

Wilkes University News

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Library of Congress Display Unveiled in Wilkes University's Eugene S. Farley Library

Wilkes-Barre -- Benefactors of Wilkes University recently purchased portions of an ongoing exhibit about historic treasures, known as the Library of Congress Collection, for visitors of the Eugene S. Farley Library to enjoy. The display can be found in the reference area on the first floor of the library, which is located on the corner of South Franklin and West South Streets.

The complete package consists of a free-standing Library of Congress Corner display stand with 16 panels that house a themed display. The displays include reproductions of manuscripts, photographs, maps, posters, prints, rare books and more. There are 12 different displays in the package. Currently, four of the 12 have been purchased and donated to Wilkes.

Dr. Francis J. Michelini, past president of Wilkes, is the benefactor of the first series which is currently on display, *Herstory & History*.

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1st Add: Library of Congress Display Unveiled at Wilkes University

The gifts were donated in honor of Wilkes alumna Catherine DeAngelis, who was recently named the first female editor for the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Herstory & History looks at how women have historically been depicted in popular culture, and how this contrasts with stories and images from the lives of actual, historically significant women. Photographs, cartoons, manuscripts, periodicals, scrapbooks and other materials from the Library's collection are reproduced. A generous supporter of the Wilkes library, Michelini will also contribute a second series, to be announced at a later date. *Herstory & History* will be on display until April.

The next series to be exhibited is *Scenes from the Civil War*, which was purchased by money raised by the Wilkes library staff in memory of Joseph William Erdick of Wilkes-Barre. Erdick was a reference librarian at Wilkes from 1985-1991. A graduate of G.A.R. High School, Erdick earned a bachelor's degree from King's College and a master's degree in library science from Clarion University.

Scenes from the Civil War provides a look at the experiences soldiers, citizens, newspaper columnists, politicians and civilians who lived through the war. The exhibit is drawn from the Library's holdings in Civil War manuscripts, photographs, drawings, Confederate imprints, broadsides, newspaper accounts and maps.

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2nd Add: Library of Congress Display Unveiled at Wilkes University

Lindgren and his staff also purchased a second display, *Grand Illusions: The Art and Practice of Magic*. This display explores the world of magic and the secrets behind it, including alchemy, Renaissance jugglers, card tricks, amazing escapes and more.

There are eight more exhibits which the library staff hopes to be able to purchase in order to continue this important and educational series. They include: *Thomas Jefferson's Legacy*; *American Folklife: A Commonwealth of Cultures*; *An Ongoing Voyage*; *The American Cowboy*; *The Open Road*; *Reverberations of the Great War*; *Books That Shaped America*; *The African-American Mosaic*; and *Many Nations: The Indian and Alaska Native Peoples of the United States*.

Donations for the purchase of the remaining eight series are welcome. Anyone interested can contact University Librarian Jon Lindgren at (570) 408-4254. Library hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-midnight; Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m.-midnight.

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Jon Lindgren, Wilkes University Librarian, from Shavertown, Pa., unveils the new Library of Congress Corner Display in the school's Eugene S. Farley Library.

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Michelini To Address Luzerne Graduates

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Francis J. Michelini, a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education and former president of Wilkes University, will be the principal speaker at the 28th annual commencement exercises of Luzerne County Community College. Ceremonies will take place May 30 at 7 p.m. in the 109th Field Artillery Armory, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Thomas J. Moran, president of LCCC, will confer degrees on approximately 800 members of the graduating class.

Michelini was at Wilkes for 20 years, serving as a faculty member and administrator for 15 years under president Eugene S. Farley before taking over as president in 1970.

Leaving Wilkes, Michelini became president of the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, a branch of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, retiring

two years ago.

Michelini also held offices in state and national service, as a member of the Governor's Science Advisory and the Pennsylvania Science and Engineering Foundation, chairman for the State Association Executive Council and board member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Michelini received a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University and a master's degree from the University of Delaware. He holds a Ph.D. in biological science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Honored by the American Men in Science, Who's Who in America and the Outstanding Educators of America, Michelini has been awarded honorary degrees from six colleges and universities and will be presented with an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from LCCC.

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LCCC COMMENCEMENT

Luzerne County Community College will conduct its 28th annual commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Kingston Armory, Kingston. ^{11:55}

Nearly 800 students will receive either two-year associate degrees or one-year certificates of specialization.

Dr. Francis J. Michelini, a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education and former president of Wilkes College, will be the main speaker.

For more information about the commencement program call the college at 740-0394.

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Michelini served at Wilkes University for 20 years. For 16 of those years, he served as a faculty member and as an administrator under Eugene S. Farley. In 1970, he succeeded Farley as the second president of the college.

During the 1972 Hurricane Agnes flood, Wilkes University suffered irreparable damage. Michelini organized volunteer forces of students and members of the college family. Through his efforts, students were back in classrooms of the least damaged buildings



Francis J. Michelini

within a week of the flood.

After a five-year reign as president, Michelini left Wilkes to become president of the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, an arm of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities. He retired from the PACU two years ago but continues to be associated with higher education by serving on many state and national assignments.

Michelini held various offices of service, including appointments by the governor to serve as a member of both the

Governor's Science Advisory and the Pennsylvania Science and Engineering Foundation. He served as chairman for the State Association Executive Council, a national organization of independent colleges and university associations; from 40 states, Michelini was a board member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Washington.

He is a retired chairman for the State National Information Network, an advisory body to the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities and served on the NACU Commission on State Relations.

Michelini graduated from Seton Hall University, N.J. with a B.S. in chemistry and graduated with an M.S. in biological science from the University of Delaware. He earned a Ph.D. in biological science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Michelini holds honor degrees from six colleges and universities and will be presented with an honorary doctorate of public service from LCCC at the commencement exercises. He holds the honor of American Men in Science Who's Who in America, and the Outstanding Educators of America.

During World War II Michelini served with the Army Air Corps and was awarded the Combat Service Star for the Rhine Campaign in the European Theater of Operations.

Michelini and his wife, Ann Marie, live in Mechanistown and are the parents of three children, and have four grand children.

LCCC grads told: 'Your moment of t

By PATTI CLIFFORD

Citizens' Voice Staff Writer

Approximately 750 graduates of Luzerne County Community College Thursday were reminded to use what they have learned to make changes in their lives and in the world. Commencement was held in the 109th Field Artillery Armory in Wilkes-Barre.

Principal speaker Dr. Francis J. Micheline, told the graduates that life is full of choices, and that many decisions lie ahead of them. He addressed the changes he has seen in his life, and those facing the class of 1996. "When you look at your lifetime, what we face in the 21st Century... you are going to live through and hopefully reflect on the remarkable time you lived through," Micheline stated.

Micheline, a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Education and former president of Wilkes

College, emphasized the "importance of education and the accomplishments that Thursday's graduation ceremony recognizes."

"Through education, you get information and how to make judgments," Micheline said. "Education provides 'tools' that let you make choices. The foundation, Micheline told graduates, are a value system focusing on personal integrity, responsibility, which will help them make the right decision. "A culture without values, no direction, no compass," he reminded graduates.

Thomas J. Moran, LCCC president, echoed Micheline's sentiments. He told graduates they now have the tools they need for successful futures. "Your moment of truth has come and so has your moment of decision," M



Dr. Francis Micheline

urged to keep up wit

■ More than 700 get diplomas at 109th Field Artillery Armory ceremony.

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Francis Micheline pondered diversity Thursday night as he addressed the more than 700 Luzerne County Community College graduates assembled in the 109th Field Artillery Armory.

"These are not your traditional kids. Why is there such diversity?" he asked, referring to the students.

His answer: "The changes in society demand continuing education."

For a class that included a wide variety of ages and backgrounds, the commencement message was one that seemed to hit home. Micheline went beyond

the graduates' differences, however, and talked about traits they all must share.

"You have to have some foundation with which to make choices," the 70-year-old educator said. "That's called value systems. You have to have a sense of personal worth."

Man is the only creature with intelligence and free will, Micheline said. "You have an obligation to use them."

Micheline, who has a Ph.D. in biological science, is a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education and a former president of Wilkes University. He served a Wilkes for 20 years.

He included suggestions on how the graduates could "give back to society" — similar to how he said, LCCC trustees have given to the school.

"We trust you will become vol

She advised the audience not to have a negative view of Luzerne County Community College, which she said has been referred to as "Last Chance College," or "Harvard on the Highway." "Anyone who has attended this college knows it has nothing to do with last chance," she said. "The one thing LCC is not, is last at anything."

Along with the presentation of certificates and degrees, Jocelyn Simms was awarded the Alumni Association Outstanding Graduate Award and Patricia Ann Baines was recognized with the Outstanding Adult Learner Graduate Award.

Dr. Micheline received an honorary degree for public service in recognition of his work in the field of education. He is a past president of the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities, which is part of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities. He has also served as a member of the Governor's Science Advisory and the Pennsylvania Science and Engineering Foundation, and has served as chairman for the State Association Executive Council, and was a board member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

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Moran also said that the graduates' attitudes will have the biggest effect on how successful they are in all aspects of their lives. Attitudes will play a major part in our lives," he said. "Don't be deterred or bent the wrong way. Things that don't go your way. Maps what you had in mind. It meant to be."

For the first time in the college's history, a fellow student addressed the graduating class. Patricia McCarty was asked to speak on behalf of the class because of her academic success and role in student activities including holding the position of editor of the school newspaper. McCarty, an honor student at LCCC, will continue her studies in journalism at Wilkes University. She is the recipient of the Thomas J. Moran Journalism Scholarship, one of four children, one of whom also attends LCCC.

McCarty encouraged her fellow graduates to take pride in their education, and be thankful that such an institution exists to make affordable education possible. "LCCC gives you the best chance at an education," she stated. "Attending LCCC gives students the advantage of being able to afford college."

Mrs. Nesbitt, Dr. Michelini Become Hospital Directors

Board of Corporators of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital yesterday elected two new directors. One of these is to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Wilbur H. Fleck within the last year and the other an authorized increase in membership.

Those selected were Dr. Francis J. Michelini and Mrs. Abram Nesbitt, 2nd.

Dr. Michelini is a professor of biological sciences at Wilkes College, is coordinator of nursing education and dean of academic affairs for that institution. His undergraduate training was at Seton Hall University, where he obtained his BS degree in chemistry, and graduate training was taken at University of Delaware and University of Pennsylvania. His master's degree in biological sciences was obtained from University of Delaware and from 1952 to 1955 he was assistant instructor in botany at University of Pennsylvania and completed requirements for his PhD degree at the same institution.

Dr. Michelini served in the Air Force from March, 1944, to June, 1946, and resides with his wife and three children at 148 Dana Street.

Geraldine Townend Nesbitt was



MRS. ABRAM NESBITT, 2ND



DR. FRANCIS J. MICHELINI

graduated from Wilkes-Barre Institute and attended Sarah Lawrence College prior to her marriage to Abram Nesbitt, 2nd.

Mrs. Nesbitt has been active in many civic organizations. At present she serves on Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic Board, United Fund Board, Georgetown Settlement Board and Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. She is also on the house committee of the hospital and helped to plan and decorate the addition to the nurses' home.

Mrs. Nesbitt is a past president of Planned Parenthood Association of Luzerne County.

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