasize to students that you should be prepared to do both sides," Santos said. "If you have to earn money by music, nobody pays you to play serious music."

In addition, popular music catches the attention of those students who thought they weren't interested in music. It brings them to music appreciation classes and gives them the motivation to learn about all kinds of music, said Santos, who retired as a professor emeritus in 1992.

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At the heart of the February program is a new work by Santos, the Academic Symphony, a work dedicated to President Breiseth.

Always quick with the jibe at "modern" composers, Santos notes that 18th Century composers always wrote symphonies with four movements and that Hadyn alone wrote 104 of them; 19th Century composers cut to three movements and 20th Century composers generally write only one movement.

Santos' new Academic Symphony has four long movements, he said. It will run 30 to 40 minutes.

The program will also include Eric Santos playing his father's Piano Concerto #3 in C and music professor Ellen Flint playing a Santos piano sonata. Rounding out the program will be a choral work which Santos completed during the late fall.

His music continues to be much in demand, Santos said, explaining that many regard much 20th Century music as "garbage music — just sounds."

Believing that music should be "beautiful and sensible," he says that most 20th Century music, unfortunately, is "a succession of individual pitches that don't make sense" with "rhythm that's not clear enough."

Beethoven uses dissonance but resolves it, Santos said. In Debussy, the dissonance is there "but it's hidden in the chord. You can't see it until you take the chord apart — like chocolate covered ants."

"I want everybody to like my music," said Santos. "I'm like Debussy or Bartok, with more of the beautiful sound and a little of the distorted sound tucked in the middle where nobody will hear it."

"Everything I write is being performed," Santos said. "I don't write things to be shelved. I write for every Sunday — solos and duets. I arrange with church melodies."

When he teaches composing, he makes sure students understand the whys and wherefores that created the rules. For instance, they need to know that music written in threes moves like a three-legged chair — that they should really want that feeling if they choose to use it; that choral music should require only one octave per part to be suitable for untrained voices. His students "learn step-by-step," he said. That's especially important to him because he had to figure it out by himself.

Much of his practical education came that way. For instance, he thought he had to have music in front of him to perform until one night when a nightclub patron asked him to play "Happy Birthday" at the piano bar. At that moment he learned that if he knew the melody, he could flourish and embellish and produce an elegant version for performance.

Now he can play any song he knows in any key. And, he says, he can teach anyone else to do the same.

But watch out. Like as not, the lesson will be interrupted by a church choir director, a trombone duo, a pianist or some other musician, asking Santos to put together a special work just for them.

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Wilkes Hosts Reception for Award-Winning Author Jamaica Kincaid

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

The Wilkes foodservice team from Metz Enterprises, Dallas, Pa., prepared a dinner menu of lightly tossed greens with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, stuffed chicken breast with apple/walnut dressing, wild rice, buttered snow peas, baby belgian carrots, petite croissant with butter and black forest cake for dessert. Assorted beverages were offered, including a wine bar.

Following the reception, Kincaid was escorted to the Edward Darling Jr. Theatre in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts where she read from some of her award-winning works and held a book signing.

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

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



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Wilkes University on World Wide Web

Wilkes - Barre -- Wilkes University alumni recently got a chance to "surf the net" during the University's Reunion Weekend.

The Internet surfing took place during Wilkes's dedication of a new IBM computer laboratory. The lab was made possible by matched contributions from 110 alumni who work for IBM.

After the dedication, alumni called up the Wilkes University Home Page on the World Wide Web. The World Wide Web is a group of computers serving interactive documents that is always up and running on the Internet. Anyone in the world who has access to the Internet also has access to the World Wide Web, and consequentially, information about Wilkes University.

"When Vice President Gore talks about the 'Information Super Highway,' this is what he's talking about," said Dr. John Koch, professor of math & computer science at Wilkes University.

Koch compiled and programmed all the information found on Wilkes

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University in the World Wide Web. The information includes a Wilkes University Viewbook, which describes the programs of study at Wilkes and other basic information; directions to the university and maps of campus; personal pages which feature various groups and organizations at Wilkes; campus construction updates; calendars; final exam schedules; and much more.

Wilkes University information first became available on the World Wide Web in the beginning of March. In the first month, Koch recorded 12,089 requests for Wilkes information on the system. The requests came from all over the United States and foreign countries including Australia, Israel, Switzerland, Norway, the Netherlands, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Wilkes University's address on the World Wide Web is <http://www.wilkes.edu>. For more information, contact John Koch at (717) 831-4838.

PHOTO:

Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth, seated in front, and Andrew E. Rushin '60, Richmond, Va., seated in back, surf the net as Dr. John Koch gives direction during Reunion Weekend.

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WYOMING AREA MARCHING BAND KICKS-OFF

WILKES FOOTBALL GAME

PHOTO: WILKES-BARRE -- The Wyoming Area Marching Band was recently featured during the Wilkes University football game held at the Lackawanna County Stadium. Band Director, Don Butz and Drum Major, Tonya Wilbur received a plaque from Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth after their performance.

The Wilkes University Colonels beat the Upsala Vikings 31-20.

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FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

KICKOFF HELD AT WILKES UNIVERSITY

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University recently hosted one of eight regional fall campaign kickoff events for the Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc. of Pennsylvania (FIC) of Mechanicsburg. Representatives of College Misericordia, Marywood College, the University of Scranton, Wilkes University, and FIC attended.

FIC, which marked its 40th anniversary in June, represents 51 independent colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth. It seeks to improve corporate-collegiate relations and to raise funds for its members. In 1991-92, FIC raised nearly one million dollars; a goal of \$1.275 has been set for the current fiscal year, which will end May 31, 1993.

Wilkes University is among the largest institutions affiliated with FIC.

PHOTO: Seated, from left: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University; Sister Mary Reap, IHM, President of Marywood College; Sister Nancy Surma, OSF, Assistant to the President, Marywood College; and Sandra Beynon, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Development, Wilkes University.

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Standing, from left: Dr. Carol Jobe, President of College Misericordia; Robert J. Sylvester, Vice President for Development and Public Relations, University of Scranton; John P. Lammers, Director of Development, Marywood College; James Caplinger, President of FIC; Ed Engel, Dean of Institutional Advancement, College Misericordia; and Gerald Zaboski, Assistant to the President, University of Scranton.

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WILKES COLLEGE PRESIDENT MEETS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WILKES-BARRE--The Transition Committee, initiated during the summer to introduce Wilkes College President Christopher N. Breiseth to the community, recently held a breakfast in Weckesser Hall.. Thomas Kiley, Trustee Emeritus, served as host.

Guests are shown, seated from left, Tom Bigler, E.B. Mulligan, Jr., Harold Trethaway and Donald Farmer.

Standing from left, Leyshon Townsend, Dr. Breiseth, Samuel M. Wolfe, Sr. and Mr. Kiley.

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SORDONI ART GALLERY AT WILKES UNIVERSITY RECEIVES SCULPTURE HONORING PAST DIRECTOR

WILKES-BARRE -- Friends of the Sordoni Art Gallery recently donated a sculpture honoring former gallery director, Judith O'Toole, created by her husband, Kevin O'Toole.

The piece, constructed of laminated wood and aluminum leaf, will become part of the Gallery's permanent collection. It is currently on display at the Woodmere Art Museum in Philadelphia as part of O'Toole's one-man exhibit of minimalist sculpture. It has also been a part of exhibits at the Allentown Art Museum, the State Museum in Harrisburg, and The Gallery at the State Theater in Easton.

The Sordoni Art Gallery is currently featuring an exhibit of the permanent collection in celebration of its 20th anniversary. The exhibit, on display through July 25, will feature highlights of the collection and recent gifts.

O'Toole recently resigned from her position as director, which she held for ten years, to become director of the Westmoreland Museum of Art in Greensburg, PA.

The Sordoni Art Gallery is open to the public daily from noon until 5 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. Call the Sordoni Art Gallery at 831-4325 for more information.

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PHOTO: From left: William Sterling, professor of art; Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of Wilkes University; Judith O'Toole, former director of the Sordoni Art Gallery; Robert Capin, professor of accounting; and Lou Conyngham, member of the Sordoni Art Gallery Advisory Committee.

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF WILKES GRADUATES CELEBRATE AT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

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WILKES-BARRE, PA -- Wilkes University President, Christopher N. Breiseth, recently honored the Class of 1993 and their families with a special reception in Weckesser Hall on the University Campus. The reception is one of several special events held in honor of the graduates as they receive their degrees from Wilkes University.

PHOTO A: From left: Nanticoke residents, Mary Bau, Diadra Bau, and Gerald Bau, and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth are shown. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, Diadra recently received a fellowship grant to begin work on a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Cornell University.

PHOTO B: From left: Hazleton residents, Bill and Helen Phillips attended the Wilkes University President's Reception recently to congratulate their son, Bill, a graduating senior. Philips received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

PHOTO C: From left: West Orange residents, Lane and Donna Curtis attended the Wilkes University President's Reception recently to congratulate their son, Michael, a graduating senior. Curtis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications.

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WILKES COLLEGE PRESIDENT MEETS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WILKES-BARRE--The Transition Committee, initiated during the summer to introduce Wilkes College President Christopher N. Breiseth to the community, recently held a breakfast in Weckesser Hall.. Thomas Kiley, Trustee Emeritus, served as host.

Guests are shown, seated from left, Tom Bigler, E.B. Mulligan, Jr., Harold Trethaway and Donald Farmer.

Standing from left, Leyshon Townsend, Dr. Breiseth, Samuel M. Wolfe, Sr. and Mr. Kiley.

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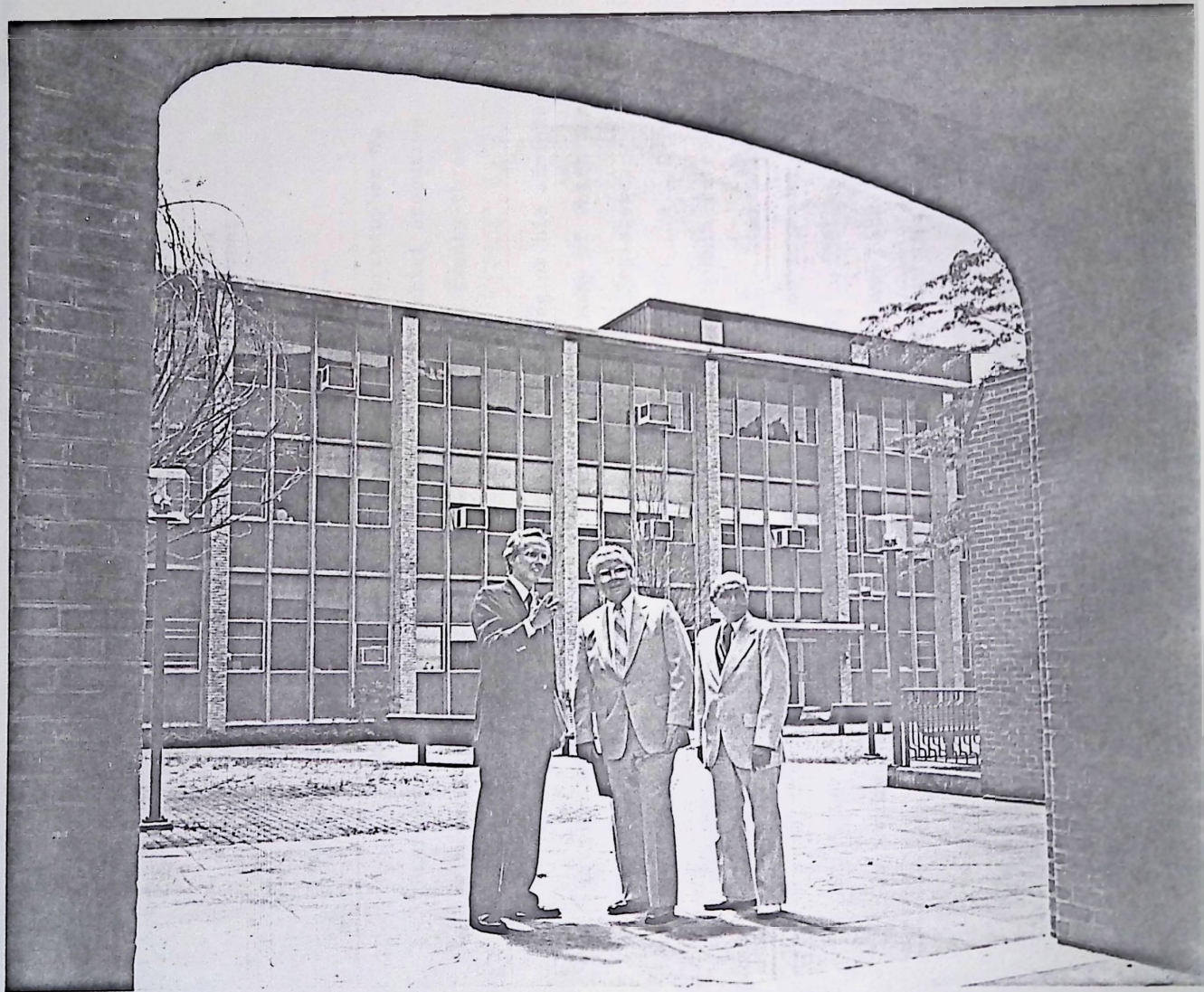
Richard F. Charles
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WILKES COLLEGE PRESIDENT INSPECTS BUILDINGS

Wilkes-Barre--Wilkes College President Christopher N. Breiseth, who assumed duties as the college's chief executive officer on July 1, became acquainted with the twenty-three acre campus recently.

High on the list of priorities as he begins his administration was inspection of Wilkes' buildings, many of which are on both the Pennsylvania and National Historic Registers. Dr. Breiseth, an historian, holds degrees from U.C.L.A., Oxford University, and Cornell University in History, Modern British History and Modern European Intellectual History, respectively.

Dr. Breiseth is shown at left making a point about Stark Learning Center, one of Wilkes' academic buildings. Dr. Andrew Shaw (center), Dean of Management, and Charles Abate (right), Director of General Services, accompanied the President on his tour of facilities. In the background is the Arnaud Marts Courtyard and a wing of the Stark building.



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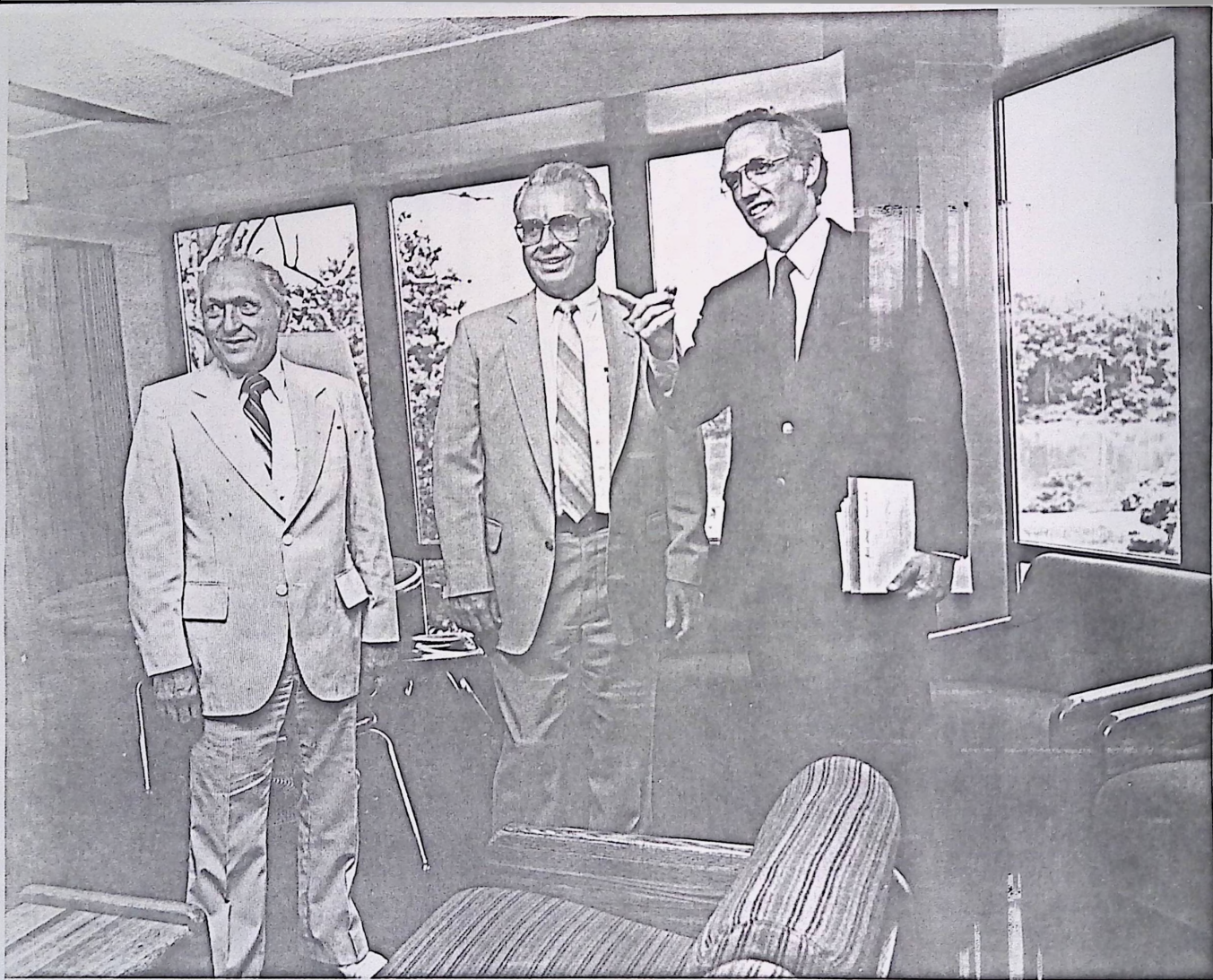
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WILKES PRESIDENT TOURS CAMPUS

Wilkes-Barre--Wilkes College's new President Christopher N. Breiseth (right) is shown with Dean of Management Dr. Andrew Shaw (center) and Director of General Services Charles Abate (left), as they tour the Wilkes campus.

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PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN WILKES-BARRE

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WILKES-BARRE-- The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) is holding its annual spring meeting at Wilkes University today and tomorrow (May 16 & 17). This is the first time a regular meeting of the PHC has ever been held in Wilkes-Barre. The meeting will focus on which grant proposals from across Pennsylvania will be funded.

Wilkes University will host a reception in honor of the PHC at 4PM this afternoon on the first floor of the Eugene S. Farley Library. The event will coincide with a special Bill of Rights exhibit produced by the PHC. Entitled "To Preserve These Rights," it commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. This visually-engaging and thought-provoking display is at the library through May 25th.

Following the reception at 5PM, Dr. Craig Eisendrath, Executive Director of PHC will deliver an address, "Text in Time: The Bill of Rights in History," in the Media Room on the lower level of the library.

Craig Eisendrath holds a Ph.D. in the History of American Civilization from Harvard University and undergraduate degrees from the University of Chicago

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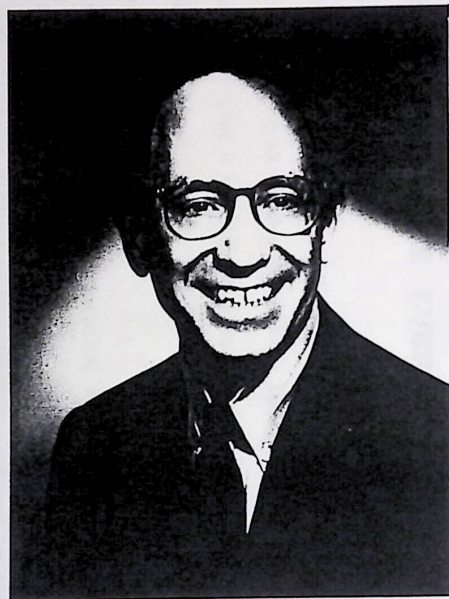
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and Georgetown University. Prior to joining PHC in 1980, he was founding dean and academic administrator of Lindenwood 4, an innovative college for adults located near St. Louis, Missouri. He has taught at Harvard, M.I.T., and Northeastern University, served as Director of the Washington, D.C. Goddard College Graduate Program, and as a Program Officer in the Education Division of N.E.H.

Dr. Eisendrath is the author of "The Unifying Moment", a study of William James and Alfred North Whitehead, and a book on higher education, "Out of Discontent". Dr. Eisendrath is the council's chief operating officer. He oversees all aspects of the Council's program and development activities.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council, founded in 1972, is a private, non-profit organization serving as the state's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. PHC provides grant, resources and special programs in the humanities for Pennsylvania's adult out-of-school public. Other PHC programs related to the Bill of Rights include reading and discussion groups, lectures, and teacher in-service courses.

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, is serving a one-year term as chair of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. He previously served as a member of the PHC from 1985-89.



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"PHILANTHROPY WITH BAYONETS: THE LESSONS OF SOMALIA" TOPIC OF ANNUAL MAX ROSENN LECTURE APRIL 19 AT WILKES UNIVERSITY

WILKES-BARRE -- Tom J. Farer, J.D., professor and director of The American University's joint degree program in Law and International Relations, will discuss "Philanthropy with Bayonets: The Lessons of Somalia" as the guest speaker for the thirteenth annual Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities at Wilkes University on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. The free lecture will be held in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts at the corner of South and River Streets in Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Farer has specialized on the issues of intervention by the international community on behalf of humanitarian causes in nations suffering deadly civil strife.

He has been involved in Somalia off and on for more than three decades. During the present crisis, he has been an important voice in evaluating the appropriate strategy and tactics to be adopted by the world community, through the United Nations and other agencies, to stop the starvation and foster development of a viable government.

Professor Farer graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University. A Fulbright Scholar in the United

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Kingdom, he graduated from the Harvard Law School, Magna Cum Laude. Farer also served Judge Learned Hand as Clerk Designate.

Farer served in programs with the U.S.A.I.D. and with the Department of Defense before beginning an academic career at Columbia Law School, followed by 13 years of teaching at the Rutgers University School of Law. During these years, he was actively involved with Inter-American Affairs and Human Rights through the Organization of American States.

After serving as President of the University of New Mexico for one year, he accepted his current position at The American University, Washington, D.C. He has been a visiting professor at Tulane Law School, Harvard Law School, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Princeton University.

In 1980, the Honorable Max Rosenn celebrated his 10th anniversary as Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. That year, in recognition of the anniversary and in appreciation for his many contributions to the field of Law, to the United States judiciary system and to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Rosenn's family, former law clerks and other friends initiated "The Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities" at Wilkes University. Each year the series brings speakers of international reputation to the Wyoming Valley.



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M&T Bank Contributes \$2,000 to Wilkes University's 1999-2000 Community Business Campaign (Editors, Note Connection to Your Coverage Area)

Wilkes-Barre -- Through its recent donation of \$2,000 to Wilkes University's annual Community Business Campaign, M&T Bank is helping to fund scholarships and grants for Wilkes students in need.

Wilkes's Annual Giving Office launched the 1999-2000 campaign in January. Since that time, approximately 50 volunteers from the Wilkes-Barre business community have been soliciting 450 local companies to reach the \$110,000 campaign goal. The Community Business Campaign is a part of the overall \$1 million Annual Fund Campaign which kicked off last June.

"M&T Bank is proud to be able to support Wilkes University and the scholarship and grant opportunities for students," said John Jablowski, Jr., assistant vice president, Government Banking, M&T Bank. "This contribution strengthens M&T Bank's commitment to the Northeastern Pennsylvania regional community and the enhancement of its educational opportunities."

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M&T Bank is the principal bank subsidiary of M&T Bank Corporation (NYSE:MTB), the nation's 37th largest independent, publicly owned commercial bank holding company on a proforma basis, with over 21 billion in assets as of June 30, 1999. M&T Bank has more than 250 branch offices including 19 in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

For information on Wilkes University's Community Business Campaign, contact Carol Macculloch, Annual Giving Program Manager, at (570) 408-4302.

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Left to Right - Paul Strunk, from Scranton, Pa., vice president for Alumni, Development and University Relations at Wilkes University; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, from Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes University President; John Jablowski, Jr., assistant vice president, Government Banking, M&T Bank, Wilkes-Barre; David McHale, assistant vice president, Business Banking, M&T Bank, Wilkes-Barre.



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Alumnae Remember BUJC and Honor Dr. Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski at Annual Summer Reunion

Wilkes-Barre -- Millennial thoughts sparked a sense of nostalgia and feelings of reverence at the recent Bucknell University Junior College (Wilkes University's predecessor) annual Summer Reunion and Luncheon, held in honor of Dr. Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski.

BUJC alumnae from the classes of 1938-1952 spent the afternoon with their former dean, professor, director and house mother, from Mountaintop, Pa. The Wilkes Alumni Association hosted the affair, which included a catered luncheon and short program in Weckesser Hall, South Franklin Street.

"This event allows us to talk about things in the past," said Dr. Sangiuliano Tyburski. "It brings us together again."

Feelings that brought the women of BUJC together this year resulted from numerous stories narrated by the guests. Historian and Wilkes president, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, compared the quaint campus they knew as students with the recent construction and renovation projects currently underway.

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With all the changes taking place as a result of the current "Endow the Future" Capital Campaign and the millennium approaching, the women reflected on what campus was like during the days when the men of BUJC were sent off to war and what it was like when they returned.

Many of the reunion goers made a point to check out Wilkes's new \$7.7 million Student Union, to be dedicated September 24, which Breiseth referred to as "the most beautiful structure built in the Wyoming Valley since the 1920s."

But mostly, they gave heartwarming examples of time spent with Dr. Sangiuliano Tyburski and the ways she's touched their lives. One in particular described her as a caring mentor who went above and beyond the call of duty to help her students. For no extra pay, Dr. Sangiuliano Tyburski would spend her evening hours teaching theatre makeup to any student needing a little extra help and attention.

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First row, left to right -

Loretta Farris '44, Swoyersville, Pa.; Jane Breiseth, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Norma Sanguiliano Tyburski, Mountaintop, Pa.; Lydia Greenbaum Berman '40, Wilkes-Barre; Ilaria Sterniuk Zubritzky '38, McKees Rocks, Pa.; Jennie Bullock, acting executive director for Alumni at Wilkes, Wilkes-Barre; Priscilla Sweeney Smith '50, Trenton, N.J.; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president

Second row, left to right -

Beedee O'Donnell Barrett '44, Glenside, Pa.; Dorothy Teresinski W. Carroll '40, Dallas, Pa.; Janet Post Phillips '44, Trucksville, Pa.; Sallyanne Frank Rosenn '42, Kingston, Pa.; Charlotte Reichlin Cutler '42, Kingston, Pa.; Louise Hazeltine '44, Trucksville, Pa.; Katherine Freund '42, Wilkes-Barre; Marion Martin Frantz '39, Wilkes-Barre

Third row, left to right -

Kathleen Darcy Walsh '42, New York City, N.Y.; Marion Waters Bressler '41, State College, Pa.; Ann Lee Bressler, Davidson, N.C.; Gloria Farkas Fierverker '46, Kingston, Pa.; Alberta Novick Killian '46, Mountaintop, Pa.; Helen B. Ralston '52, Wilkes-Barre

Fourth row, left to right -

Trev Speicher Kramer '43, Wilkes-Barre; Ellen Brennan '50, Kingston, Pa.; Lillian Morgan Mayka '38, Mountaintop, Pa.; Barbara Medland Farley '50, Beaumont, Pa.; Hilary Zubritzky, Pittsburgh, Pa.



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TO: NEWS EDITORS
FROM: WILKES COLLEGE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
RE: NEWS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 9th

Wilkes College will hold a news conference to introduce its new president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, on Friday, March 9, at 3:45 p.m. in Room 1, (lower level) of Stark Learning Center, South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

President Robert S. Capin will introduce Dr. Breiseth, who, after a brief statement, will be available to answer your questions.

I've enclosed a vita and an earlier press release on Dr. Breiseth and a fact sheet about Wilkes. If I can give you further information before the conference, please call at the above number.

Thanks for your participation in introducing Dr. Breiseth to the community.

Illinois Prof Named New Wilkes President

Springfield, Ill., professor history has been named the president of Wilkes College. William L. Conyngham, announced the appointment of its new president at a news conference Monday morning in the Wilkes Performing Arts Center.

William L. Conyngham, chairman of the College Board trustees, said the newly appointed president, Dr. Stephen N. Brelseth, is "eminently qualified."

He will assume his post in late June 1984, when he will succeed Robert S. Capin who has served as president of the college since 1975.

Conyngham, asked about the selection of a president from outside the area, Conyngham replied, "A new broom sweeps clean. The search committee chose a handful of top candidates and no geographical thought was given."

Brelseth was selected from



William Conyngham
... Trustee chairman

more than 100 candidates who applied for the post. Capin said, "He needs and deserves our support."

Brelseth, who served for three years as president of Deep Springs College in California, a two-year liberal arts college, currently serves as professor and chairman of the History Department at Sangamon State University,

Springfield, Illinois. He received his B.A. degree in history with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958. In 1962 he received the B. Litt. degree in Modern British History from Oxford University and, in 1964, his Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University.

"We are extremely pleased that Dr. Brelseth has accepted the presidency of Wilkes College," said Conyngham in making the announcement. "His extensive background in the field of higher education, which includes both administrative and academic experience, will be valuable to Wilkes as we continue to build upon our tradition of academic quality and fiscal responsibility. The Presidential Search Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Patricia S. Davies, is to be commended for bringing to Wilkes and the Wyoming Valley, a person of Dr. Brelseth's background."

"We look forward," Conyngham continued, "to working with Dr. Brelseth as the College embarks on its second 50 years of service to the Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania."

Prior to becoming a member of the Sangamon State University faculty in 1971 where, during his tenure, he served as chairperson of the history program, the Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Budget Committee, Brelseth spent eight years at William College, Williamstown, Mass. At Williams, the Minneapolis, Minn. native served as an assistant professor of history and director of student activities.

From 1967 to 1969, the 47-year-old educator worked for the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. serving as chief of the Policy Guidance Branch for the Community Action Program.

A University of California at Los Angeles Phi Beta Kappa,

Brelseth has compiled numerous writings and authored several publications which include, "Lincoln and Frederick Douglas: Another Debate;" "George III and Abraham Lincoln Face the Rebels;" "Competency and Cooperation: A Poll Program;" and "Reshaping the Past: History Curriculum, Competency Education and the Contemporary World."

Active in community services, Brelseth served as co-director of three summer institutes on interracial education for Springfield (Ill.) school teachers and administrators from 1972 to 1974.

Brelseth is married to the former Jane Morhouse of Ticonderoga, N.Y. They have three children, Abigail (15), Erika (13), and Lydia (3).

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here," said Breiseth, the effulgent new president of Wilkes College.

Not all newcomers to the valley are so readily embraced. It's just that Breiseth makes no bones about reaching out to people and institutions beyond the walls of academia.

Neither is he treating Wilkes like it's the only school in town. Competition among area colleges makes for better education, but there are many areas where cooperation and a pooling of resources will benefit everyone, he said.

"We're all too poor to go off by ourselves and pretend we're the only ones who can provide higher education in this community," Breiseth said in a recent interview in his spacious office at Weckesser Hall, the former mansion of Frederick Weckesser on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre.

His office was Weckesser's library, a perfect place for a curious student of history. Breiseth, gazing at the empty book cases yet to be filled and the furnishings that include a portrait of Dr. Eugene Farley, Wilkes' first president, marvels at the courage it took to start a college in the depths of the Great Depression.

"The more we know about our history, the better we can serve," he said. "This college has unique roots. Our strength is that we've coped here."

He also marvels at a community that survived major disasters such as the 1972 flood and the collapse of the coal industry, and today forges ahead behind leaders with vision, he said.

"Look at what this city did after the flood. It hits you right between the eyes," Breiseth said.

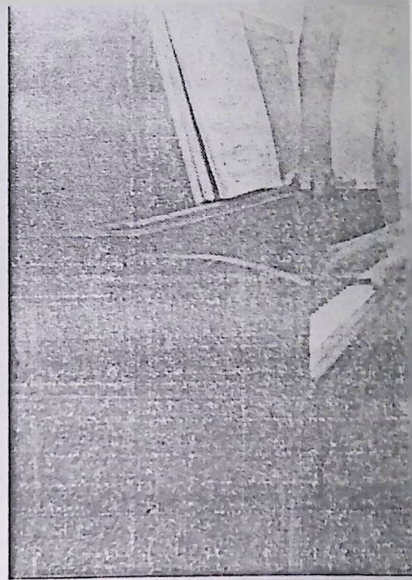
He wants to continue in that vein, venturing forward with innovative steps. One of his plans is to investigate the feasibility of establishing a historic district along South Franklin Street.

Coming to Wilkes from Sangamon State University in Springfield, Ill., where he was professor of history and head of the history department, Breiseth has a special appreciation of an area's local history.

Springfield, Abraham Lincoln's home, is a historic reminder of Lincoln's influence. Breiseth extensively researched the life and career of Lincoln, also leaving his mark on Springfield.

"We weren't really happy to see him go," said Michael Ayers, Sangamon's vice president of Academic Affairs. "He really helped us build a reputation here."

Breiseth joined Sangamon shortly after it was founded 15 years ago, and Ayers came the following year. Brei-



The Breiseth family, from left: wife, Ja

seth played a large role in building the university and was a "strong representative of the institution in the community," Ayers said. "You don't keep people like him very long."

Sangamon serves about 3,000 juniors, seniors and graduate students. About 1,900 students are enrolled at Wilkes.

Springfield's loss was a bonus for Wilkes-Barre, said Father James Lackenmier, King's College president.

Breiseth and Lackenmier have already planned a joint theater venture for this school year. The productions will be staged at alternate facilities using faculty and students from both schools. "In effect it will double our faculty and double our talent pool," Lackenmier said.

Lackenmier, who met Breiseth before he was chosen to head Wilkes, is pleased with the board of trustee's selection. "We are eager to welcome Dr. Breiseth into the higher education community," he said. "He brings with him enthusiasm and clearly a lot of energy."

Breiseth, a trim, articulate 47-year-old, says he's the first outsider of the four presidents in Wilkes' 48-year history.

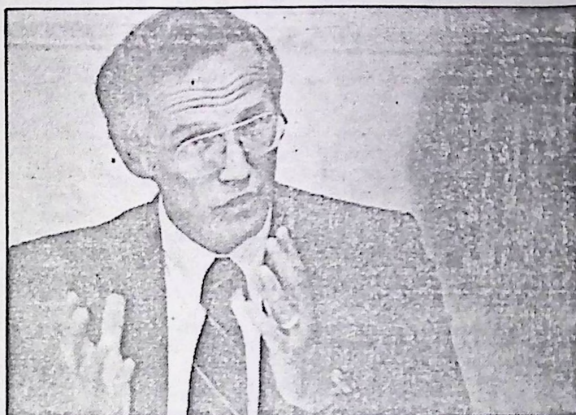
He is compensating, though. What natives might casually absorb over several years or decades, Breiseth is soaking up like a sponge in a matter of weeks.

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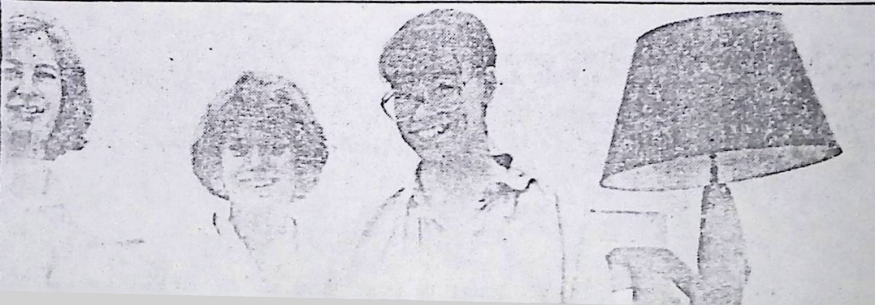
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Christopher Breiseth, Wilkes College's new president, is at home in his role as administrator.

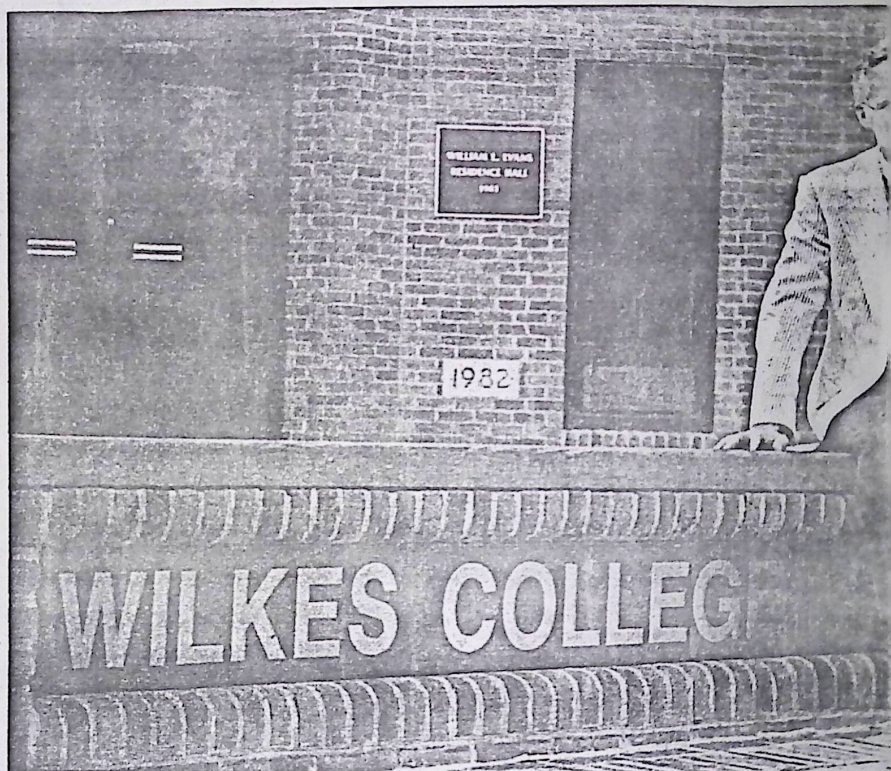
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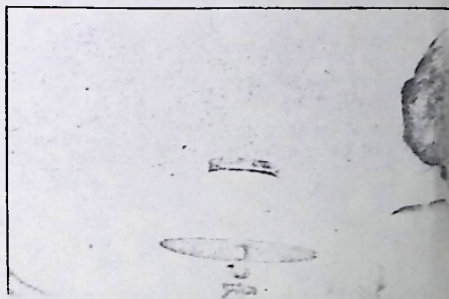


A history lover with

Wilkes' new president brings bold ideas, practical insights

By STEVEN HEPKER
Staff Writer

When Dr. Christopher Breiseth went grocery shopping on his first night in town, a shopper told him to check the eggs he had picked up. One was broken.





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, daughters Erika, 14, and Abigail, 15. Lydia, 4, sits in center with her father.

'The more we know about our history, the better we can serve. This college has unique roots. Our strength is that we've coped here.'

— Dr. Christopher Breiseth
President, Wilkes College

He has met and talked with more than 300 community leaders at breakfasts, luncheons and dinners hosted by trustees, and he has not yet begun to meet with the various community groups.

"Chris brings an enthusiasm that is most welcome in this town," said Beverly Hiscox, the school's first woman fund drive chairman. "His vision is a little bit broader and more far-reaching than has been the tradition at Wilkes."

She cited Breiseth's plan to establish Wilkes as a research center to study giardiasis. "He sees Wilkes needing the community as much as the community needs Wilkes," Mrs. Hiscox said.

One of Breiseth's goals will be to put students more in touch with the community's problems. Water pollution, acid rain, flood control and social problems are just a few areas where

students can combine classroom knowledge with practical experience, he said.

At the core of his philosophy of education is the simplicity of good old-fashioned responsibility, something he says urbanized America has denied its youth. "By responsibility I mean taking on a significant activity where you're accountable to others for your performance," Breiseth said.

Mrs. Hiscox, like others who've gotten to know Breiseth, was pleasantly surprised at how quickly he took to the area and its people. She and husband, Harry, a Wilkes-Barre attorney, became friends with Breiseth and his wife, Jane, immediately.

"They very much want to be a part of this community," she said. "He believes in the public school system. Their children will be going to public school," Mrs. Hiscox said. "I think that says something about a man in his position."

Daughters Abigail, 15, and Erika, 14, will attend Meyers High School, Breiseth said. Mrs. Breiseth, 44, is busy raising the teenagers and 4-year-old Lydia. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in the field of comparative literature from Cornell University and is experienced in adult education and teaching junior high English.

The whole family loves listening to

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and performing music. The girls are learning to play the piano, just as Breiseth did when he was 4 years old. He also enjoys reading and history and says he is fascinated by the American political process, though he will remain apolitical as president.

Although he was raised in Minneapolis and Los Angeles, a generation away from farming, Breiseth is a man of the soil at heart. He visited his aunt's farm as a youth, and four years ago, with three degrees in hand, got his first taste of farm life.

In 1980 he took a three-year leave of absence from Sangamon to head Deep Springs College, an innovative two-year school in the desert of South-eastern California.

The two-dozen-or-so male students enrolled there through Cornell University spend much of their time working on a cattle ranch, raising alfalfa, running a dairy, and handling school finances. They live in a bunkhouse and take their meals with the faculty and administrators.

While the school reflects Breiseth's belief that "students shouldn't be afraid to fail," half the Deep Springs students go on to become Ph.D.s, he said.

Breiseth says a good liberal arts education ought to prepare students for a life that might include a half-dozen careers. "Too narrowly channel students is to leave them without total development," he said.

The combination of a liberal learning experience, practical application and student self-government is what Breiseth calls a "holistic education vi-

At the core of Breiseth's philosophy of education is the simplicity of good old-fashioned responsibility.

sion that Wilkes has always been committed to."

"We have a great opportunity now to shore up the relationship of the three," he said. To that end he wants students to be more involved with life on and off campus. They will be encouraged to develop dormitory skills — the type of skills that are lacking among students from today's smaller families.

Educated at the University of California at Los Angeles, Cornell University in New York and Oxford University in Great Britain, Breiseth's path beyond college has included various intellectual pursuits.

Originally a history teacher and activities director at Williams College in Massachusetts, he later worked as a policy officer for the federal Commission on Economic Opportunity, in Washington, D.C.

In the short time since Breiseth succeeded outgoing Wilkes President Robert Capin on July 1, he has earned re-

spect from his peers, all of whom are fairly new at heading local colleges.

Dr. Joseph Fink, who is the dean of local college presidents with six years at the helm at College Misericordia in Dallas, calls Breiseth "bright and perceptive."

Although cooperation among local colleges is not new, Fink said he is especially pleased that Breiseth has stressed his willingness to work with community and education leaders.

"You get a good impression from him. He didn't bury himself somewhere, but immediately thrust himself into the college and community life," said Thomas Moran, president of Luzerne County Community College.

Moran said Breiseth's philosophy on interdependency among local colleges is something he and other leaders strive for, and he is eager to work with Breiseth and Wilkes. "If one of us is in trouble, we're all in trouble," he said.

In the coming weeks and months Breiseth will be working with Wilkes trustees, administrators, faculty and students to determine the best direction for the college for the 1990s.

Meanwhile, he said, he will continue to share his "fervent boosterism" for his new home, focusing on what he calls the region's long-term strengths: pride, family values and a low crime rate.

Charles Becomes Dean of Development

Breiseth Named Wilkes College President

Wilkes College introduced its new president-elect and dean of development to Wyoming Valley Thursday during a press conference at Weckesser Hall, Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, professor of history at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Ill., will become Wilkes' fourth president in its 50-year history July 1. He will replace Robert S. Capin, who will step down at the end of May. Capin served as President of Wilkes since 1975.

Richard F. Charles of Lancaster, the present director of development at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, has been appointed Dean of Development at Wilkes effective July 1.

Joking that he "thinks Northeastern Pennsylvania is much more attractive than the Pittsburgh airport" where his flight was delayed earlier in the day, Dr. Breiseth described his brief interaction with the region as heartening and said he was eagerly anticipating his new duties.

"Wilkes College mixes an

urban campus with a residential college, a combination of great promise. My first priority is to make this as attractive a place for students to come as possible," Dr. Breiseth said. "There is hardly a dimension of higher education that we can't see flourish here."

Breiseth, who served for three years as president of Deep Springs College, in California, a select two-year liberal arts college, received his BA degree in history with highest honors from the University of California in 1958. In 1962, he received the B.Litt. degree in Modern British History from Oxford University and, in 1964, his PhD in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University.

At age 47, he has been published extensively in academic publications and, from 1967 to 1979, worked for the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C., serving as the chief of the Policy Guidance Branch for the Community Action Program. He joined the faculty of Sangamon State University in

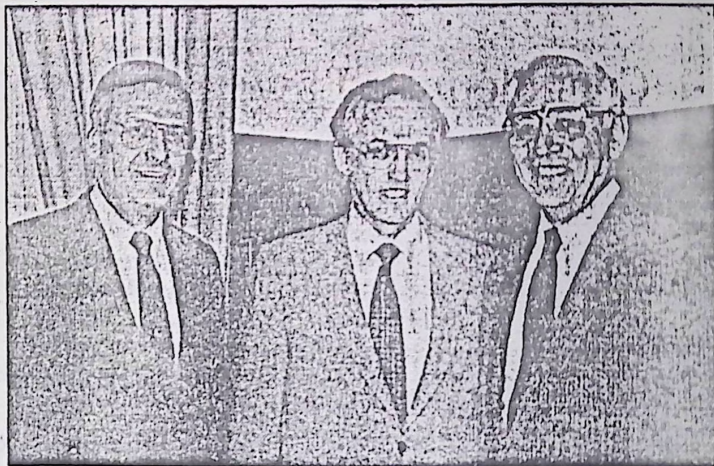
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Dr. Breiseth, accompanied by his wife, Jane, said a market analysis soon to be evaluated by the board of trustees which will address such timely issues as enrollment, curriculum and community needs as well as how Wilkes measures up to other institutions in the state and nation is a step in the right direction.

"Probably from this arise the need for an additional committee to define the 'Mission' of Wilkes College. This is a challenge that will confront me in my first year here."

Charles, the new Dean of Development, told the gathering that he "looks forward to bright days ahead, but not without their challenges."

Charles was hired as a development officer in 1970 at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, and advanced through various posts there to his appointment as head of Development in 1979. There he conducted a successful \$9 million capital campaign and numerous other fund raisers, accumulating the highest 12-

**Wilkes College Gets New President**

Principals at Thursday's press conference, from left are: Richard F. Charles, Christopher Breiseth, president-elect; Richard Capin, outgoing Wilkes president.

month fund drive total in the college's history.

Prior to his affiliation with development in education, Charles served as Director of Public Relations with the

Hamilton Watch Company. He later moved to the Georgia Pacific Corporation as manager of Industrial Relations.

He has written and lectured

extensively on management techniques for fund raising, and is the author of "The Phonathon Book," a manual for soliciting gifts by telephone.

New Wilkes head wants to define college's direction

By BORYS KRAWCZENIUK
Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes College's new president said Thursday the school's educational direction should be clearly defined and he would work to define it.

"The mission of all higher education is undergoing change," said Christopher Breiseth at a press conference.

After he assumes his new role July 1, Breiseth said he will organize a committee to better define the needs of the college and its potential students.

"There's hardly a dimension of higher education that can't flourish in Wilkes-Barre," he said.

Breiseth, 47, will replace President Robert S. Capin, 58, who announced his resignation in December 1982 and has stayed on while the college's board of trustees searched for a replacement. The board picked Breiseth over more than 200 other applicants, Capin said.

The new president comes to Wilkes from Sangamon State University in Springfield, Ill., where he chaired the school's history department.



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In a meeting of the old and the new, outgoing Wilkes College President Robert S. Capin, right, is shown with new President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, center, and Richard F. Charles, new dean of development.

ment. He had originally been scheduled to meet with the press in early March, but the conference was postponed when his plane was snowed in at the Pittsburgh airport. On the way to Wilkes-Barre Thursday, he was again delayed at that airport.

When asked why he decided to relocate to Northeastern Pennsylvania, he joked, "Well, I think North-

eastern Pennsylvania is much more attractive than the Pittsburgh airport."

Breiseth, his wife Jane, and their three daughters, Abigail, 15; Erika, 13; and Lydia, 3, will move into the presidential home owned by the college in late June.

At the conference, Breiseth introduced another newcomer, Richard F. Charles, 52, who on July 1 will become the college's new dean

of development.

Charles, director of development at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster since 1979, said he also had been received warmly by Wyoming Valley residents and that convinced him to come here.

"There is no love potion as potent as being wanted. I found it most persuasive," he said.

Charles and his wife, Pauline, will move to the area in June.

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NOTED CHEMIST VISITS WILKES UNIVERSITY

WILKES-BARRE-- Dr. Anna Harrison, Professor Emeritus at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, recently presented a seminar at Wilkes University entitled "Endeavors to Improve Undergraduate Science Education." The seminar followed Dr. Harrison's appearance as the keynote speaker at the 248th meeting of Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society, which included the Annual Chemical Education Awards.

Dr. Harrison was welcomed to the University by Dr. Howard Swain, Chairman of the Chemistry Department and University President Christopher Breiseth. She attended a breakfast in her honor which included members of the Wilkes University Chemical Society.

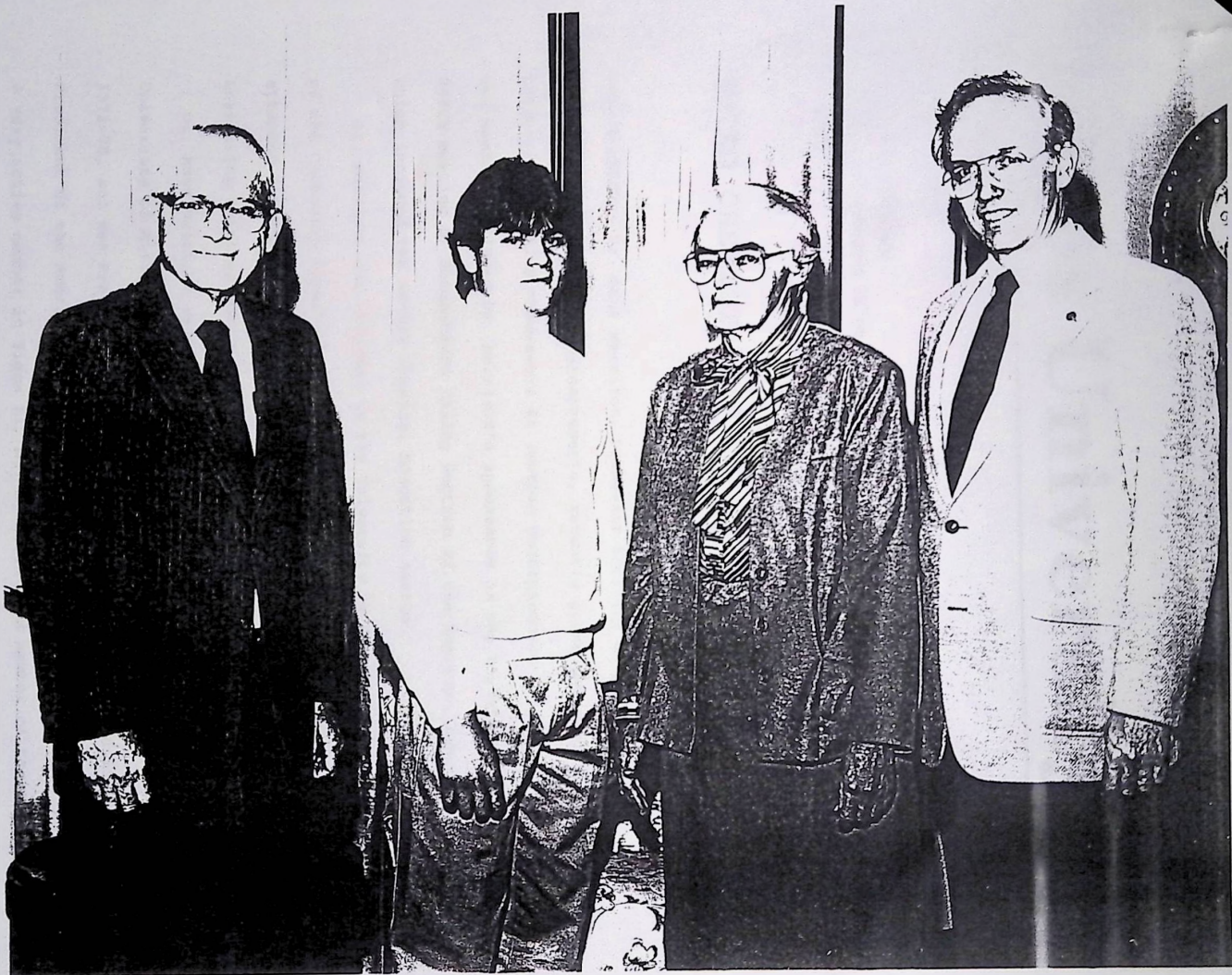
Dr. Anna Harrison received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Missouri. She served on the National Science Board from 1972-78, and was President of the American Chemical Society in 1978 and President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1983. A very active member in Sigma Xi, Dr. Harrison is a member of the National Science Teachers Association.

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In 1989, she co-authored a textbook with Edwin S. Weaver entitled "Chemistry - A Search to Understand" which is written to teach technical competence in chemistry to those students who have intellectual curiosity but are not professionally driven. Dr. Harrison has a long term commitment to understanding the relationship between science, technology and society.

PHOTO: STANDING FROM LEFT, DR. HOWARD SWAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WILKES UNIVERSITY CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, ROGER BELLAS, WILKES STUDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE WILKES UNIVERSITY CHEMICAL SOCIETY, DR. ANNA HARRISON AND DR. CHRISTOPHER BREISETH, PRESIDENT OF WILKES UNIVERSITY.



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EXCLUSIVE TO THE SUNDAY INDEPENDENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WILKES TO HOLD ALL-COLLEGE CONVOCATION

President Christopher N. Breiseth has announced that Wilkes College will hold its First, Annual All-College Convocation, on Sunday, September 23, at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium on South Franklin Street.

Dr. Breiseth said, "We look forward to the convocation as an appropriate way to start the academic year, and as a means of demonstrating the cohesiveness of the Wilkes College family. It serves to bring together members of the faculty, staff, administration and student body in a spirit of renewal and purpose."

An Invocation by Johanna Adamitz, aerospace studies department will open the ceremony. Dr. Gerald Hartdagen, dean of academic affairs, and Dr. Breiseth will address the group, and Benediction will be given by Professor Robert Ogren, department of biology.

A special musical selection entitled "Touchstones" will be performed by the Wind Ensemble, Jerome Campbell, conductor. The premier performance of this piece was conducted by Campbell earlier this year at the Silver Jubilee Festival of the Massachusetts Music Educators, in Boston. It will be narrated by Dr. Hartdagen.

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WHO: WILKES UNIVERSITY

**WHAT: LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

WHERE: RAMADA HOTEL - WILKES-BARRE

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 8 AM

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MARK DAVIS
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WILKES HOSTS FINANCIAL AUTHOR AT BREAKFAST LECTURE

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University will host Herve de Carmoy, author of Global Banking Strategy: Financial Markets and Industrial Decay at a breakfast lecture and discussion on international banking and industrial development at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 15, at the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. de Carmoy is a guest of Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University. Fellow students at Cornell University, they met while Dr. Breiseth was working on his Ph.D in Modern European Intellectual History.

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

Recently published in English, de Carmoy's book is a critique of American and British banking judged by the standards of banks developing in Western Europe and in Japan. He is a former Chief Executive Officer of the Chase Manhattan Bank in Paris, of Global Banking at Midland Bank in England, of the

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Thomas Cook Group, and, most recently, of the Societe Generale de Belgique.

Individuals wishing to attend the breakfast should call Dr. Breiseth's office at Wilkes University, 824-4651 ext. 4000 for reservations.

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CAMPUS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE BEGINS AT WILKES UNIVERSITY

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University students, faculty, administration and support staff will have a new opportunity to participate in projects and seminars to enhance their leadership skills as part of Campus Leadership Development, a national program initiated by the Association of American Colleges.

Participating institutions have been grouped with other schools of similar size to further develop plans for this initiative. Wilkes University is working with committees from Gettysburg College and Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

The Campus Leadership Development Project is funded by the Kellogg Foundation. The Wilkes committee has developed a customized proposal for the University. Each year 12 members of the campus community will be offered the opportunity to hone their leadership skills through formal training and by developing a project aimed at advancing the mission of the institution.

Additionally, the group will serve as a steering committee, working with

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the Human Resources Management Office, to provide workshops for the entire campus community.

Dr. Robert J. Heaman, Executive Assistant to the President and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs recently attended a conference of the Association of American Colleges in Washington, D.C. to deliver a report on the progress and success of the Wilkes University Leadership Committee.

PHOTO: Members of the Wilkes University Campus Leadership Committee met recently with a representative from the Association of American Colleges. Seated, from left: Dr. Anne H. Batory, Associate Professor of Business Administration; and James DeCosmo, Associate Professor of Math and Computer Science. Standing, from left: Mark Allen, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. Robert J. Heaman, Executive Assistant to the President and Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs; Robert Schoenberg, Association of American Colleges; Scott Bodfish, Director of Institutional Research and Planning Support; and Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University.

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WILKES PRESIDENT SPEAKER FOR ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS DINNER APRIL 13TH

WILKES-BARRE-- Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth has been named as the keynote speaker for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards Banquet on Saturday April 13th. His speech is titled "Rethinking America's World Position." The affair at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre begins with cocktails at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm and the program at 8:00pm.

"We are very proud to have Dr. Breiseth as the keynote speaker for the Association's event of the year," said Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President of the Arab American Association.

The President of Wilkes since 1984, Dr. Breiseth received his baccalaureate degree in history with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (1958) where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received the B.Litt in Modern British History from Oxford University (1962), and the Ph.D. in Modern European Intellectual History from Cornell University (1964).

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A Woodrow Wilson Graduate Fellow at Cornell University from 1958-60, Dr. Breiseth was also awarded the Telluride Association/Lincoln College Exchange Scholarship at Oxford University from 1960-62. He joined the faculty at Williams College in 1963 and served as the Liaison Officer for Fulbright, Marshall, and Rhodes Scholarships.

In 1967, while on leave from Williams, Dr. Breiseth served as Chief of the Policy Guidance Branch on Community Action in the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington D.C. In 1970, he was a post-doctoral Danforth Fellow in Black Studies at the University of Chicago. After completing his research in Black Studies Dr. Breiseth joined the history faculty at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois. There he chaired the History program and was elected the first chairman of the Faculty Senate.

In 1980, Dr. Breiseth accepted the Presidency of Deep Springs College in California and served for three years as its President and Dean before returning to Sangamon State University where he taught until his appointment as President of Wilkes.

During his tenure at Wilkes, Dr. Breiseth has had an enormous impact on both the university and the community. He is an integral part of the community and a constant advocate for the strong alliance that exists between the two.

One of the many highlights of his presidency was his recent trip to Bulgaria (July 1990) as part of a team of Wilkes University educators. The team presented a two-week management seminar to Bulgarian business and government leaders.

He has been a leader in many civic organizations which include the Osterhout Library; Leadership Wilkes-Barre; United Way of Wyoming Valley (Chair Education Division-1990); and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership.

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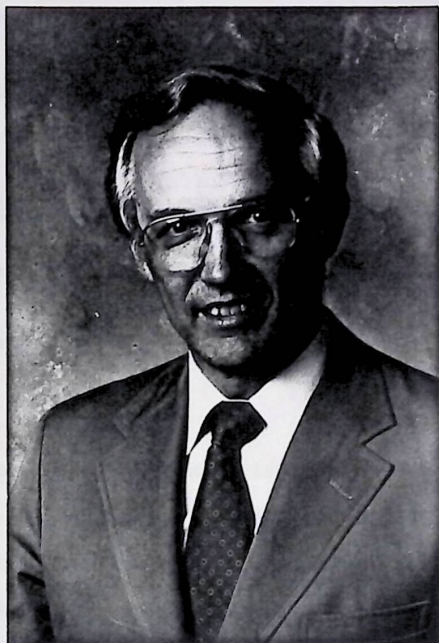
Within the business community Dr. Breiseth has worked to foster development and economic growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He has also been instrumental in developing ways in which educational institutions in the Wyoming Valley can work together to pool resources for the benefit of all students. His leadership is credited with the achievement that moved Wilkes to University status on January 1st, 1990.

Photo: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth. President of Wilkes University

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PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL TO GIVE GRANTS WORKSHOP AT WILKES

WILKES-BARRE--Those who are interested in the mechanics of grant-writing for the non-profit organization or who want to know more about what grants are available to them will have the opportunity to do so at the Pennsylvania Humanities Council's workshop and counseling sessions at Wilkes College Marts Center on Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

PHC representatives will offer grant counseling appointments from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. following the workshop on program development and a public meeting on the Council's work.

Anyone interested in attending any part of the program may phone PHC at 1-800-462-0442 by April 21. Individual appointments will be scheduled on request, between 1-5 p.m.

The Council has recently supported local programs that include: "Anthracite Capital of the World," a radio program on WVIA-FM; "The Eleventh Annual Conference on Black History in Pennsylvania," held at Wilkes College in May, 1988; "Children of Poverty: An Historical Perspective of Wyoming Valley, PA," a videotape produced by the Martin Luther King Committee on Social Justice; and "Cry Freedom," a lecture by Donald Woods on Steven Biko and South Africa at Marywood College.

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Leading the workshop will be the Council's associate director Joseph J. Kelly, who is organizing state-wide programs on the Bill of Rights and the Columbus Quincentenary. Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes College and a member PHC's executive committee will host the workshop.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is a private, non-profit organization serving the Commonwealth as an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each year the Council's volunteer members consider hundreds of proposals for programs in a variety of formats, including conferences, exhibits, films, radio broadcasts, discussion groups and lectures.

All programs involve the collaborative efforts of community people and scholars in the humanities in history, philosophy, literature, and other academic disciplines that explore the meaning and value of human life.

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WILKES UNIVERSITY SETS BUSINESS CAREER DAY

WILKES-BARRE--High school juniors and seniors from a five-county area have been invited to a special Business Career Day at Wilkes University on Friday, February 9th. The event, sponsored by the School of Business, Society and Public Policy, will be held in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts on the university campus.

Career Day offers an opportunity for high school students to learn more about the types of professions and options available to them in today's business world. Students from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties have been invited to be part of this special program.

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The principal speakers include: John J. Sosik, C.P.A. , a financial analyst with Nabisco Brands; Stephen S. Batory, Ph.D. , a marketing consultant with Batory and Associates and a member of the faculty at the University of Scranton and Dorothy Price, M.B.A. , Coordinator of Career Counseling at Wilkes University.

The program will also include remarks from Wilkes University President Christopher Breiseth and Theodore Engel, Dean of the School of Business, Society and Public Policy.

Career Day activities are coordinated by Professors Anne Heineman Batory and Sherry E. Rodin of Wilkes University.

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ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS HONORS

DR. CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

WILKES-BARRE-- The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans (NPAAA) recently recognized Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his leadership in education and his community service.

Dr. Wagiha Taylor, President of the Association presented the award and praised Dr. Breiseth for his dedication and commitment to the local community.

"This award is an unprecedented action by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans. Dr. Breiseth is the only non-member honored by the Association since its inception in 1973," said Dr. Taylor.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Association of Arab Americans is an organization which honors civic-minded people, awards scholarships to deserving young people, supports charitable organizations and promotes the education and enlightenment of both its members and the community by sponsoring appropriate speakers.

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Photo: Shown making the presentation are from left, Allan Allan, NPAAA Vice President; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, NPAAA President; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes President and George Saba, NPAAA Past President.

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WILKES IMPLEMENTING CAMPUS COMPACT

WILKES-BARRE--This is the time of year for giving, and Wilkes College has become the only educational institution in Northeastern Pennsylvania to participate in a program designed to do just that. Members of Wilkes administration and student body met recently to discuss plans for implementing Campus Compact, a national, action-oriented effort to foster greater commitment to public service among college students.

"It's a program that educates students to become responsible citizen's of the community. It raises awareness among young people about the value of community service while it reduces the disincentives for service work," said Dr. Paul Adams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Wilkes.

According to Adams, many such programs are already in place at Wilkes, which is one of only 17 colleges in the state to participate in Campus Compact. Wilkes students participated in nearly 60 public service projects over the past two years. Among

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these were: charitable fund-raising efforts; internships with social service organizations; tutoring at the YM/YWCA; and recycling projects. Adams cited the service organizations that already exist at Wilkes, including Circle K, Arnold Air Society, Human Services, Wilkes College Fellowship Program, and Wilkes Hunger Education and Action Task Force (WHEAT).

Wilkes President, Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, said, "Campus Compact is designed to address social concerns, and at Wilkes there is special effort to reach out beyond the college campus and to help all the students realize the importance of community involvement."

Wilkes administration is working with numerous student groups in an effort to organize a central, student-operated distribution point for new Campus Compact projects, and to discover methods that will involve the entire campus.

The national project is under the Education Commission of the States (ECS), and the Pennsylvania effort, one of only three such state level compacts, is being coordinated through the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU.)

PHOTO--Shown at a recent meeting with Director of Pennsylvania Campus Compact, Amy Hart, are some of the Wilkes participants. Seated, from left: Bruce Horn, commuter council president, Nanticoke; Nicolette Yevich, commuter council freshman

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representative, Falls; Charles Swiegert, student government president, Philadelphia; and Hart.

Standing: Jim Clark, assistant sports editor of "The Beacon," (Wilkes student newspaper) Plymouth; Lee Morrell, editor-in-chief of "The Beacon, Wilkes-Barre; Breiseth; Jane Lampe-Groh, dean of student affairs; Sandro Rotella, freshman vice president and chairman of the food committee for the inter-residence hall council; and Sharon Froude, president of BACCHUS, a student alcohol and drug abuse prevention program.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REDISCOVERED THROUGH CAMPUS COMPACT

WILKES-BARRE---There will be even more of an emphasis on community service at Wilkes College, thanks to a new organization called Campus Compact.

The Campus Compact is a national organization that will help define the college student's role in community service.

At Wilkes, they are trying to involve the students in a community they have adopted as their "home." To date, the Wilkes Compact has organized a tutoring project and has a series of projects in the works.

The idea for the Campus Compact was brought to Wilkes by Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, President of Wilkes College.

"I read about it the my first year and thought it might be good. I was convinced that this generation will be the one to rediscover service. I felt that if campus leaders, such as myself, don't get this ball rolling, we are to blame," said Breiseth.

"It's a good thing for the students because it helps to fulfill the community's needs and it also broadens the students awareness of their own potential," added Paul S. Adams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

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According to Jim Clark, one of students who comprised the original steering committee they were called together because of their leadership qualities.

"In that first meeting that I went to, I was surrounded by the President of the College, the President of the Student Government, Commuter Council, and Inter-Residence Hall Council, the Editor of The Beacon (student newspaper); there were some really great ideas going around."

"Our challenge was to get the existing organizations to identify what they were already doing to help the community and to inspire them to do new things," said Breiseth. "We decided to go to the people who were already busy, the doers, to get things done. That would be the leaders of the clubs on campus."

After the first series of meetings, the group decided to choose a theme to base their first project on. It was decided that they would center on education, specifically tutoring for the under-privileged. With Clark's help, the group made contact with the Mineral Springs housing project where they tutored for the rest of the semester.

With a successful project underway, the Wilkes Compact was invited to Harrisburg to present their club to the rest of Pennsylvania Campus Compact.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REDISCOVERED THROUGH CAMPUS COMPACT AD/2

The group focused their discussion on the creation of their chapter, the hard work they had to do, and the many problems they had to overcome.

"We were honest about the problems we had getting Campus Compact started," said Breiseth. Our honesty was appreciated by the schools who were not as far along as us."

The future looks bright for the Compact. Last year's starting members are next year's leaders and the group finally has a focus on what they are doing.

Adds Breiseth: "I think it's a real movement."

Photo: Pictured are the members of the Wilkes Campus Compact who attended the State Campus Compact Conference in Harrisburg. From left they are: Paul S. Adams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes College President; Lee Morrell, Chairman, 1989-90; Jim Clark, Co-Chairman, 1989-90; and Charles Sweigert, Chairman, 1988-89.



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WILKES HONORS DR. PHILIP BARON AT UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DINNER

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA-- Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth recently presented a plaque to Philip Baron, Ph.D. of Brooklyn in appreciation for his service and dedication to Wilkes as a founding member of the University Council. The presentation was made prior to a dinner held in Weckesser Hall, a nineteenth century mansion on the Wilkes campus. Baron served as first vice chair of the prestigious group.

The Council is a national organization of outstanding alumni and friends who have exercised leadership in service to the University. The Council advises the President on the achievement of the University's long-term, strategic objectives. The University looks to the Council to play important roles in their communities and in their professional fields.

The Council has several purposes including to serve in the exchange of information between the University and the communities represented by Council members; to provide a source of specialized skills and expertise to be used by Wilkes in selected efforts and projects to benefit the University; to provide a forum for discussion of issues and concerns of the University; and to recognize alumni and others for outstanding efforts on behalf of Wilkes through election to the Council.

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Philip Baron, Ph.D., is Professor of Business and Social Policy at the Hagan School of Business, Iona College, New Rochelle, New York. His courses are Business and Society and Business Policy.

He is co-author of "Cases in Strategic Management" and has written and published numerous articles and papers in the areas of Government and Business and Business Policy. Included are cases, scholarly works, and essays.

Dr. Baron grew up in Plymouth, Pennsylvania and graduated from Plymouth High School. He attended Wilkes and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell University. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and received a Master of Business Administration and Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Business Administration, New York University. His areas of concentration were political economy, business and economic history, and finance.

Prior to college teaching, he was a business economist with the Prudential Insurance Company and Equitable.

He is married and has two sons. His wife, Rosalyn, is the second woman to have been on the New York Stock Exchange.

PHOTO: Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth (left) presents a plaque to Dr. Philip Baron in honor of his service and dedication to Wilkes University as a founding member of the University Council.

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WILKES-BARRE WOMAN PARTICIPANT IN "TEACH FOR AMERICA"

WILKES-BARRE-- A Wilkes-Barre woman has been selected as a participant in a program "The New York Times" has said "could become a powerful force for education reform."

Abigail Breiseth, daughter of Christopher and Jane Breiseth of West River Street, is one of the first 480 teachers participating in "Teach for America." Starting in September, the program will inject new teachers and new energy into schools across the country.

A 1986 graduate of Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Ms. Breiseth graduated with honors in June from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies in the Humanities. Her father is Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes University.

The idea behind "Teach for America" is to enlist bright college graduates to teach in public schools for a minimum of two years. In exchange, the teachers are permitted to defer their Federal student loan payments, as the

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Government allows for those who work in school districts ^Suffering teacher shortages.

Student representatives and a team of trained recruiters searched the country for prospects at 100 top colleges and universities. More than 2,600 people applied and 480 have been accepted for the first class.

Ms. Breiseth will attend an eight-week summer institute at the University of Southern California and then receive practical teaching experience as a student teacher in Los Angeles, which operates year-round schools. She will teach in a Los Angeles elementary school, with the other participants assigned to Los Angeles, New York, New Orleans, Baton Rouge and rural districts in North Carolina and Georgia.

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MEMO

TO: CHRISTOPHER N. BREISETH

FROM: MARK DAVIS

REASON: THOMAS J. MORAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

DATE: JUNE 18, 1990

THE WINNER OF THE THOMAS J. MORAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE FALL '90 SEMESTER IS PAULA LAMPMAN OF 20 WEST KIRMAR AVENUE IN NANTICOKE. A 1985 GRADUATE OF CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, PAULA ATTENDED LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FROM 1985-86 AND COMPLETED HER JOURNALISM STUDIES IN 1989-90. DURING HER FINAL SEMESTER SHE CARRIED 19 CREDITS AND EARNED A 3.2 GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

WHILE AT LCCC PAULA WAS A STAFF WRITER FOR THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER THE OUTLOOK, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND A MEMBER OF INTERCOLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP. SHE VOLUNTEERS PART OF HER TIME AT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND AS A COACH FOR THE SLOCUM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S SUMMER VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER PROGRAM.

IN HER APPLICATION, PAULA NOTED SHE SELECTED WILKES UNIVERSITY BEFORE SHE HEARD ABOUT THE MORAN SCHOLARSHIP, BECAUSE SHE FELT WILKES HAD THE MOST TO OFFER AS SHE CONTINUES HER PURSUIT OF A JOURNALISM DEGREE. WHEN SHE BEGINS HER JUNIOR YEAR THIS FALL, PAULA WANTS TO BECOME A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WILKES STUDENT NEWSPAPER, THE BEACON.

CC:
JANE MANGANELLA

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Here is the NY Times editorial - our only copy
so please return.

Abigail Breiseth was one of the 480 selected and
will be teaching in an elementary school in Los Angeles
for the next two years. She graduated on June 9, 1990, from
The University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree in General
Studies in the Humanities with Honors. She graduated
from Meyer H.S. in 1986. Daughter of JMB & CNB, etc.

Thanks much. We have no glossy picture. She will
be here on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week before heading to L.A.

Christopher N. Breiseth, President • Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18766

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Teach for America

Amid all the gale-force commencement wind, some members of the Class of '90 already know that they can make a living and make a difference. They are among the first volunteers in Teach for America, a program that, starting in September, will inject new teachers and new energy into American schools. The program, a testament to the power of one person's idea, could become a powerful force for education reform.

Teach for America is the brainchild of Wendy Kopp, a 22-year-old who graduated from Princeton last June. At the beginning of her senior year she attended a conference on how to improve education. Why not, she thought, unsure of her own future, a Peace Corps for teachers?

At length she persuaded a faculty member to let her develop the idea into her senior thesis. (She received an A.) Then she wrote to big corporations. Union Carbide gave her office space in its Manhattan headquarters; its chairman, Robert Kennedy, was the first recruit on Teach for America's board. Mobil Oil gave a \$26,000 seed grant.

Since last summer, Ms. Kopp has collected more than \$700,000 from corporations and foundations. From Dallas, where she attended public and private schools, Ross Perot, the businessman, has put up a \$500,000 challenge grant. Now, with 23 full-time staff members, Ms. Kopp is bringing Teach for America to life.

The idea is simple: Enlist bright college graduates to teach in public schools for a minimum of two years. In exchange, permit them to defer their Federal student loan repayments, as the Government allows for those who work in school districts suffering teacher shortages.

Student representatives and a team of trained

recruiters searched for prospects at 100 top colleges and universities. They helped attract 2,600 applicants; 480 have already been accepted for the first class. The recruiting focus is on graduating seniors but anyone is eligible.

Those selected will attend an eight-week summer institute at the University of Southern California and get practical experience as student teachers in Los Angeles, which operates year-round schools. By September the young teachers will be assigned to Los Angeles, New York, New Orleans, Baton Rouge and rural districts in North Carolina and Georgia. They will be hired under existing alternative certification procedures.

Dennis Gooding, a black who majored in political science at Yale, is a typical recruit. "The school system has a lack of sensitivity that I want to address in a personal way," he says. "There are a lot of talented high school students who get written off." Mr. Gooding, 22, hopes to teach history in a New York City high school.

Emilio Gonzales, a 21-year-old who just graduated from Columbia, will go home to Los Angeles to be a bilingual elementary school teacher. He seeks to overcome the disadvantages suffered by students in low-income districts. "If you get a kid thinking interesting thoughts, there's no telling what might happen if he's given an opportunity. That's what it's all about, isn't it?"

That's the spirit of Teach for America. With additional financial support, more school districts will be able to take advantage of the enthusiasm and commitment to education that Wendy Kopp has tapped among privileged young Americans.

WILKES-BARRE WOMAN PARTICIPANT IN "TEACH FOR AMERICA"

WILKES-BARRE-- A Wilkes-Barre woman has been selected as a participant in a program "The New York Times" has said "could become a powerful force for education reform."

Abigail Breiseth, daughter of Christopher and Jane Breiseth of West River Street, is one of the first 480 teachers participating in "Teach for America." Starting in September, the program will inject new teachers and new energy into schools across the country.

A 1986 graduate of Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Ms. Breiseth graduated with honors in June from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies in the Humanities. Her father is Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes University.

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Wilkes Homecoming Weekend is October 6-8

Wilkes-Barre -- Among the festivities planned for Wilkes University's Homecoming Weekend 2000, October 6-8, 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 Saturday, October 7, from 10:30 a.m.-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 Woodland's Inn and Resort from 7-8 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 10 and under will be admitted free. Admission for the Comedy Special is \$5 for those not attending the tribute.

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

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1st Add: Wilkes to Hold Homecoming Weekend October 6-8

The Annual Golf Tournament at Irem Temple Country Club on the 6th will officially kick off Homecoming Weekend festivities. Traditionally a popular event, the tournament is limited to the first 144 golfers to register. Check-in is 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. Cost is \$90 per person and 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 G.O.L.D. alumni, are invited to attend a "Party at the Woodlands" Friday night. A \$10 cover charge will include a happy hour event from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and entrance into the new dance club, Evolution.

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

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. And 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 Woodland's this year. Graduates can take the festivities into overtime from 5-7 p.m. in the Executive Lounge. Drink specials and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available.

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2nd Add: Wilkes to Hold Homecoming Weekend October 6-8

The Wilkes community will welcome back the Bucknell University Junior College (BUJC) U.S. Air Force Cadets for their millennium Reunion Brunch on Sunday, the 8th, beginning at noon at Best Western Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre. Cost is \$12 per person.

For more information on Homecoming events, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (570) 408-4130.

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Pro Football Columnist Paul Domowitch Shares Insight at Wilkes University's President's Breakfast Series

Wilkes-Barre - Paul J. Domowitch, of Marlton, N.J., a professional football columnist for the *Philadelphia Daily News* and a Wilkes University alumnus, was the featured speaker at the latest installment of the President's Breakfast Series.

Just in time for the start of football, Domowitch imparted his views on the National Football League and his outlook for the upcoming season to a crowd of approximately 45 in the Student Union Ballroom. Following his informal lecture, a question-and-answer session examined pre-season issues, how local athletes will fare in the NFL, plans for Veteran's Stadium, and other topics.

A native of Hanover Township, Domowitch has covered the National Football League for nearly 17 years and has worked for the *Philadelphia Daily News* since 1982. Domowitch was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1989 for a three-part series on the rise and fall of former Philadelphia Eagle Kevin Allen, a first-round draft pick who spent three years in prison for rape.

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1st Add: Paul Domowitch to Speak at Wilkes President's Breakfast Series

Domowitch graduated from Kingston Central Catholic High School in 1972 before matriculating to Wilkes, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1976. Ten years later, he returned to Wilkes to accept the "Distinguished Young Alumnus Year Award," presented each year at graduation.

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Photo, Left to Right - Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, of Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes University President; Paul J. Domowitch, of Marlton, N.J., Wilkes Class of 1976; and Paul Strunk, of Scranton, Pa., Vice President for Alumni, Development, and University Relations.



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WILKES UNIVERSITY BEGINS BRIDGE PROGRAM WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA

~~WILKES-BARRE~~---Wilkes University has started a new program with the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP) aimed at enhancing a student's transition into a four year institution.

The program looks for students at CCP who are interested in six credits of First Session Summer School at Wilkes during June and July. These students then return to CCP in the Fall of '90 to continue their education through Spring '91. Wilkes University then makes available to the students an additional six summer school credits designed to help the students complete requirements for CCP graduation or help with the

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transition to a four year school.

Wilkes University provides Tuition Scholarships for three CCP students on a competitive basis for six credits during the Summer Sessions in 1990 and 1991. In addition, room and board scholarships and Work Study Aid of up to \$500 for each summer are also given to those three students. A financial aid package is also assembled for any student who plans to attend Wilkes, making the cost as reasonable as possible.

Nine CCP students recently spent a weekend at Wilkes University as part of this new Bridge Program. The weekend stay allowed them a chance to see the Wilkes campus and meet some of the students, faculty and administration.

As part of the visit, the CCP students attended a meeting of the Black Student Network Committee, with representatives from several area colleges and universities. The Wilkes University Black Student Coalition then sponsored a dance and party for the CCP students and other interested students.

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PHOTO: Front row kneeling from left, Towanda Sanders, CCP student, Eva Coates, CCP student, Tamika Spady, CCP student, Petal Bernard, CCP student, Carolyn Hunter, CCP student, Ron Miller, Wilkes student and Craig Stevens, Wilkes student.

Second row seated from left, Bridget Hanigan, Nicole Phillips, Jancine Yannuzzi, Maureen Stanton, Kristin Terwilliger, Dina Gavenas, Karen Schiavo and Lari Farrell all are Wilkes University students.

Third row standing from left, Sue Dalton, Wilkes student, John Rinehart, Wilkes University Faculty Member, Dorothy Tukes, CCP student, Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President of Wilkes University, Mike Harrison, Wilkes student, Eric Smith, Wilkes student, Ray Mendoza, Wilkes student, Kevin Roberts, CCP student, Linda Hudson, CCP student and Dee Whaley, CCP student.

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Christopher N. Breiseth, President
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"Our research shows that students and parents are examining college tuition like any other major purchase decision in life. That decision comes with all of the questions, anxieties and concerns when deciding on any purchase involving thousands of dollars."

"Higher education is now looked at by many as a commodity. Parents and students need to plan for higher education the same way they plan for buying a house or a car."

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Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth Hall Dedicated Today at Wilkes University

Wilkes-Barre – In recognition of his 17 years of service and leadership, Wilkes University's fourth president was honored today with the dedication of **Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth Hall**. Breiseth will retire from Wilkes June 1.

Members of the Board of Trustees contributed more than \$1 million in Breiseth's name. The gift campaign was headed by trustee Jerry Goldstein, of Bear, Stearns & Co., N.Y.

Located at 137-159 South Franklin Street, Breiseth Hall opened in the Fall of 1995 and is 55,000 square-feet. Designed by The Hillier Group, Princeton, N.J., the structure cost approximately \$7 million to build. As one of the two main classroom/office buildings on campus, it houses administrative offices for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies: Business Administration and Accounting, Education, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, International Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, Technology, Foreign Languages and Literatures; the Regional Computer Resource Center; Writing Center; and computer laboratories and students and faculty lounges.

In addition to tonight's ribbon-cutting ceremony, Wilkes also dedicated the glass-lined atrium area of Breiseth Hall in honor of Mrs. Breiseth. It will now be known as the **Jane M. (Moorehouse) Breiseth Gallery**.

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In September, the 64-year-old Breiseth will take on the presidency and CEO position with the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y.

During Breiseth's tenure, Wilkes University has experienced unprecedented growth in its fundraising, programmatic and campus development initiatives. Since Breiseth was named president in 1984, he led the institution to its 1990 designation as a university by the Pennsylvania Board of Education; the school's endowment has grown from \$3 million to more than \$25 million; the largest one-time gift in school history, \$3 million, was secured; and the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy was created and graduated its first class of Doctors of Pharmacy on May 20, 2000.

Newly constructed buildings included Breiseth Hall, the Student Union, Burns Alumni Belltower and Carillon, and the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center. Extensive renovations to the Munson Fieldhouse, Ralston Field Complex, and Kirby Hall (with the help of the Kirby family) also occurred under Breiseth's leadership. And, the University acquired and refurbished the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Passan Hall for student services, and Pearsall Hall for Nursing.

Before joining Wilkes, Breiseth was president of Deep Springs College, California; professor of History at Sangamon State University; and assistant professor of History at Williams College. During a leave of absence from Williams from 1967-1968, he served as chief of policy guidance in the Community Action Program at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. From 1970-1971, he was a Danforth post-doctoral fellow in Black Studies at the University of Chicago.

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Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth Accepts Position as President and CEO of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — Wilkes University president Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth has accepted a position as president and chief executive officer of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, New York.

Breiseth, who will retire as president of Wilkes in June, had originally intended to return to teaching at Wilkes after a one-year sabbatical during which he planned to complete his book on the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant. His plans changed after learning of the opportunity from William J. vanden Heuvel, chairman of the Roosevelt Institute board.

"As a historian, I've always had an interest in presidential history," said Breiseth. "The chance to be a part of this prestigious national organization speaks to the teacher and activist in me."

The fourth president of Wilkes University, Breiseth, 64, 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 fundraising, 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.

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Breiseth Accepts Position as President of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Since Breiseth was named president in 1984, Wilkes's 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. As part of the current 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 new buildings constructed or remodeled for student residence, study and recreation. Curricular enhancements include the 1994 creation of the School of Pharmacy, which recently attained full accreditation by the American Council of Pharmaceutical Education.

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Breiseth received his bachelor's degree in History with highest honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (1958). He earned a B.Litt. 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.

Wilkes recently announced the selection of Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour as the institution's fifth president. Gilmour will begin at Wilkes in June.

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